



NCSE As Contronym: Ode to Bryson

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Contronym or auto-antonym (antagonym)

- A word with a homonym which is also an antonym
- A word of multiple meanings that is defined as the reverse of one of its other meanings
- For example: “fast” can mean “moving quickly” as in “running fast”, or it can mean “not moving” as in “stuck fast”. To buckle can mean “to fasten” or “to bend then break”.
- Some pairs of contronyms are true homonyms:
cleave = separate or adhere
let = hinder or allow

NCSEI Initiatives for 2006-2007

1. To address key **methodological and statistical issues** which represent important, persistent, and unique technical problems in conducting special education research and may require immediate, serious and sustained attention and capacity building.
2. To promote, establish, and sustain an **evidence-based special education technical assistance and dissemination system** through the IES NCSEI and OSERS/OSEP research collaboration.
3. To conduct a **systematic inventory of special education research** in order to ascertain the quality, depth, and breadth of the research investments over the last 30 years since the authorization of PL 94-142 (The Education of All Handicapped Children's Act).

NCSEI Initiatives for 2006-2007, cont'd

4. To develop and establish a **registry of NCSEI/IES intervention studies (Goal 3-4)** that will represent a codified record of research trials and contribute to a comprehensive, publicly available database of special education research trials (i.e., Any research project that prospectively assigns human subjects to intervention and comparison groups to study the cause-and-effect relationship between a curricular, instructional, cognitive, social, or behavioral intervention and an educational outcome. ICMJE, 10/16/05).