

ABSTRACT

PHONOLOGICAL DISORDERS: AN EFFICACY STUDY OF THE HODSON CYCLES APPROACH TO REMEDIATION

The Hodson Cycles Approach to Remediation has been advocated for over 25 years but has not had any controlled research to evaluate its efficacy in treating phonological disorders. The Hodson Cycles Approach advocates a cycle of treatment with several components of treatment, which include amplified auditory stimulation, production practice, and participation in play activities. Each cycle lasts for an allotted amount of time related directly to the number of phonemes affected within a targeted process. During this study all three participants, who included two 5-year-old females and one 6-year-old male, improved in their overall accuracy, and this program demonstrated positive potential for improvement when using this program over time. However, caution is needed when reviewing the results of this study due to limited support for the individual components of the Hodson Cycles Approach.

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