



The World of A.T. Assistive Technology



Educational Equity For All

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Challenging Our Minds (COM) is a cognitive skills enhancement system designed especially for use with children (about 6 to 18 years old) but it can also be used by anyone of any

for the same purpose.

COM was designed to develop and enhance cognitive functions across the following domains:

- Attention Skills
- Executive Skills
- Memory Skills
- Visuospatial Skills
- Problem Solving Skills
- Communication Skills
- Psychosocial Skills

<https://www.challenging-our-minds.com/index.html>

Modeling Core Language: A Tutorial for Beginners!

i	want	have	feel	need	what	where	more	some
you	do	like	come	eat	go	play	finished	all
it	don't, not	look, see	get	drink	stop	help	good	different
he	are	is	can	put	open	make	in	up
me	she	that	this	turn	who	when	on	here

Note: The models shown are for the DLM Core 40 (+ 5), as supported by Deanna K. Wagner, CCC-SLP.

This is for people who are working with students who have language-rich systems and don't have a clue of where to start.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/679454pba0k0mjc/Model%20core%2>

Crack the Books Interactive Science Books

Crack the Books. One Book. Five Reading Levels. Infinite Possibilities.

[Pines to Vines – The Forest Biome](#), the first in the series of Crack the Books by developer Kyle Tomson of [Mobile Education Store](#), is a masterpiece about to revolutionize the world with its 21st century textbook model!

Science Book Features:

- Adjustable reading levels from 1st to 8th grade
- Designed to National Academy of Sciences standards
- Aligns to core curriculum standards
- Supports 2nd – 6th grade curriculum
- Visual supports for comprehension
- Hundreds of high resolution images
- Videos and custom animations
- Interactive globes, charts and activities
- Interactive vocabulary definitions and glossaries
- 30 individual chapter quizzes, 5 final tests
- Built in test grading
- Study guides and chapter previews
- Universal design elements
- Integrated voice over features
- Adjustable print size
- Bookmarks for multiple students
- Dropbox integration

<http://mobile-educationstore.com/itextbooks>

FEATURED IDEA OF THE MONTH



Classroom Light Filters (Fluorescent Light Covers)

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<https://www.therapysoppe.com/category/P2284-classroom-light-filters-covers-light-sensitivity>



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Research supports the use of computer assisted instruction as well as the use of applied behavior analysis (ABA) for children with Autism. The design of CompuThera not only follows the principles of ABA (for example, chaining, prompting, fading, and shaping) but is also developed on the tenets of Gagné (1970) instructional design. In Gagné theory, a specified list of building blocks is called a learning hierarchy. To teach a specific skill, the program first identifies its prerequisite skills and makes sure that the student possesses them prior to moving on to more difficult ones.

<http://www.computhera.com/>

WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

<http://csc.immix.ca/files/108/1278482872AssistiveTechnology.pdf>
<http://a4cwsn.com/recent-videos/fb-community-favorite-apps/free-educational-apps/>
<http://www.teachthought.com/uncategorized/15-assistive-technology-tools-resources-for-students-with-disabilities/>

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Orlando, Florida, USA

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<http://www.atia.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=4549>

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DATE: December 15, 2015, 04:30 pm CST

TITLE: **Autism and the Holidays**

DESCRIPTION:

Holidays can be stressful for anyone. Students with Autism might really have challenges with the change in routine, the change in the visuals within their environment, possibly the change in foods eaten, and more. Let's look at some ways to help make the holidays easier for those with Autism.

https://www.ablenetinc.com/resources/live_webinars/