

Appendix 4 - Horticulture tutor diary

OTLA English Practitioner Research Diary

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What did I try?

Two of the learners have difficulty with their working memory and asked for help with the plant identification classes. I decided to introduce plant 'ident' cards that I used in the 90's with students who had an acquired brain injury and who had different memory issues. I had the picture of the plant with the botanical name underneath. eg. Chrysanthemum The word Chrysanthemum was broken into: Kris - anth - eee - mum.
tap tap pause tap tap.

What happened?

The two learners found it easier to pronounce the word Chrysanthemum.

Did it have the effect I hoped for?

Yes. The learners are excited and want me to produce plant identification cards to improve their knowledge.