

# 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

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## Offer storytelling options



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Kathy Cassidy

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#### Offer options for sharing learning



#### Source:

For the Teachers https://www.fortheteachers.org/Graphics/ShowWhatYouKnow.pdf

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## Use role play to practice language skills



Source:

Victoria Marienelli

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6TupyBVkR7w

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#### Increase hands-on learning



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### **Support success in assessments**

Discuss with students 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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