

Lesson Title: Listening to Words

Curriculum: Reading readiness

Grade-Level Span: K-1

Prerequisites: Prior Experience with Navigation through the Kidspiration2 Picture Library

Washington State EALR Correlation: 1.1.5 – using input devices, 3.1.1 - Students create and produce in a variety of forms.

National Educational Technology Standards for Students – Performance Indicators

Grades PreK-2:

1. Use input devices. **4.** Use developmentally appropriate multimedia resources. **8.** Create developmentally appropriate multimedia products with support from teachers, family members, or student partners.

Purpose: The students will choose pictures and use beginning language skills to describe the chosen pictures.

Description: Using Kidspiration and the program's picture library students will create a display on animals they have seen in and around their yard.

Activities: Students will complete a homework template and use this template along with a classroom computer to complete an activity and share or display a product. Students will be able to view, listen to, or read other students' projects.

Tools and Resources: Computer, Kidspiration 2 software, homework template, optional printer and or digital projector, parent help or older student(s) helpers.

Assessment: Students will have three or more animals in their display that they have seen in or about their yard. Where grade level appropriate or help is available, their will be a written description to go along with each picture.

Credits: Lesson idea from Atomic Learning

Comments: Wes Burmark, author. Play with a purpose. The above lesson requires some experience with the Kidspiration picture library. Design a fun lab lesson where the students have to come up with several assigned pictures. Do a demonstration of how the library works, then (!) get out of their way. There may be some out-of-seat activity as students share, and the activity as a whole may not be quiet. Be on your feet circulating around and every so often reel the students in for a check on progress... "By now you should have four objects on your screen..." I ask young students to face the BIG SCREEN for demos and to sit on their hands. Actually I've had to ask some of my adult students to do the same... LOL

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Project Description:

After classroom discussions about the local variety of animals, students will identify three or more animals that they can see in or about their yard. Outside of class they will use the template provided and with help from their parents or an older friend describe the three or more animals they observed. Their partner will do the writing (or assist as appropriate). The student can do the drawing using colors to help them remember details.

In class the students will open Kidspiration and navigate through the picture library to find similar pictures to the ones they observed. They can change colors to make the animal appear like the one they observed. With appropriate assistance they can add text to describe the animal.

Outcomes

Student will have three or more animals pictured on their computer screen each with a written description. This could be viewed by other students, projected with a digital projector and read by a helper, the student, or a parent/teacher, or read by the computer. The project could also be printed (color printing would be preferred).

Technology Skills

After completing this project students will be able to:

- Select pictures from a photo library
- Customize a picture (change colors and size)
- Move a picture on the computer screen
- Begin to enter text to describe a picture

Tools and Resources:

Computer lab with Kidspiration 2 software, digital projector, printer, student or parent helper(s).

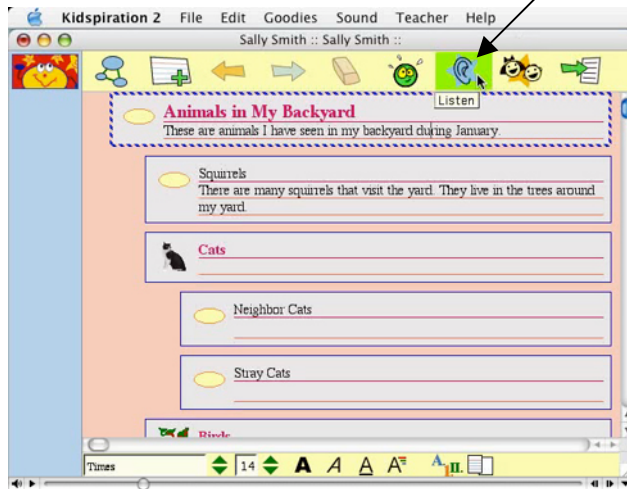
Helpful Lessons:

Atomic Learning.com – Kidspiration series - over 50 individual video lessons

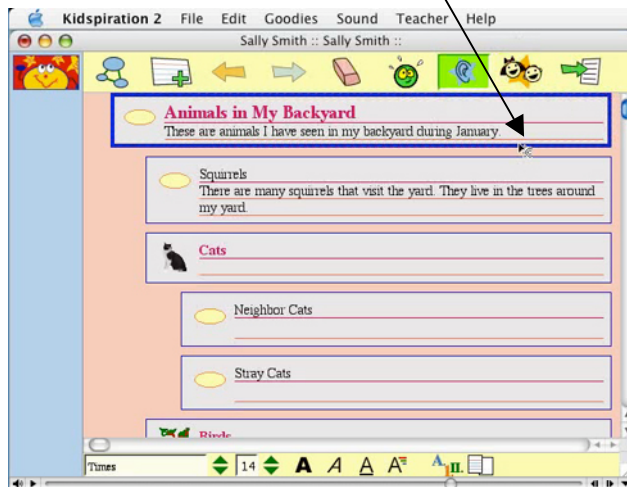
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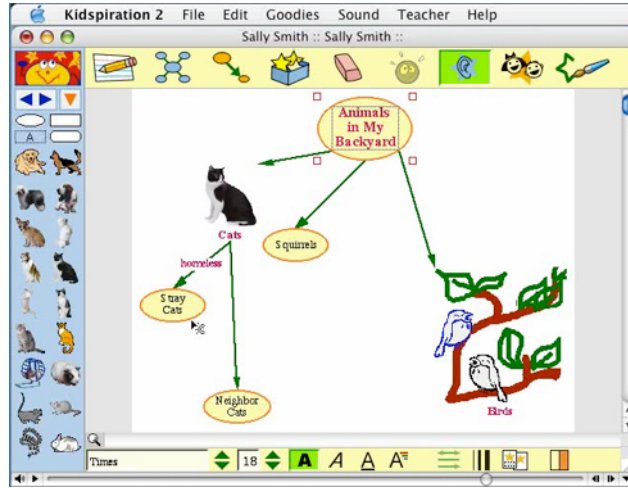
The computer will read text to your students by clicking on the EAR icon.



You will notice that a small ear is now part of your cursor.



Click on a block of text or text under a picture in picture view and the computer will read the text to you.



Above is a sample of what a student project could look like.

Animal Template

Picture	Description