Use of Tablet PCs and C-Print® to Support Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students in General Education Classes

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Overview¹

- Background
- Study Results
- Implications for Practice—Teachers
- Q & A
- I. The project team included Lisa Elliot, Pamela Francis, Anne Alepoudakis, and Donna Easton

Background

- "Evaluation of Use of Tablet PCs and C-Print to Support Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students"-"Evaluation Study"
- US Department of Education, #H327A070085
 - Steppingstones of Technology for Individuals with Disabilities
- September 2007-August 2011
- Pilot study, US Department of Education, #H327A0500064, September 2005-August-2008



What is C-Print?

A support service option for access and communication.

- Provides a text display of spoken information in real time for individuals who cannot hear (or individuals who process auditory information indirectly)
- Meaning-for-meaning translation
- Can be used by itself or with another accommodation
- Provides access to information during class and notes afterward

Goal

Evaluate C-Print Tablet software options:

- Real-time note taking
- Captioning with graphics

Objectives: Evaluation Study

- Determine effectiveness of using two tablet options for supporting students
- Examine additional factors, such as motivation, that may contribute to the effectiveness of the options
- Additional goals
 - Provide materials and guidance for implementation
 - Monitor and evaluate the fidelity of implementation of procedures for using the two options

Study Design

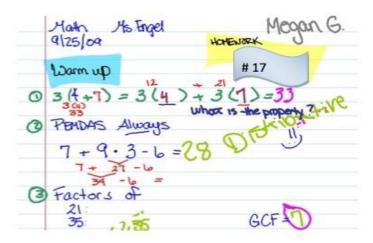
- Randomized, counterbalanced, control group design
- 3 study groups:
 - Real-time note taking (n=31)
 - Captioning with graphics (n=31)
 - Control group (regular IEP) (n=31)
- 4 states:
 - California (n=25)
 - Massachusetts (n=20)
 - New York (n=36)
 - Pennsylvania (n=12)

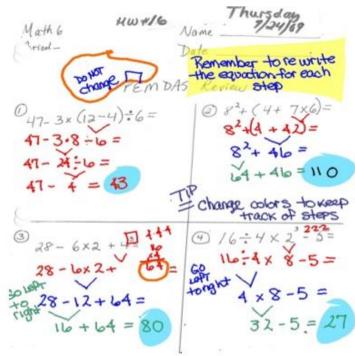
Study Design - Procedure

- Pre-trial meeting with classroom teachers and students
- 5-week classroom trial
 - Real-time note taking
 - Captioning with graphics
- Data collection
 - Student Experiences
 - Teacher Ratings (Counterbalanced design; some teacher ratings before trial, some 5 weeks after trial)
- Experiment simulated lecture (individual students; all groups)

Real-time Note taking

- Class notes CO-AUTHORED by notetaker and student on individual tablets
- Real-time display
- Edited and distributed by e-mail or hard copy

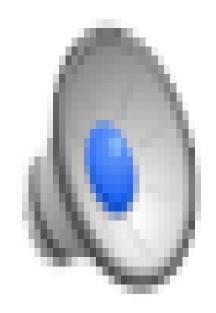




Captioning with Graphics

- Traditional C-Print, with a twist!
- Use tablet PCs instead of standard laptops
- Includes graphics
- Graphics can be CO-AUTHORED

Captioning with Graphics Video



(Video not available.)

Bowling Pin Activity

4,7,9

We will do the Secret Santa after lunch 5, 6.

Go to your regular 5th period class. This morning is a regular morning. We'll take attendance 5th period.

Okay raise your hand if you would like to knock down a pin.

Today we will do a quick review of multiplying and dividing fractions

When we multiply we don't need to find a common denominator.

If this were dividing we would need to find a common denominator.



Additional software features

- Import PowerPoint slides
- Import Worksheets
- Templates
 - Graph paper
 - Notebook paper



y=mx+p

Molly

no she needed to divide - 12x by 3

Ali

$$-\frac{12x + 3y = 9 - 12x}{4x + y = 3}$$

$$y = -4x + 3$$

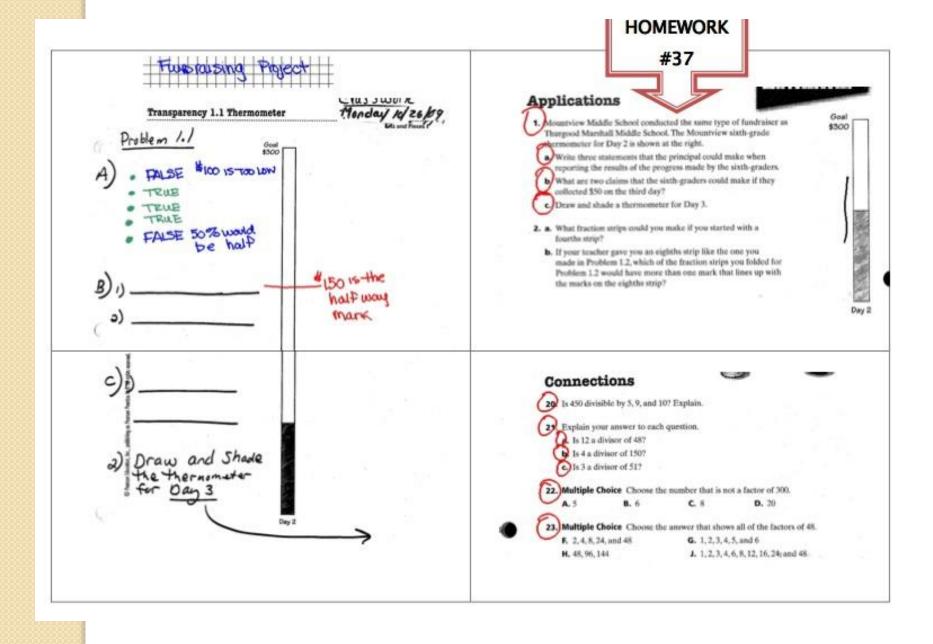
$$y = -4x + 3$$

$$3y = 9 - 12x$$

Mia

$$\begin{array}{c}
12x + 3y = 9 \ \downarrow 2 \times \\
-(2 \times 3) = 9 - 12 \times \\
3 \times 3 - 4 \times
\end{array}$$
(1)

Ho-she needed to move the signs with #5 *no sign means the positive



Research – Participants

Grade	Real-Time Note taking	Captioning with Graphics	Regular IEP	Total
4	I	I	I	3
5	2	0	2	4
6	6	5	3	14
7	5	4	2	11
8	5	3	8	16
9	4	4	4	12
10	4	5	4	13
11	3	6	5	14
12	I	3	2	6
Total	31	31	31	93

Data Collection – Teacher Ratings

- With and without tablet or at 5 and 10 week mark
 - Grade (percentage)
 - Academic achievement (I-5 scale, I=much worse,
 5=much better)
 - Learning new vocabulary (1-5 scale, 1=much worse, 5=much better)
 - Class participation (I-5 scale, I=much worse,
 5=much better)

Results – Teacher Ratings

	Grade with Tablet M (SD)	Grade without Tablet M (SD)
Real-time Note Taking (n = 31)	84.82 (6.79)	81.96 (10.99)
Captioning with Graphics $(n = 27)$	80.27 (13.05)	81.11 (13.43)
Regular IEP Control $(n = 28)$	78.59 (13.73)	79.36 (13.20)

Results - Teacher Ratings continued...

	Academic Achievement with Tablet (I = Much Worse, 5 = Much Better) M (SD)	Academic Achievement without Tablet (I = Much Worse, 5 = Much Better) M (SD)
Real-time Note Taking (n = 28)	3.57 (.74)	2.89 (.57)
Captioning with Graphics $(n = 28)$	3.36 (.68)	2.93 (.72)
Regular IEP Control $(n = 28)$	3.10 (.62)	2.90 (.56)

Results - Teacher Ratings continued...

	Learning New Vocabulary with Tablet (I = Much Worse, 5 = Much Better) M (SD)	Learning New Vocabulary without Tablet (I = Much Worse, 5 = Much Better) M (SD)
Real-time Note Taking (n = 27)	3.27 (.57)	3.07 (.62)
Captioning with Graphics $(n = 27)$	3.41 (.64)	2.78 (.71)
Regular IEP Control $(n = 29)$	3.10 (.56)	2.90 (.62)

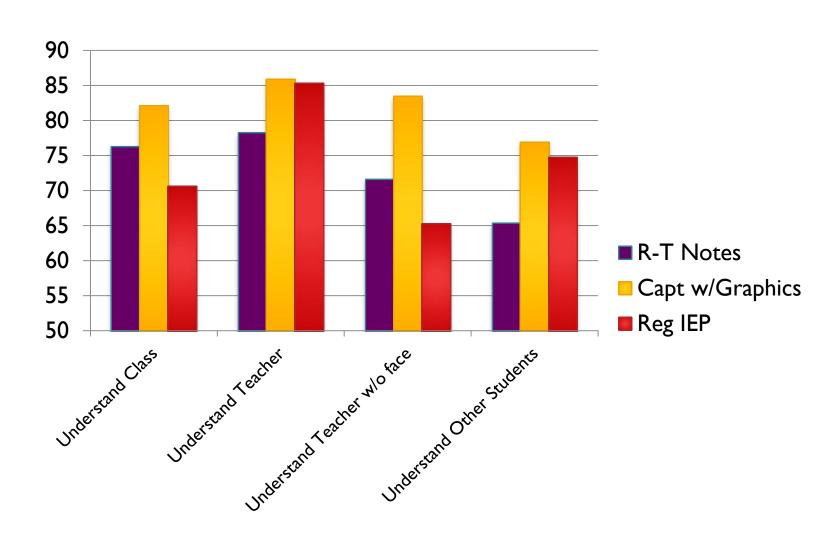
Results - Teacher Ratings continued...

	Class Participation with Tablet (I = Much Worse, 5 = Much Better) M (SD)	Class Participation without Tablet (I = Much Worse, 5 = Much Better) M (SD)
Real-time Note Taking (n = 28)	3.27 (.67)	2.93 (.60)
Captioning with Graphics $(n = 28)$	3.30 (.96)	2.79 (.92)
Regular IEP Control $(n = 29)$	3.17 (.54)	3.10 (.62)

Results – Student Comprehension Ratings

- Comprehension
 - Class (teacher, lessons, students)
 - Teacher
 - Teacher without seeing face
 - Other students

Results — Student Comprehension Ratings continued...



Results - Student Characteristics

- Motivation (I = strongly disagree, 5 = strongly agree for each item; scores summed—range 5-15)
 - It was important for me to learn a lot in this class
 - I was very interested in this class
 - I really worked hard in this class

- Motivation associated with TEACHER RATINGS:
 - Higher grade when using tablet (.58*)
 - Higher grade when NOT using tablet (.46)
 - Using equipment responsibly (.36)

*r, all shown, p < .05

Motivation associated with STUDENT RATINGS:

- Understanding class (.35*), understanding teacher
 (.34), understanding teacher without seeing teacher's face (.23)
- Identifying important information during class (.32)
- Using software (.39)
- Finding the real-time display (.42), notes as helpful
 (.37)
 - *r, all shown, p< .05

Quotes from Pilot Study

- Determined feasibility and usability of technology
- Collected primarily qualitative information that included interviews with
 - Teachers
 - Students

Teacher Feedback

 L was glued to the tablet. She was able to take better notes using it and seemed more comfortable with the content with the tablet. She said she understood things better and could follow what was going on in class better. While participation did not increase, her engagement in class did. She would frequently refer to it throughout class to show other students information or to back up an answer she gave.

Teacher Feedback continued...

• C seemed to be more engaged during class. Before using the tablet there were many times when he would be fighting (with himself) to stay awake, but this never happened while using the tablet!

Student Feedback

- Simple and easy to understand.
- They were very helpful for studying on tests.
- The notes are really really easy to read.

Benefits to Educators

- Regular Classroom Teacher
 - C-Print notes a written record of class
 - Distribute to other students
 - Use to prepare lesson plans, tests, activities
 - Change perception of students' capabilities
- TODs and Regular Classroom Teacher
 - Better understanding of what has happened in class

Best Practices for Teachers

TOD and Regular Classroom Teacher

- Communicate regularly with captionist
- May use C-Print notes
- May encourage student to do note taking

Best practices for teachers continued...

Regular Classroom Teacher

- Provide materials to captionist in advance
- Allow student to use tablet instead of worksheet or notebook
- Work with student to decide who will introduce to class (or not)

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