

Article Review

Complete APA bibliographic reference:

Samuels, S. J. (1976). Automatic decoding and reading comprehension. *Language Arts*, 53, 323-325.

Three to five descriptor terms that best describe the topic:

Main: Decoding, comprehension, behaviorism

Type of Article:

Other: Discussion

Levels:

Lower Elementary (1-3)

Upper Elementary (4-5)

Middle School (6-8)

Briefly stated major purpose(s) of the study:

To discuss the verbal learning-reading domain. To appreciate the power of “automatic decoding” as a psychological process.

Discussion article – summarize the major points in 1- 4 sentences:

Automatic processes enable a behavior to occur without the services of attention. It appears that one important area of human behavior cannot be performed automatically; this being comprehended language.

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