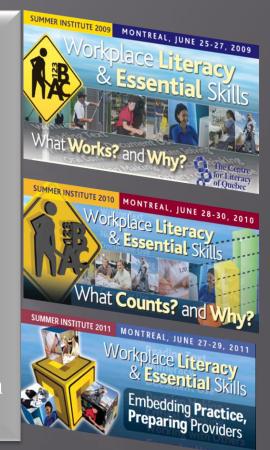


Functional Context
Education
and Workplace
Literacy

Part 2

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Functional Context Education and Workplace Literacy

Schedule

Part 2, 10:45-12:00 Scientific research on FCE and workplace literacy leading to the National Workplace Literacy Program (NWLP) in the United States

12:00-12:30pm Lunch

Part 3. 12:30-02:00 Workplace literacy and workforce development research and programs following the NWLP

02:00-02:15 Break

Part 4. 02:15-03:30 Contemporary projects on contextualizing and integrating program design and engaging employers and employees.

Functional Context Education and Workplace Literacy in Scientific Perspective

Two perspectives providing evidence for the efficacy of functional policies and practices



Professional Wisdom

Scientific Research Leading to the NWLP









Functional Context Education and Workplace Literacy



2010

Partnering with Employers

to Promote Job Advancement for Low-Skill Individuals

> Karin Martinson September 2010

A Contemporary (2010) Concern With Functional Context Education and Workplace Literacy

Promising Strategies for Involving Employers in Skills Development Efforts

Sectoral Training Programs

Sectoral training programs are another important strategy for involving employers in skill development. Interest in the sectoral approach is growing across the country, and several new initiatives have emerged in recent years. This strategy focuses on an industry or a small set of industries and develops industry-specific expertise that supports the design and operation of training programs.

WorkFORCE Education and Training

Incumbent Worker Training

One important strategy for strengthening employer involvement in training for low-skill workers is to improve the design of incumbent worker training programs to reach this population more effectively. This approach generally provides public funds (usually from employer taxes) to individual employers or a consortium of employers to upgrade the skills of current employees or train new hires.

WorkPLACE Education and Training

Functional Context Education and Workplace Literacy in Scientific Research Perspective

First Generation Scientific Research: 1966 to 1987

1966-75 FCE & Workplace Literacy: The Functional Literacy (FLIT) Program Workplace Literacy For Transitioning New Hires Into Employment

1983-86 FCE & Workplace Literacy: The Experimental Functional Skills Program (XFSP) Workplace Literacy for Helping Employees Gain Upward Mobility in Their Employment

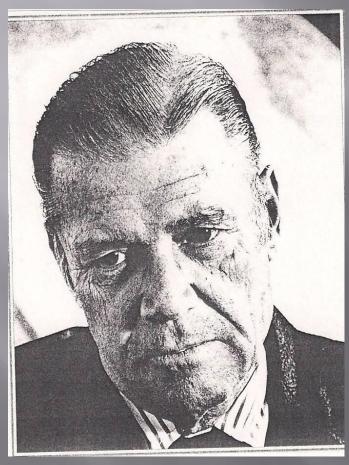
1983-87 FCE & Sectoral Training: Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL) Workforce education in a community college electronics course







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Robert Strange McNamara

Adult Basic Education in the United States in The War on Poverty of the 1960s

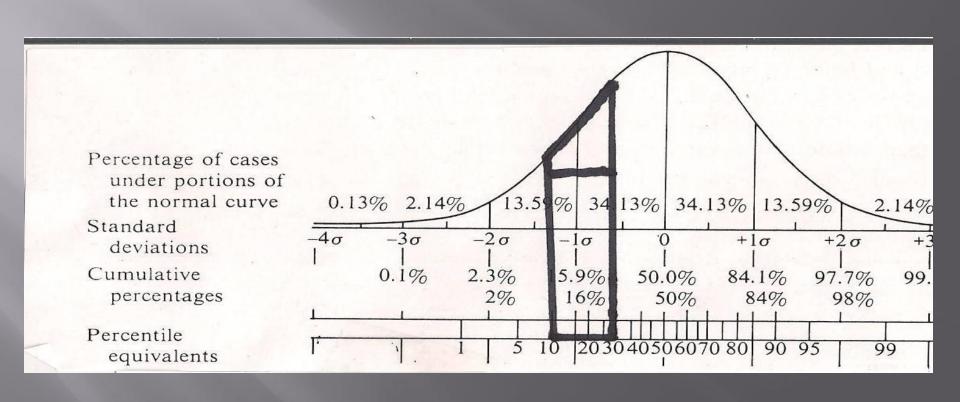
Project 100,000

And

The Functional Literacy (FLIT) Program

Fighting the War on Poverty and the War in Vietnam

Project 100,000 men came from the 10th to 30th percentiles on the AFQT.



Fighting the War on Poverty and the War in Vietnam

Project 100,000 planning committee made recommendations for how to design instruction for the New Standards men.

The Military Training "Pipeline"

Basic Military Training Job Station

Project 100,000 Course Revision Recommendations for Training "Pipeline" Problems & Cognitive Processes of Motivation, Learning, & Transfer

	Training "Pipeline" Problems		
	educe Reduce ttrition Recycles	Reduce Training Time	Produce Qualified Personnel
Relate learning to what the person already knows	XX XX (facilitates learning)		
Identify probable areas of learning difficulty for less educated personnel	XX XX (facilitates learning)		
Integrate literacy training into job training	XX XX (facilitates learning)	XX ·	
Relate learning situations & methods to specific military situations	XX (motivates)	XX	XX (facilitates transfer)
Develop specific course objectives that are job related		·	XX (facilitates transfer)

Functional Context Education and Workplace Literacy in Scientific Perspective



Functional Context Education in Workplace Literacy: Research Evidence 1967-Present

The U. S. Army's Functional Literacy (FLIT) program integrating reading skills and job skills education and training.

1967-1976







- Job Analysis of Literacy Demands
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Job Analysis of Literacy Demands



Figure 20

Repairman Test: Wheelbearing Adjustment Problem

Figure 21

Cook Test: Job Skill Demonstration

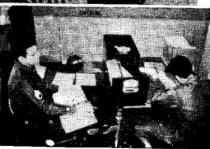
Armor Crewman Test: Arm and Hand Signals



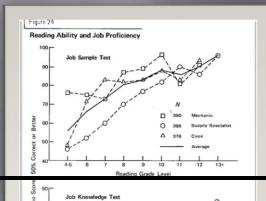


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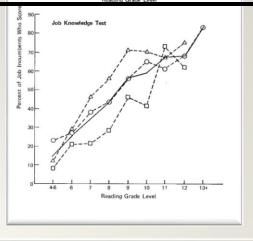
Supply Specialist Test: Set-up for Problem



Job Analysis of Literacy Demands



Relationship of reading level to hands-on job sample test performance



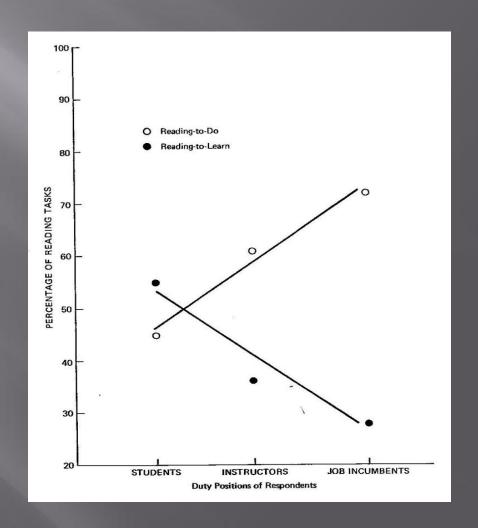
Relationship of reading level to paper-and-pencil job knowledge test performance

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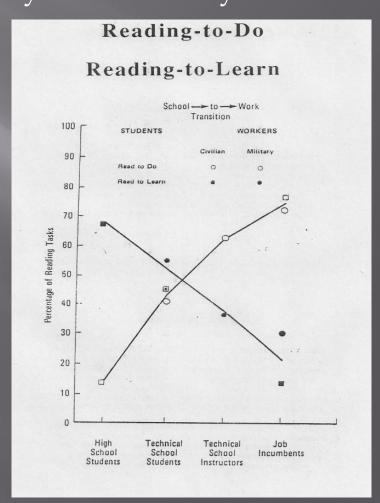


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Job Analysis of Literacy Demands

Conclusions from job analyses:

- © Reading strongly related to job performance
- Job-related reading mostly reading-to-do
- Job-learning reading includes both readingto-do and reading-to-learn
- Grade level targets for jobs range between
 7th to 9th grade

Evaluation of Army Literacy Programs

[Appendix C]

Course Description of USAFI Materials used in Fort Ord APT

Course Descriptions

Pre-High School

Communication Skills

FOURTH LEVEL READING AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT (C 002).
(Developmental noncredit course)

Cowrage: This is a course especially designed to improve English language skills. The reading selections included are strunged to promote growth in reading and other English skills. All the selections have been tested for readability and for interest to Servicemen. Over 40 line trawings add to the teaching effectiveness of the 27 stories concerned with prople and problems.

Prerequisite: Evidence of ability to read third-level material. Career opportunities: A sound basic education is essential to practically all careers and provides a foundation for all further education. Methods of study and examination: Primarily tutorial (either in a group or individually) or by conventional class instruction. Enrollement in the Core-CEO Program or in a formal class is acceptable. The terminal examination is a UMF1 end-of-course test (C 002.7). The text used is "Stories for Today," by bigger Bale. Supplementary materials: "Reader's Digest Skill Builders, I-II," (RM 121.1 & RM 123.1).

FIFTH LEVEL READING SKILLS (C 003)
(Developmental noncredit course)

Coverage: These ere carefully graded stories and exercises prepared to improve the student's reading skill, to develop interest in important ideas, and to encourage reading to learn. The 26 stories, tested for occabulary lead and interest, concern real life situations-health, personal economy, and typical family problems-as well as atories from lives of great men.

Percequisite: Evidence of ability to read fourth-level naterial. Career opportunities: A sound basic education is essential to practically all careers and provides a foundation for all further education. Methods of study and examination: Primarily tutorial (either in a group or individually) or by conventional class instruction. Enrolleant in the Core-GED Program or in a formal class is acceptable. There is no terminal examination for this course. The text used in "Stories Worth Knowing." by Edgar ble. Supplementary unterials: "Beader's Digest Skill Builders, i & II," GB 125.1 & BB 127.13.

SIXIH LEYEL READING (B 684)
(Developmental monoredit course)

Coverage: This course has been expecially prepared in Sections: The reading selections concern atories from lives of great people, problem of daily living, and discovery of worthshile information.

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Army Preparatory Training

Goal: 5th Grade Reading Not Matched to 7-9th Grade Levels From Job Literacy Analyses

Goal: Improve Job Reading Skills Used General Reading Test to Assess Reading Gains Not Job-Related Reading Tests

Pre-High School Curriculum Not Job-Related Curriculum

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Many a great artist's work is produced from the inspiration of his own personal experience. It is said that the opera, Der Fliegende Hollander, which translated means The Flying Dutchman, was inspired by a stormy voyage across the North Sea taken by the composer, Richard Wagner.

The story itself is based on an old legend concerning a phantom ship. It tells of a Dutch sea captain who is cursed to sail the seas forever unless he can find a woman who loves him to redeem him. After Wagner had completed the hibretto he was forced to sell it to secure badly needed funds. A minor composer set the story to music, but his efforts failed miserably. Meanwhile Wagner wrote his own version, finishing it in less than two months. His dramatic, sonorous choruses and arias hauntingly summon up the mysterious, often violent sea. This was the first application of Wagner's famous theory that music could, in itself, tell a story. The unfamiliar musical pattern and the somber theme did not at first endear this opera to the public. It was some time before The Flying Dutchman received its well-merited praise. Wagner wrote this opera in one act, but later, for convenience in staging, it was divided into three acts.

Wagner tried to make his music -

- [a] tell a story
- [b] express sorrow
- [c] sound strange
- [d] cause happiness

he best name for this story is -

- [e] Tales of the Sea
- [f] A Terrible Voyage
- [g] Richard Wagner:
- [h] The Flying Dutchman

24 The main character in the opera described in the story is —

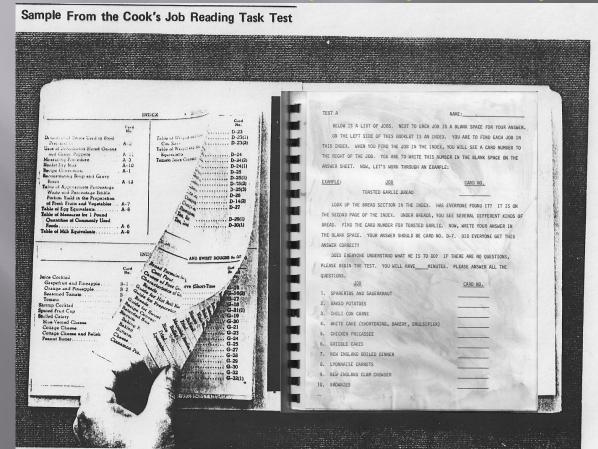
- [e] a sea captain
- [f] Richard Wagner
- [g] a man who can fly
- [h]a beautiful woman

25 In this story, the word secure means -

- [a] certain
- [b] obtain
- [c] protect:
- [d] make fast

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Goal: Improve Job
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FLIT team
developed jobrelated reading task
tests to assess jobrelated reading

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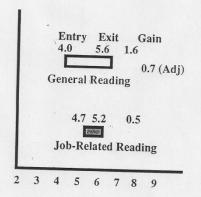
The FLIT Program

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General Literacy Programs

Goals: 5th Grade Level Reading

Improve Job Reading Skills



Goal: Improve Job Reading Skills

Evaluation of Army Literacy Programs

Conclusions from evaluation of Army literacy programs:

- Reading skills assessed using general reading tests, not job-related tests
- Goal of achieving 5th grade level reading too low
- Gains in job-related reading low
- Instruction not job-related



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Workplace Literacy For Transitioning New Hires Into Employment

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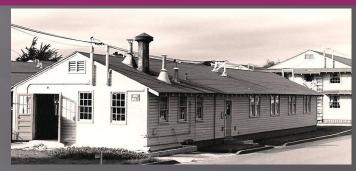
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Δ Develop Integrated Job & Literacy Skills Programs

Curriculum Strands

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Individualized
Cooks, Communications,
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Modularized

Table of Contents, Indexes, Body of the Manual, Procedural Directions, Tables & Graphs, Job Forms

Competency-Based Pre-Post Module Tests With Speed and Accuracy Standards

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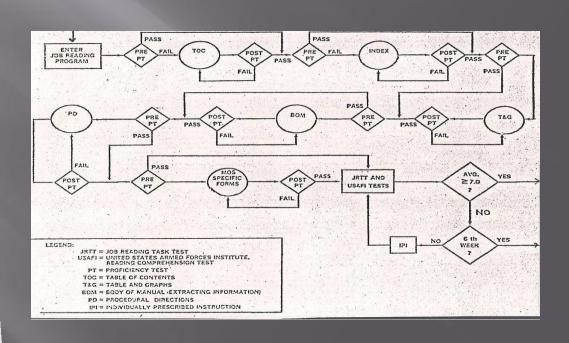
FLIT Strand 1: Reading-to-Do Curriculum Strand Was Individualized, Self-Paced, Modularized With Pre-Post-Formative Assessments for Modules Using Job Materials For Clerical, Cooks, Combat, Communications, Medical Corpsman, Vehicle Repair

Reading-to-Do

Working Memory Management

- Determine An Information Need
- Hold Need in Working Memory
 - ♦ Rehearsal/Re-coding
- Search Information Sources
- Recognize Needed Information
- Hold in Working Memory
- Apply Information to Need
- Replace Information in Working Memory

Learning Theories: Associationism; Behaviorism



399. Taking Blood Pressure

a. Method of Taking Blood Pressure (fig. 118).

- (1) Have the patient in either a sitting or lying down position.
- (2) Expect the upper arm and remove any restricting clothing.
- (8) Place the rubber bladder against the inner surface of the upper arm and wind the cloth cuff about the arm emouthly and firmly, but not tightly, binding the bladder in place.
- (4) Locate the bruchial artery by feeling with the finger tips.
 Place the atethoscope over the brachial artery.
- (5) Cless the acrew valve on the cubber buffs by terming the acrew clockwise, and indicate the culf by pumping the buffs. Pump compile into the bladder to collapse the brachial actory. (This will probably be 150 mm.; however, if sounds can be beard at this point, you must pump in more air until no sound is heard.)
- (6) Allow air to escape slowly from the bladder by opening the errow valve on the bulb. (Turn screw counter clockwise.) At the same time, watch the column of mercury dropping in its tule. Suddenly you will beer through the stethoscope a clear sound, which means that the blood has just started to come back through the artery. This occurs when the heart contracts, forcing the blood through the arteries. The blood pressure is at its highest peak. This is the ayatolic pressure. At this point make a reading of the level of the mercury column in its tube.
- (7) Allow the air to continue to escape slowly, while you listen to the sounds and watch the fall of the moreury in the tube. When you hear the last distinct sound, take a second reading of the level of mercury. This is when the heart is relaxing and the pressure in the artery is at its lowest point. It is called the disatolic pressure.
- (8) If an ancroid applygmomanometer is used, the dial is clipped onto the culf and readings are made as indicated by the needle (fig. 119).

PART 3

INSTRUCTIONS: WRITE THE MISSING WORD OR WORDS ON YOUR ANSWER SHEET.

SOME ANSWERS ARE ONLY 1 WORD; SOME ANSWERS MAY BE
MORE THAN 1 WORD. NOTICE THAT THERE IS MORE THAN 1 PAGE
OF READING MATERIAL.

- 21. TO MEASURE BLOOD PRESSURE, YOU FIRST FASTEN THE BLADDER AND CUFF TO THE PERSON'S -----.
- 22. THEN, USING YOUR FINGER TIPS, LOCATE THE ----.
- 23. NEXT, PLACE THE ---- AT THIS POINT.
- 24. INFLATE THE CUFF BY PUMPING THE ----.
- 25. RELEASE AIR BY TURNING THE SCREW IN THE ---- DIRECTION.
- 26. TAKE THE FIRST BLOOD PRESSURE READING WHEN YOU HEAR ----
- 27. THIS FIRST READING IS CALLED ---- PRESSURE.
- 28. WHILE STILL RELEASING AIR FROM THE CUFF, TAKE A SECOND READING
 OF THE MERCURY LEYEL WHEN YOU HEAR THE -----
- 29. THIS SECOND READING IS CALLED ---- PRESSURE.
- 30. BLOOD PRESSURE IS WRITTEN AS A FRACTION, WITH THE ---- PRESSURE
 AS THE TOP OR NUMERATOR OF THAT FRACTION.

The Functional Literacy R & D Program Constructivism Whole Language

Reading-to-Learn

Constructing new knowledge out of old knowledge plus new Information.

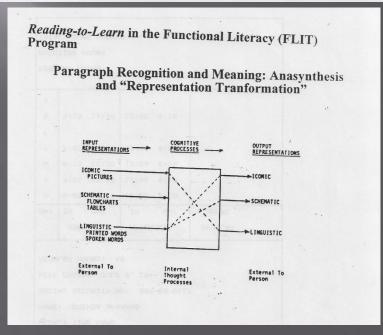
Transform the way in which knowledge/information is represented (representation transformation-retran)paraphrase, summarize, picture/image, mnemonics

Storing new knowledge in a retrievable manner when it is called for.

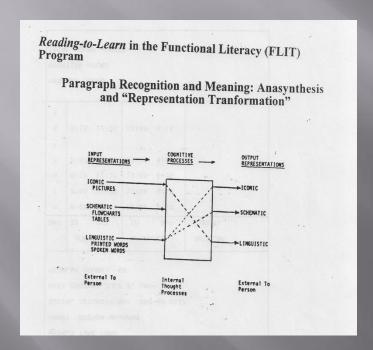
Learn in functional, situated context.

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Linguistic - Written Input



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