

Can My Child Use Signing Exact English?

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Who are we?



Who are you?



Presentation Objectives

- Define what S.E.E. is and how it differs from other communication systems
- Explain the benefits of using S.E.E. with Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing children
- Understand how S.E.E connects with literacy development



Pop Quiz!

Do you know what S.E.E is?



What is S.E.E.?

- S.E.E. is a manual method of coding grammatically-correct, authentic English
- S.E.E. is a sign system modeled after the (American) spoken English language. S.E.E. borrows a lot of the same base vocabulary that is found in ASL, but each have their own unique signs.
- S.E.E. is meant to be used with spoken English simultaneously
- S.E.E. breaks down English into morphemes - the smallest part of the word that has meaning.



How does S.E.E. differ from other communication options?

- ASL is American Sign Language, a recognized language separate from English that has its own structure and grammar and vocabulary. ASL is used without spoken English, as it does not directly translate into English
- PSE is a form of ASL that uses more English word order and more initialized signs than ASL, but still does not use voicing.
- Sign Supported Speech/SimCom/Total Communication is a method where ASL and spoken English are used interchangeably, either with the spoken word order following English with signs added simultaneously for support, or with PSE/ASL grammar and English speech is modified to fit.
- Listening and Spoken Language is a method where children use their benefit from technology to communicate only orally and aurally.

Note: these are all broad definitions that don't fully encompass the depth of languages and systems.



An Example of ASL and S.E.E.

"*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* is a story about a small caterpillar who emerges from an egg and begins eating everything in sight. After six days of eating fruits, sweets, and "junk" food, he gets a stomach ache. On the seventh day, the caterpillar eats a "nice leaf" and feels much better. The now big, fat, and not-hungry caterpillar builds a cocoon around himself and finally emerges as a beautiful butterfly."



The Marriage of ASL and S.E.E.

ASL

SEE



An Example by Kids:



S.E.E. Uses Morphemes

- Morphemes are the smallest part of an English word that hold meaning
- They can even be smaller than root words
- Examples of morphemes include:
 - “s” added to nouns to indicate plurality
 - “ed” or “ing” added to verbs to indicate tense
 - “un” or “non” added to words to indicate negation



S.E.E. Uses Morphemes

Can you spot them?



S.E.E. Uses Morphemes



QUESTIONS?



Pop Quiz!

What are the benefits of S.E.E.?



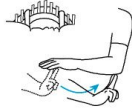
What do we know about DHH children?

- Most parents/guardians are hearing and use a spoken language/English
- Access to a full language leads to proficiency in that language
- Bilingual skills are best developed at a young age
- Written English language proficiency is needed for higher education and employment in the US
- Children who are D/HH deserve to develop the same degree of English proficiency as their hearing peers



S.E.E. Is A Full Language Bridge...

FROM what a child partially hears OR their first language of ASL



TO the ability to read and write in English

S.E.E. for Receptive Language

- Audiograms are all over the place!
- S.E.E. can be used for all students
 - Special needs
 - First language of ASL
 - With listening and spoken language strategies
- Remember - listening does not equal understanding; it takes time for that to develop!



It's Not Just For Reception

- For deaf and hard of hearing children, their auditory and speech skills are not necessarily connected.
- S.E.E. is also used as a tool for intelligibility for students whose speech is not clear.
- Remember - good speech does not equal high language



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It's Also For Expression!



Pop Quiz!

How does S.E.E. connect to literacy development?



How S.E.E. connects with literacy

- S.E.E. provides English visually, so that English language acquisition is not impacted by auditory access
- S.E.E. encourages English development similar to how hearing children learn the English language before literacy, just on the hands.
 - Multiple meaning words
 - Tense markers
 - Syntax and structure
- S.E.E. gives DHH children early exposure to word families and synonyms visually
- DHH children experience a full language that they then can develop reading and writing skills from - no translation necessary.



Let's S.E.E. Those Kids Read!



You did it!



Questions?



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