

Language Experience

- Language experience is a brilliant way of using the reader's own language to create the reading material.
 - It is useful to have a tape/phone recorder, but not essential.
 - Discuss permission and data protection with your reader.
 - Language Experience works particularly well for supporting reading that is used for practical activities, e.g. maintenance of reading for work or everyday tasks
1. Ask reader about something they are interested in - a hobby, their typical day, a family event, a TV programme, a film they like. Ask why/what they enjoy about the topic. Alternatively, ask about what happened in the programme or film. **OR** ask about their job or an activity (e.g. cooking a meal, driving a fork lift truck) – the skills involved or the steps in a process
 2. Record their words or note down word for word a few sentences
 3. Read the sentences and check they are a true reflection of what reader said
 4. Ask the reader to read what they can and support them
 5. Make two copies and keep a master copy
 6. Cut one copy into separate sentences and ask reader to match to the original. Then muddle the sentences and ask them to put back in correct sequence
 7. Cut the 2nd copy into words and do a similar activity of matching and sequencing
 8. Demonstrate how the words can be used to make different sentences

These activities can be used over several sessions at reader's pace and to help consolidate the words

Keep the words and sentences together in an envelope and bring out every now and again as a refresher for consolidation