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Addressing Diversity with Technology

Scenario 3: Serena's primary language is Spanish and she is struggling with the readings from the assigned textbook for your class. Realizing that Serena needs audio-visual enriched materials to supplement the textbook, you locate several technology-related resources.

Internet Polygot

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

Many activities are included in this website. It is a great tool for memorizing English words related to the word in the child's first language. The website translates words for 21 languages. Serena can use this website independently to memorize words.

Activities for ESL Students

<http://a4esl.org/>

A large number of quizzes are available with pictures and English vocabulary. The pictures will allow Serena to match English words with pictures. Serena can use this independently to practice reading English words.

Tumblebooks

<http://info.infosoup.org/tumblebooks.asp>

Serena can select a Storybook from approximately 100 titles ranging from 1st grade through 5th grade level. The computer will read the book to Serena and will change the color of the words as they are read. An automatic feature is available so Serena can just watch the book or a manual feature is available for students to turn the pages at her own pace.

Sylvan-Dell eBooks

<http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com/sitelicense.php?sc=W13OGU>

Serena can select a book from a list of approximately 50 books. The computer will read the book to the student in Spanish or English. Serena would be able to listen to a book in a first language and then in the English language.

Lesson Plan

Theme: Number Words

Grade: 4

Duration: 45 minutes

Objective: Students will identify English vocabulary for 10 numbers.

Materials:

- Sylvan-Dell ebooks (Under Teacher Resources) -Count Down to Fall - <http://www.cowetaschools.org/aes/>
- Tumblebooks - One Duck Stuck - <http://info.infosoup.org/tumblebooks.asp>
- Internet Polygot - Numbers Activity <http://www.internetpolyglot.com/lesson-4602101200>
- Activities for Students - Number Quiz - <http://iteslj.org/v/e/ck-numbers.html>

Activities:

- Explain to students the importance of learning numbers in English for the use of money, driving, addresses, phone numbers, and much more.
- Students can visit the Sylvan Dell eBook website and listen to the book “Count Down to Fall” in Spanish.
- After listening to the book in Spanish, students can then listen to the book “Count Down to Fall” in English making mental note of the English words for each number.
- Students can visit the Tumblebooks website listening to the book “One Duck Stuck” once again making note of the English words for the numbers. Students can listen to the book automated or manually turn the pages of the online books.
- After listening again to the English words for numbers, students will go to the Internet Polygot website with numbers in English and Spanish. Six activities are available for students to use listening and seeing number words in Spanish and English. Students would have the flexibility to choose the activity they like best.
- Students can use the quiz on the Activities for Students website to determine how many number words they have learned. Students should raise their hand at the end of the quiz for the teacher to record the number of questions answered correctly.