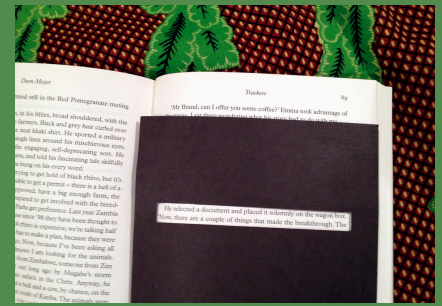


Reading: Line focus/Reading window



What is it?

The reading strategy "line focus" involves directing a student's attention to a single line of text at a time, helping them to concentrate on one specific part of the text rather than feeling overwhelmed by the entire page. This technique can be especially beneficial for students who struggle with visual tracking, attention deficits, or reading fluency. By using tools such as a finger, a ruler, or digital highlighting features, students can follow along line by line, improving their ability to decode and comprehend the text.

Why use it?

Line focus enhances comprehension and retention by directing attention to specific lines or passages, helping readers break down complex information into manageable chunks. This strategy encourages active engagement, promotes critical thinking, and improves reading fluency by fostering deeper understanding of key concepts and details.

How to use it?

To use line focus, select a text and guide your attention to specific lines or sections, emphasizing key words or concepts. Read carefully, ensure comprehension, and repeat systematically, pausing to reflect and analyze as needed. This can be done with digital tools, such as the line focus feature in Immersive Reader, or physical tools like a reading window to isolate text and reduce distractions.

Inclusive classroom example

Mrs. Patel employs line focus as a whole-class strategy during a literature discussion. She begins by displaying a passage from the novel they're studying on the interactive whiteboard. Mrs. Patel prompts the class to focus on a particular paragraph that encapsulates the main theme of the chapter. She encourages students to follow along as she reads aloud, highlighting key phrases and discussing their significance. Utilizing line focus, Mrs. Patel guides her diverse group of learners through a deep exploration of the text, ensuring everyone stays engaged and comprehends the material.