

THE IMPORTANCE OF VERBAL FLUENCY

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In order to understand the importance of verbal fluency you must understand what it would be like to lack in verbal fluency.

Take a second to imagine that you win a trip to a foreign country. All the necessary parts of this trip will be paid for and the only catch is that you have to leave right at that moment. You decide to take this opportunity and board the plane immediately. When you arrive to this foreign country, you depart from the plane and walk into the airport filled with people. You realize that the people around you are speaking a different language. You try to ask for help, but no one understands what you are asking. Everyone seems to be speaking at a rapid pace and the words they are using are unfamiliar to you. You manage to find a translation book, but you can only translate one word at a time. This makes putting together sentences time consuming and often the nuances of the language are lost in their translation.

Imagine how confused and frustrated you would feel unable to communicate with the people around you. Now imagine that you feel this way in your own home, school, and community. These are some of the feelings and challenges people who lack in verbal fluency face everyday. Verbal Fluency is essential to the skill of reading fluency and the brain based fundamental skills of reading.

We live in a world that functions on verbal and written language, so we need to make sure that we arm people with special learning needs the best tools possible.

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