



Colorado Students Receiving Visualizing and Verbalizing Instruction Make a Significant Improvement in Oral Language Comprehension



Visualizing and Verbalizing for Language Comprehension and Thinking (V/V)

PROFILE:

Number of Students: 11

Grade Levels: 4th-5th

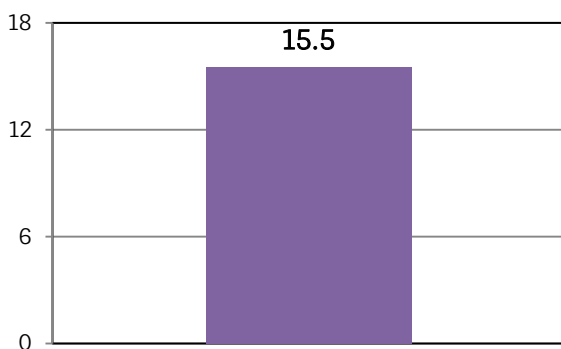
Lindamood-Bell Programs Implemented: Visualizing and Verbalizing®

Outcome Measures: Detroit Tests of Learning Aptitude-2nd (oral directions)

BACKGROUND:

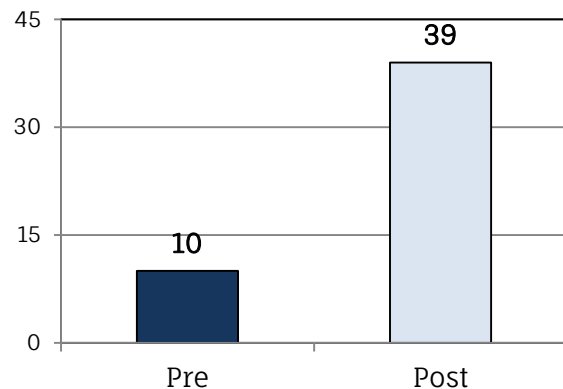
Beaver Valley Elementary School in Brush, Colorado, serves a large percentage of students who are at-risk of reading failure. During the 2007-08 school year, Beaver implemented Lindamood-Bell® instruction to address the specific needs of this student population. Eleven students received an average of 112 hours of primarily Visualizing and Verbalizing instruction to develop concept imagery for comprehension. Instruction was delivered by Beaver teachers who received professional development in the Lindamood-Bell programs. Student gains were measured with an oral language comprehension assessment.

Average Standard Score Change



Small (<3.0) Medium (3.0-4.5) Large (>4.5)

*Pre- and Posttest Percentiles**



*Statistically significant ($p \leq .05$).

RESULTS:

On average, Visualizing and Verbalizing students made a large standard score change in oral language comprehension. Additionally, the 29-point percentile increase put these students within the normal range (25th-75th percentile). Their pre- to posttest results were statistically significant. The results of this study illustrate that Lindamood-Bell instruction in the Visualizing and Verbalizing program leads to improved comprehension, which is essential to achieving success with school curricula.