

Article Review

Complete APA bibliographic reference:

McClelland, J. (1977). Letter and configuration information in word identification. *Journal of Verbal Learning and Verbal Behavior*, 16, 137-150.

Four or five descriptor names that best describe the topic:

Main: Word recognition, letter configuration

Type of Article:

Quantitative Research

Levels:

Kindergarten, Lower Elementary (1-3),
Upper Elementary (4-5), Middle School (6-8),
High School (9-12), Post High School

Briefly stated major purpose(s) of the article:

This study was designed to explore whether reading a word relies on one's ability to recognize familiar visual configurations or particular letter arrangements.

Research article – summarize the major findings in 2-4 sentences:

The results of this study indicate that the ability to read words is based on visual configurations and letter identity information.

Quantitative Study Information:

Independent Variables Included: Age

List Dependent Variables: Word identification

Treatment: Font, Time

Is reliability information reported? yes

If so, for which instrument? Familiar-Unfamiliar Word Trial (#1)

Familiar-Unfamiliar Word Trial (#2, delayed)

Familiar-Unfamiliar Word Trial (#3, extended)

Is validity information reported? no