



# Being Ambitious

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### British Dyslexia Association Training

#### Practical Solutions for Higher Level Literacy Skills



The basis of developing such higher reading, spelling, writing skills is to enable the individual to get what they need from text with the minimum of effort even where their actual reading ability is lower than expected. Such skills are all about technique and strategies which can easily be taught and the individual can become very proficient at using them with great effect if they are given enough encouragement, support and practice.

The course has helped me to get more skills and experience when I assess and help students with their reading, spelling and writing. I now feel I have more techniques and strategies which have helped me become more proficient to support my students in Key stage 3 in class and also in my one to one sessions with them. I have also considered a number of practical strategies and approaches for supporting the development all of their skills. I really enjoy to give each of my students opportunity to practice their higher level thinking and study skills in a positive and calm environment without pressure so they feel confident to improve even if they find the work difficult and make mistakes.

At first, I learnt to acknowledge each student's profile. I could then make a considered decision on the skills that they needed to improve. After that I could provide more targeted work and activities. I started to use a wider variety of resources: skills games, levelled reading booklets, comprehension books and also using technology in my teaching. I enjoy to see the students improving their reading, writing, spelling and understanding skills. When these skills have been established we then target the high level vocabulary and technical language to allow the students to show their understanding more fully.

I can now understand that it is very frustrating for students who cannot show us what they are capable of. I hope that now I can allow many more students to enjoy their learning even more and make more progress every year.

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