Trend Task

Approach: One to one

Focus: Reading signs with strong visual cues. *Resources*: Ten photographs.

Questions/instructions:

I'm going to show you some pictures of signs. Signs usually give us messages or tell us something.

As you look at each picture, try to do two things: read out loud the words on the sign, then tell me what you think the sign means.

Show student each sign in order from 1 to 10. Say, "Here's picture number 1"; "Here's picture number 2", etc. Ask the two questions for each sign (below). *Don't* give help with reading words. *Do* give encouragement to try.

1. Read the words on the sign.	% responses 2000 ('96) 2000 ('96)		% responses 2000 ('96) 2000 ('			
2. Explain what you think the	year 4	year 8		year 4	year 8	
sign means without just reading			read words	22 (20)	00 (75)	
out the words.			accurately	32 (26)	82 (75)	
read words			explained that dogs are not allowed in this area	96	97	
accurately	90 (83)	98 (96)		90	91	
explained vehicles			Please Help - no more than			
can't go in this way	89	95	be not feed the decisi here	85	97	
			explained that event with the owner. Please Help ducks should not			
	66 (71)	90 (72)	to keep the be fed here	70	74	
read words accurately explained you can use	66 (71)	80 (73)	Water Garden looking at its best. explained where	/0	/ 1	
a phone here with a			Do not feed the ducks here ducks should			
Telecom card	66	90	be fed	55	68	
	00	10	Please feed them at the paved end.of the duck pond.	45	56	
Real Property lies			read words			
FISH read words accurately	88	97	accurately	67	95	
explained you can			PHOHIBITED explained no	- /		
CHIPS get fish & chips here	83	88	bikes of any sort			
DRIVE N explained you can	72	91	allowed here	46	85	
drive in to get them	72	91	and the second			
			no more than	51	01	
read words			1 word wrong	51	91	
accurately	86 (79)	94 (91)	explained const- ruction going on	38	74	
explained gates			explained walk on opposite path	51	74	
will be closed at 5.30pm	63	88	Total score: 21 - 25	17	64	
at 9.90pm	05	00				
			17 - 20	36	29	
read words			13 - 16	27	5	
FIRE EXIT. accurately	85	95	9 - 12	11	2	
explained you			5 - 8	6	0	
should not block this area, it might be needed as a fire exit.	33	68	0 - 4	3	0	
this area, it might be needed as a me exit.	55	00				
read words			Commentary:	an Q tha		
TOW AWAY AREA accurately	70	92	On average, about 20 percent more ye students read the words on individual s			
CUSTOMER Explained :	, 0	/-	or explained their meaning adequately. The differences			
Car Park Orth you can park here			were much larger on the more difficult signs. For four of			
for McDonalds	55	72	the signs, it was possible to compare reading accuracy			
you can be towed away if you park			in 1996 and 2000. On average 4 percent more year			
here and don't go to McDonalds	23	60	4 students and 5 percent more year 8 students read			
			accurately in 2000 than in 1996.			

Signs Around Town

Level: Year 4 and year 8