

Child Language Facilitation Techniques: Cloze

The Cloze technique is a procedure in which an Interventionist begins a phrase and pauses for the child to complete the utterance.

Tips for Effective Application:

1.

Use vocabulary and grammatical structure familiar to the child

2.

Use culturally appropriate and developmentally appropriate materials (e.g. nursery rhymes, books)


3.

Use the child's zone of proximal development to encourage growth in the target behavior

Use the Cloze Technique to Request:

- **Labels**
"This is a"
- **Descriptions**
"This boy is ..."
- **Interpretations**
"This boy is running because..."

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