Mnemonic Strategies

Following are two methods to incorporate mnemonics into instruction.

Keyword Method

New word to learn:

Peavey (hook)

Recode the word into a keyword that is concrete (easy to picture), already familiar, and acoustically similar.

Make the connection between them.

Imagining a picture where a pea is hung on a hook

Pegword Method



One is a bun.



Seven is heaven.



Two is a shoe.



Eight is a gate.



Three is a tree.



Nine is a line.



Four is a door.



Ten is a hen.



Five is a hive.



Eleven is a lever.



Six is a pile of sticks.



Twelve is an elf.