

Teachers' Perspective on Inclusive Vocabulary Activities

Himaya Bulathsinghala - D/BTE/24/0026 Isuru Anuradha - D/BTE24/0010 Pasindu Dulakshana - CBT/BTE/24/6934

Overview

- Focus/ Objectives of the study
- Methodology
- Results
- Implications
- Conclusion



Focus / Objectives of the study

To investigate to what extent that English teachers are aware of dyslexic-friendly vocabulary activities and their perceptions on those activities

Literature review

When teaching vocabulary to learners with dyslexia, it is essential to:

- use multisensory techniques
- provide a lot of practice
 provide meaning and pronunciation practice first before introducing letters/script
 show how to blend sounds together to make words
 provide strategies to identify letter patterns etc.

(Kormos, 2017)



Methodology

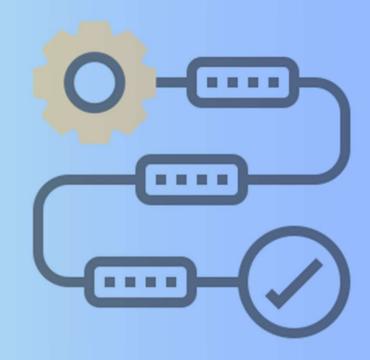
Participants - 06 Government School English **Teachers**

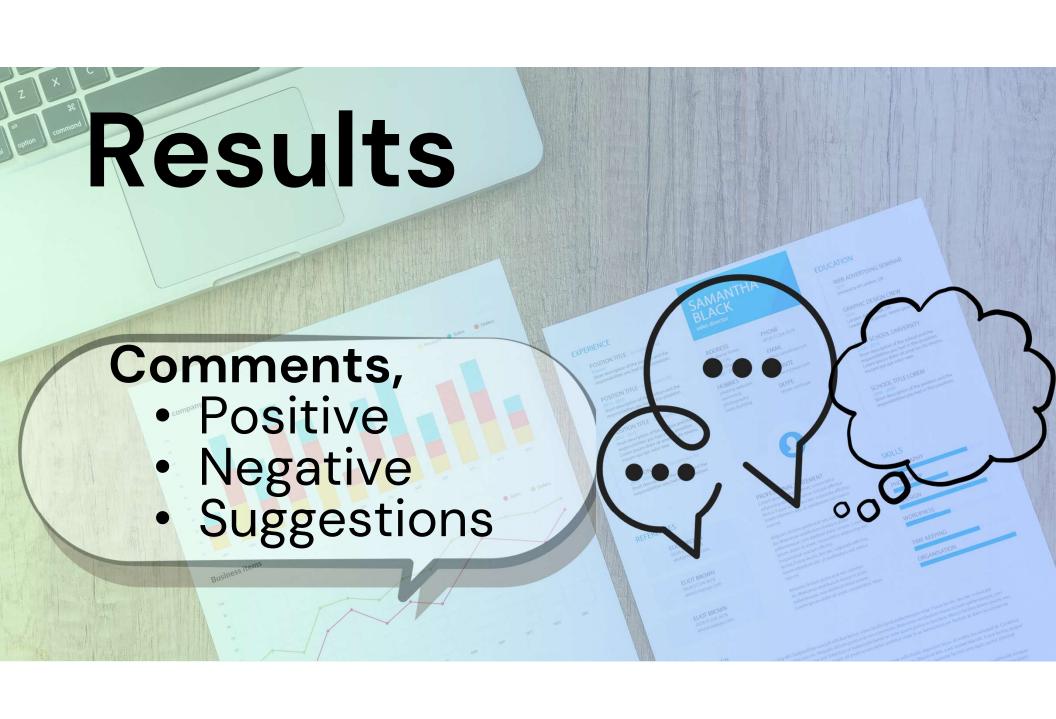
Materials: 4 activities were shown to the participants

- Letter molding
- Mapping sounds with letters
 Body movements to identify letter patterns
 Practice this and that

2 checklists and interviews







Positive comments

All the selected activities were well engaging

 Practicality – the activities are workable in real classrooms

Adaptability – suggested activities can suit students of different abilities

Negative comments

- The activities were more focused on kinesthetic learners.
- Some activities lacked solid learning objectives/outcomes.
- Activity types are similar.





Suggestions

- Different materials can be used, e.g., instead of clay, sand and sticks.
- Using explicit instructions rather than doing the activities with just a demonstration.
- Use classroom materials (may be textbooks) rather than preparing extra materials.
- Task types should be changed based on the level.



 Promote awareness about inclusive vocabulary teaching among teachers.

 Produce more dyslexic-friendly materials for that teachers can use.



•The teacher/participants lacked knowledge of dyslexia and dyslexic-friendly materials.

 They seem to have some misconceptions on vocabulary teaching.

 More teacher training and appropriate materials are needed.

Reference

•Kormos, Z. (2017) The second language learning processes of students with specific learning difficulties. Routledge.

