

Text Innovations

What is "Text Innovations" and how can I use it with my child?

"Text Innovations" is a strategy that helps your child recognize words instantly, a necessary part of reading.

How can I use "Text Innovations" with my child?

One step in becoming a fluent reader is to read words in multiple encounters. To help your child participate in varied reading, you can create a new text by making an "innovation" with a familiar text. Select a song, chant, or repetitive text and change part of the text to create a new portion.

For example, use the song, "Down By the Bay," and change a phrase.

Original Text: Down by the bay, where the watermelons grow,
 Back to my home, I dare not go,
 For if I do, my mother will say,
 Did you ever see a bear, combing its hair
 Down by the bay?

Innovation: Did you ever see a pig, dancing a jig
 Down by the bay?

Since only a few words are changed, your child gets repeated practice in recognizing familiar words.