

Guided Practice Ideas Continued

Wrong Ralph, the Puppet

Create a puppet out of a sock, paper bag, or whatever creative method you choose. This puppet makes statements that are wrong. Wrong Ralph needs the student to correct him (using negatives, of course). For example:

Wrong Ralph says: "Dogs have wings."
Student says: "Dogs don't have wings."
Wrong Ralph: "Squares have three sides."
Student: "Squares don't have three sides."
Wrong Ralph: "Your name is Edwina."
Student: "My name isn't Edwina."

Wrong Ralph should make statements as long as the student maintains interest and needs help with negatives. Statements that are especially silly may be conducive to maintaining interest.

Other possible statements

Rocks are smart.
Pencils can fly.
Kids should be mean.
My name is Squaretoes.
Chairs have leaves.
Elephants meow.
Ice cream is warm.
It does snow each summer.
You are a purple goose.

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Fill in the Blank

Pick the correct word or words to fill in the blank.

- 1) I _____ going to throw this paper away.
(am not, never)
- 2) A calendar _____ have buttons or knobs.
(nothing, doesn't)
- 3) Pencils _____ be used by caterpillars.
(can't, should)
- 4) He _____ ready to eat his spinach yet.
(wasn't, can not)
- 5) Stories like the Three Little Pigs _____ have tables of content.
(are not, don't)
- 6) It probably _____ snow on Venus for a long time.
(won't, has not)
- 7) I _____ be able to think if I _____ have a brain.
(hasn't, wouldn't) (nobody, didn't)