

Provide options to create, learn and share

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Helpful classroom strategies years 1-8' from the Guide: [Down syndrome and learning](#)

Includes:

- Offer storytelling options
- Offer options for sharing learning
- Use role play to practice language skills
- Increase hands-on learning
- Support success in assessments
- Useful resources

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Offer storytelling options



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Offer options for sharing learning



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Use role play to practice language skills



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Increase hands-on learning



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Support success in assessments

Discuss with learners what support they need to demonstrate their understanding in tests and assessments.

Talk about:

- possible barriers created by the physical environment: unfamiliar layout of a room, lighting, temperature
- possible barriers created by the design of materials: cluttered presentation, hard-to-read diagrams, unclear layout, hard-copies only
- ways to manage time allocations such as using visual timers
- negotiating breaks and extra time
- managing anxiety through mindfulness, positive self-talk, and identifying solutions to anticipated problems prior to the assessment
- using digital technologies such as text-to-speech and predictive text or a reader-writer
- pre-teaching specific test skills, such as how to approach multiple choice questions.

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Useful resources



Best apps for children with Down syndrome

Links to a range of apps and other online resources.

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