

Bright Idea #1

- ◆ Add visual cues to notes, handouts, interactive white board lessons, etc. (Non-linguistic representation)
- ◆ Snag It – software that makes it easy



Bright Idea #2

- ◆ Use visual timers
- ◆ Use timers to manage time and ease transition – Autism
- ◆ Use a consistent signal to get student attention



Bright Idea #3

- ◆ Provide structure
- ◆ Lines and space
- ◆ 14pt font
- ◆ Organizational forms



Bright Idea #4

- ◆ Adapt test format without reducing content when possible.
- ◆ Use oral tests
- ◆ Provide a scribe
- ◆ Keep bar high (as possible)



Bright Idea #5

- ◆ Incorporate Cooperative learning
- ◆ Assign 'jobs' within the group



Bright Idea #6

- ◆ Hands-on lessons to encourage deep understanding and application
- ◆ Use manipulatives, such as algebra tiles



Bright Idea #7

- ◆ Provide opportunity for critical thinking through debate & challenging questions



Bright Idea #8

- ◆ Provide opportunities for teaching each other
- ◆ Peer tutoring
- ◆ Peer Assisted Learning
- ◆ Think Pair Shares
- ◆ Cooperative Learning



Bright Idea #9

- ◆ Establish a mixed ability group of four
- ◆ Each student has a different color
- ◆ Each student puts their name on the paper in that color
- ◆ Each student does the 'next step' of the activity in their color

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Bright Idea #10

- ◆ Ask students to explain their process
- ◆ Ask students to explain the next step
- ◆ Ask students why
- ◆ Use powerful questioning techniques
- ◆ Avoid 'telling'

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Bright Idea #11

- ◆ Provide a state test question
- ◆ Have students identify the words that they don't know
- ◆ Include those words in your vocabulary practice



Bright Idea #12

- ◆ Put up a vocabulary word wall
- ◆ Add visuals
- ◆ For an example:
vocabularycartoons.com



Bright Idea #13

- ◆ Use graphic organizers
- ◆ Provide as fill-in notes
- ◆ Have students create them based on reading
- ◆ Use graphic organizers to organize writing



Bright Idea #14

- ◆ Have students create mnemonic strategies
- ◆ Assign mnemonic devices for homework!

