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Newly developed method in the Netherlands to choose the appropriate form of literacy

'A proposal for a decision process'

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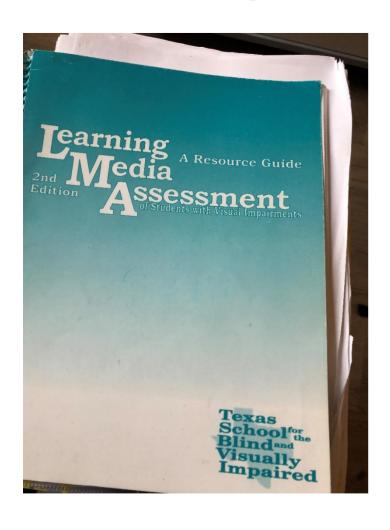


Choice of Literacy





Source of inspiration



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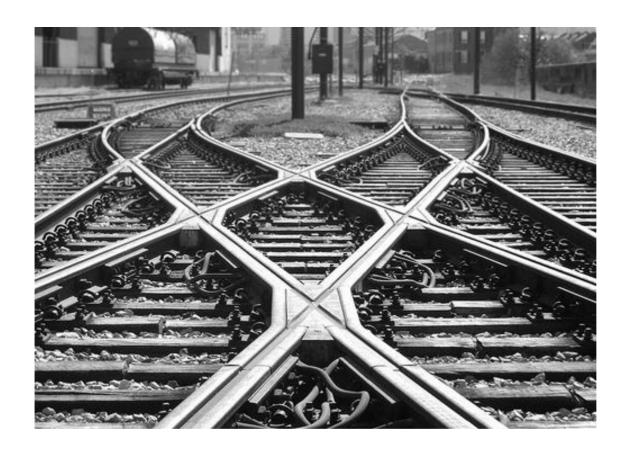
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Cay Holbrook

Texas School, 1995



Proposal for a process







Child characteristics

Age

Eye disease Sensory functioning

Visual Acuity (Checklist)

Cognitive possibilities Memory

Vitality Social skills & status

Emotional well-being

Self reliance

Work attitude

Reading level Reading pace



External factors

Family situation

Cultural background

Family, friends & relations

Educational situation

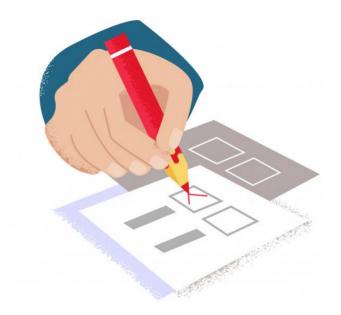




Method to determine suitable writing system

Fill in the Checklists:

- 1. Use of senses
- 2. Child Characteristics
- 3. External factors



Next step: based on the various considerations you fill in the decision tree and decide if it's a idea to switch to braille or not



Decision Tree

1. Visual acuity is lower than or equal to 0.05 or there is a severe case of CVI?

No
$$\Longleftrightarrow$$
 Yes

2. Are there any reading problems?

No
$$\Longrightarrow$$
 Yes

3. Are the tactual skills at a good level to make a switch?



4. Is the environment motivated to start with braille?

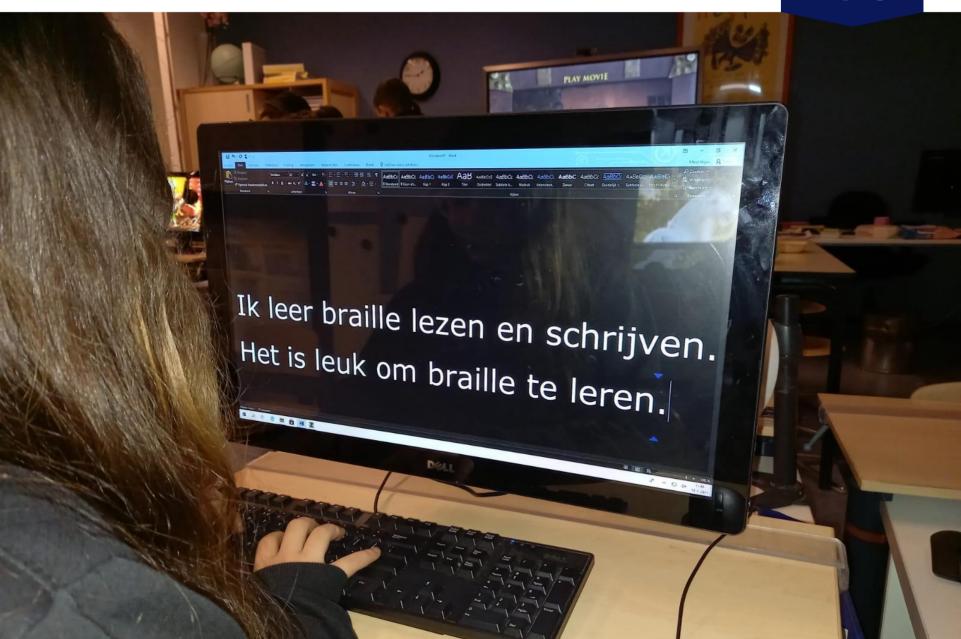
5. Is the pupil him/herself motivated to start with braille?

No
$$\Longleftrightarrow$$
 Yes

Set up a rehabilitation plan
In consultation with pupil
Involve the checklist about the senses

If No: also start a plan ;-)







Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

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