

Advanced Learning Without Unnecessary Barriers Guide

Use fictional examples. Leave out diagnoses, medical information, names, passwords and contact details.

Learning goal: Separate the intellectual goal from incidental task demands.

A science explanation is graded partly on copying speed. Identify the reasoning goal, incidental copying demand and an alternative that preserves evidence. Use a fictional or de-identified example here; the learner controls what to share.

1. Use a fictional example or discuss the situation without identifying a child.
2. Complete each planning section with the learner's choices at the center.
3. Select one feasible change, who will provide it and when you will check it.
4. Keep any completed paper privately; do not use it to diagnose, rank or label a learner.

Grades 3–5 support: Use the prompts and examples, or explain your ideas in your own way. Ask for words, a scribe or one direction at a time.

Understand the goal and access

Identify the reasoning goal, incidental copying demand and an alternative that preserves evidence. Separate the thinking goal from an access barrier.

Meaningful learning goal or interest

Barrier or preference to check with the learner

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Choose an action together

Invite the learner's response in their preferred communication mode. Choose one feasible change and an adult responsibility.

Learner's choice or question

Support action, responsible adult and timing

Optional deeper thinking · Grades 6–8

Compare two support choices for the same intellectually demanding goal and identify how the learner's preferences shape the decision.

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Review and keep it respectful

Use the same conceptual criteria across response modes; teach separate skills explicitly when they are the goal. Decide how you will check the support with the learner, not just compliance or speed.

Evidence of access or participation to look for

Review question and next adjustment

My next step

What will I try, and who can support it? Write, draw, dictate, sign or use AAC.

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Accessibility & alternative responses

Use selectable text, clear headings, AAC/partner-assisted participation, read-aloud or large print as chosen. Keep completed plans private; no diagnosis or medical details are needed.

Teacher facilitation

Identify the reasoning goal, incidental copying demand and an alternative that preserves evidence. Use the same conceptual criteria across response modes; teach separate skills explicitly when they are the goal.

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