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Big or Small; Narrow or Wide: Text Presentation for Early Readers

Challenge: Discovery
Category: Intermediate
Region: Vancouver Island
City: Victoria, BC
School: Lambrick Park Secondary

Abstract: Grade one and three stories were written in increasing level of difficulty. Each story was modified so that font size and column width were altered. Student performance was monitored for insertions, missed lines, omissions, substitutions, and told words. Narrow columns of text show greater reading success. Font size appeared to be less important. Response varied with age.

Biographies

Andrea - My name is Andrea Chan and I am a grade 9 student at Lambrick Park Secondary School. I love to play the piano and row. I have been playing piano for 7 years and have been doing musical theory for 2 years. Also, I play the clarinet and percussion. I started rowing at the beginning of grade 9. I am holding a world record in rowing. It is placing as many rowing boats in the water on the same date, with everyone rowing, and getting coached by a gold medalist rower. I enjoy reading, sleeping in, playing outdoors (being active), and playing music on the piano (I love my piano). Growing up, I was into figure skating and swimming. As an adult, I want...

Matthew - My name is Matt Treble, and I am a grade 9 student at Lambrick Park Secondary School. I have recently completed my Bronze Cross and am working towards becoming a Life Guard. I play the piano and guitar. I enjoy running, swimming and am always trying to improve. I volunteer at a local library helping kids read in a program called "Reading Buddies". This is my first time attending the Canada Wide Science Fair.

Awards	Value
Excellence Award - Intermediate - Bronze Medal Sponsor: Nuclear Waste Management Organization	$300
Western University Scholarship Bronze Medallist - $1000 Entrance Scholarship Sponsor: Western University	$1 000
Total	$1 300

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