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➤ I Individualized

➤ E Educational

➤ P Program/Plan

Best Practice- 3 Main Components

- Multi-disciplinary Team
- Assessments
- Creating a Plan



Multi-disciplinary Team

- Multi-disciplinary team consisting of
 - Special Education Teacher
 - Speech/Language Pathologist
 - Occupational or Physical Therapist
 - Educational Psychologist
 - Behavior Specialist (if necessary)
 - Other members could include school counselors, school nurse, general education teacher

Assessment Practices

- Standardized Assessments by members of team
- Informal Assessments (Reading Inventories, etc.)
- Observations
- Anecdotal evidence



Creating the Plan

- Use assessments and family input to create plan



Sample

Present Level of Performance:

J was given the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) on August 25, 2010. He is reading at an instructional level 8 (age equivalent 6).

J can identify 75 out of the first 100 sight words.

Through observation, it is noted that J uses two reading strategies; using the first letter of the word and looking at the picture, to help him identify an unknown word.

Creating a Goal with Objectives

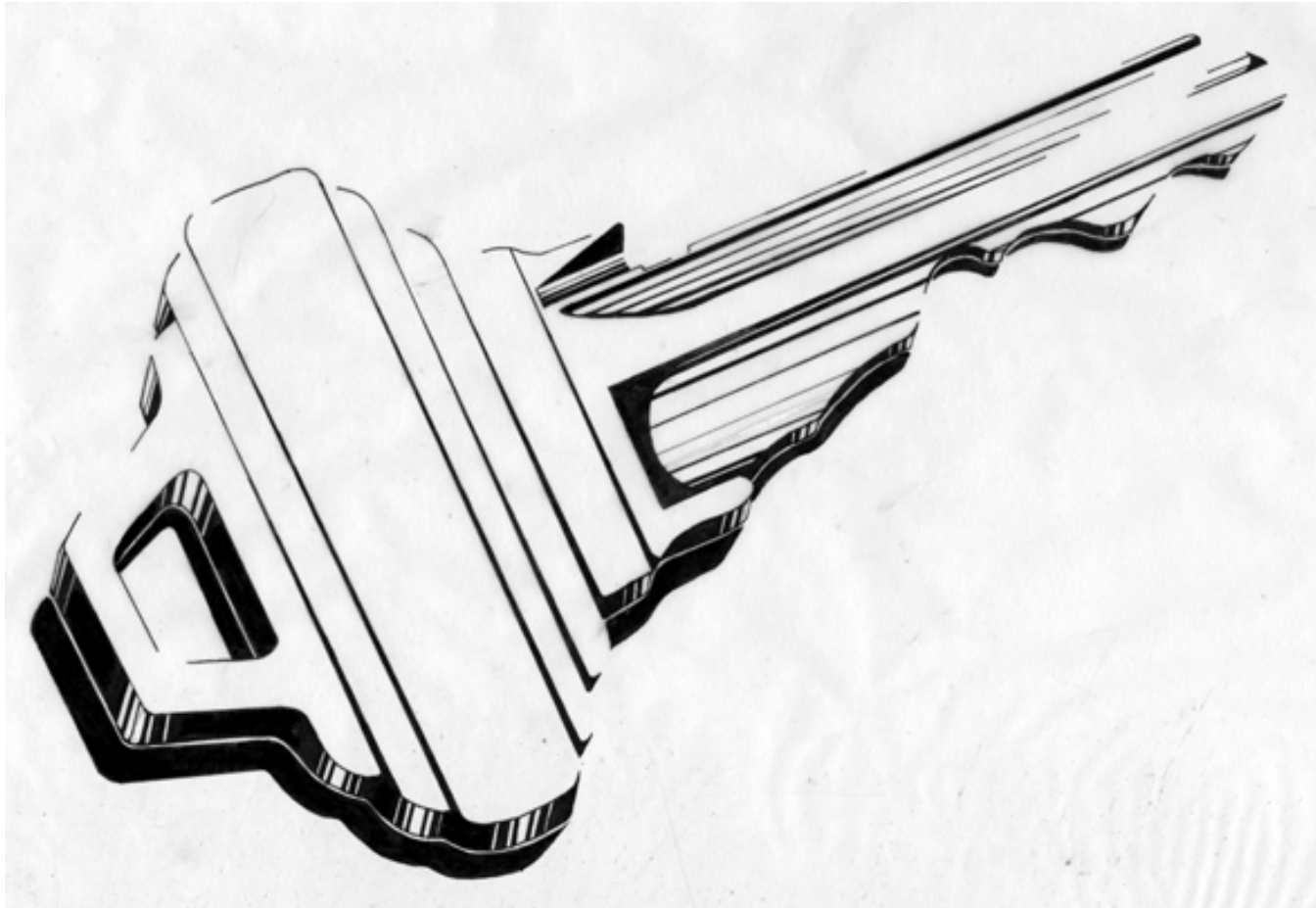
Must be measurable

Goal: By December, 2010, J's level on the DRA will increase from a level 8 to a level 14.

O: J's score on the high frequency word test will increase from 75 words to 90 words

O: J will use the reading strategy of using context clues to identify an unknown word as measured by observation and running record

DATA collection is KEY



Once the goal is achieved, bump it up...



So What Is an IEP?????

- A program that has been tailor made for your child
- The program grows as your child grows

An educator's role

- Teach to the child's strengths
- Understand that each child has individual needs
- Make accommodations and modifications for children who need them
- Understand a parent's point of view
- Assume best intentions

A Parent's Role

- Recognize your child's strengths
- Understand that all of your children have different strengths and celebrate each one
- Work collaboratively with the multi-disciplinary team to create an appropriate IEP for your child
- Assume best intentions