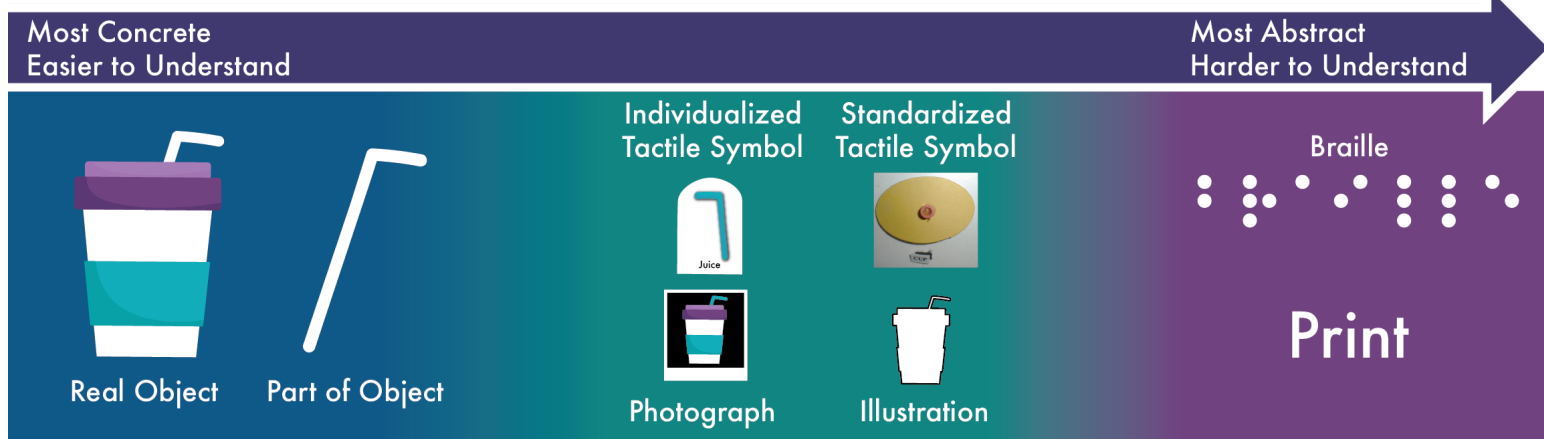


Print

Development of reading occurs in a pattern for every child. At the beginning stages of reading and writing, all children learn about real objects. As they gain more skills, children move toward print or braille. Your child's literacy medium is the way your child will read and write. In fact, your child may use more than one literacy medium. Your child's educational team, including the teacher of students with visual impairments (TVI), will continue to track your child's reading and writing needs as they change over time.



The educational team decides what accommodations are needed for your child to use print for reading and writing. Print accommodations may address size, lighting, contrast, or technology. Your child may use different accommodations for different tasks.



Auditory supports, such as listening to books, may be used with any literacy medium.



Video Magnifier/
CCTV



Slant Board



Reading Guide



Handheld Magnifier

Helping at Home

Print is everywhere, but you may have noticed that only a few things are available in large print. Learning to use devices to enlarge print may improve independence and provide access to a wider variety of texts. You can help your child with reading and writing in the following ways:

- Encourage the use of devices to read things such as price tags, street signs, menus, and recipes
- Read with your child and ask questions about the reading
- Encourage your child to listen to books and explain the story to you
- Use schedules, chore charts, recipes, or lists
- Notice when print seems to be hard for your child and talk about this with your child's TVI

Assistive Technology

Different types of assistive technology may help your child when reading and writing in print. Some assistive technology may need to be prescribed by an eyecare professional. As your child grows, their assistive technology may change. Assistive technology may include:

- Video magnifier or closed-circuit television (CCTV)
- Handheld magnifier and monocular
- Reading guide
- Text-to-speech application/device
- Optical character recognition (OCR) software
- Computer or tablet with accessibility features
- Task lighting
- Bold line paper/pen/pencil

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Contact: