

## Active Learning: Moving Learners from Passivity to Activity

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## Active Learning Involves

- Activity
- Repetition
- Developmental learning
  - Reinforcement
- The limiting of interruptions

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## Definition of Play

by: Florey 1981

- Behaviors characterized by fun and spontaneity
- Can be sensory, neuromuscular, cognitive - any combination
- Repetition of experience, exploration, experimentation, and imitation

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### Definition of Play

by: Florey 1981

- Proceeds within its own space and boundaries
- Agent for integrating the internal & external worlds
- Follows a sequential developmental progression

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“Play is often overlooked as the key that helps unlock the door to learning.”

Mary Reilly 1974

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“Spontaneous attention is fundamental to all learning. We cannot force the [special needs] child to attend, for attention is a selective activity of the mind.”

Mary Reilly, 1974

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## Pathways to learning

- Sight
- Smell
- Taste
- Touch
- Hearing
- Movement

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## VI & Spastic CP

- Sight 
- Smell 
- Taste 
- Touch 
- Hearing 
- Movement 

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## VI & Autistic

- Sight 
- Smell 
- Taste 
- Touch 
- Hearing 
- Movement 

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Activity	Non-Disabled	Disabled
Self-Care/ADLs		●
Mobility Activities	●	
Fine Motor Activities	●	
Communicating	●	
In Therapy		●
Doctor's Appointments		●
Playing Independently	●	
Playing with children	●	
Playing with adults		●
Spending time alone		●

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### Learning and Movement

- Movement is a pre-requisite for all learning.
- No skill can be achieved without performing the movements necessary for that skill.

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### Children with Disabilities

- Provide less interpretable information
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- Use movements to communicate feelings
- Movements are often misinterpreted
- Movements are often missed completely

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### Mobility is a sixth sense

- Mobility is often missing
- Increased age = increased weight
- Increased muscle tone = decreased mobility

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### For More Information

- [www.activelearningspace.org](http://www.activelearningspace.org)
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