Seeing Stars Program
by Nanci Bell

What Is Seeing Stars?

Seeing Stars is a sequential program of instruction to develop mental imagery for letters in words, as a base for reading and spelling.

The process-based instruction of Seeing Stars teaches the student to create mental imagery for letters within words, and to connect that imagery to the sounds of language. This visual processing of written sounds and symbols is known as symbol imagery: an essential skill that underlies fluent reading and accurate spelling.

How is Seeing Stars unique?

Seeing Stars instruction develops symbol imagery and the imagery-language connection as the essential foundation of accurate spelling and fluent reading.

" Spelling is primarily an integration of phonetic processing and symbol imagery, a comparison of auditory and visual: the reason we sometimes write a word a couple of ways to see if it looks right. " - Nanci Bell

Can Seeing Stars help your students?

Here are some common symptoms of weak symbol imagery:
- Weak word attack
- Poor sight-word recognition
- Inaccurate spelling despite phonetic accuracy
- Poor contextual reading fluency
- Weak memory for dates, names, numerals, lists, etc.

How does Seeing Stars instruction help?

Develop the student's ability to…
- Image, say, and write letters by name or sound.
- Image, decode, and spell simple and complex one-syllable words.
- Automatically image, read, and spell an extensive base of sight words.
- Image, read, and spell two- and three-syllable words.
- Read fluently in context.

What resources are there in the Seeing Stars program?

There are a number of components to the Seeing Stars program which can be purchased separately or you can purchase the entire kit:
- Seeing Stars Manual
- Decoding Workbooks
- Catch a Star Workbooks
- Seeing Stars Kit

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Seeing Stars Teacher's Manual $134.95

The Seeing Stars Teacher's Manual details theory and specific steps to teach the symbol imagery program created out of years of clinical research. Helps students develop symbol imagery for phonemic awareness, orthography, sight words, spelling, and reading fluency. Symbol imagery is the ability to visualize the identity, number, and sequence of sounds and letters within words. Symbol imagery is necessary for phonological and orthographical processing in order to anchor and retain words in the visual memory system to increase reading and spelling skills. You will experience laughter and tears as you watch "Buzz" learn to:

- Image letters in single and multisyllable words
- Read and spell accurately and fluently in context
- Refine his phonemic awareness.

Decoding Workbook Set of 6 $98.95

The Decoding Workbooks provide lists of carefully selected words for students to read and spell, emphasizing new skills and encouraging fast, accurate decoding. Each lesson covers specific word patterns and includes activities for words and sentences, smoothing the transition to reading in context. Bottom line? Decoding Workbooks organize the material, so you can focus on your student.

This set of all six Decoding Workbooks is ideal for students who will need a wide range of decoding practice. Book 1 starts with simple, one-syllable vowel-consonant and consonant-vowel words. Book 2 covers CVC words. Book 3 covers CCV, VCC, CVCC, and CCVC. Book 4 covers CCVCC words. In Books 5 and 6 the content builds up to 3 – 4 syllable words with common prefixes and suffixes.

- Books 1 – 4 keep student interest with a little mystery to solve
- Books 1 – 4 also cover the first 300 Star Words
- Books 5 & 6 focus on multisyllable words and affixes
- All lessons include reading, spelling, and writing exercises

Available as a set of 6 or sold separately ($17.45 each).

Catch a Star Workbook Set of 6 $98.95

The Catch a Star Vocabulary/Reading/Spelling Workbooks are an exciting companion to the Seeing Stars program. These workbooks help students grasp the meaning of the most commonly used words in English and develop sight word recognition and spelling skills. Both concept and symbol imagery are stimulated while vocabulary is developed for those words students use most often in reading and writing. This is an excellent resource for all children, including those that are language delayed or learning English as a second language. Ivan and his spacey friends join in the fun as students explore the Star Words. Each book has

- 50 Star Words
- 5 sentences to help student visualize the meaning for the word, including an illustrated sentence
- Definitions for all words, with multiple entries for multiple meanings
- Exercises to practice saying, air-writing, and writing on paper

Available as a set of 6 or sold separately ($17.45 each).

Seeing Stars Kit $864.95

The Seeing Stars Kit provides the tools you need to implement the Seeing Stars program by Nanci Bell. The Seeing Stars reading program is unique in its focus on the development of symbol imagery: the ability to visualize the identity, number, and sequence of letters within words. By developing symbol imagery, students are better able to anchor and retain words in their visual memory, improving reading and spelling skills.

The Seeing Stars Kit contains the following materials for one-to-one, small-group, or classroom instruction:

- Seeing Stars Manual — outlining the research and theory behind the Seeing Stars program, as well as the specific instructional steps.
- Kit Manual — teaching you how to use all the Seeing Stars Kit components in your instruction.
- Consonant and Vowel Cards — to help students form rapid sound-letter associations by developing symbol imagery.
- Sounds and Symbols Charts — to track student progress through the letters and sounds.
- Syllable Boards — for finger-writing activities that develop symbol imagery and spelling skills.
- Syllable Card Set — five boxes of cards cover single-syllable through multisyllable real and nonsense words, to help students establish decoding and spelling skills.
- Star Words Cards Box — for the 500 most-commonly written English words, to develop sight-word recognition.
- Star Words List — for the 1000 most-commonly written English words, to guide and track student progress in sight-word reading and spelling.
- Student Progress Charts for Syllable Cards & Star Words — colorful charts with star stickers for students to record their progress through the program materials.
- Prefixes & Suffixes Cards — to develop instant recognition of common word beginnings and endings, for application to reading and spelling.
- Visual Spelling Charts — to develop both the phonological and visual-memory aspects of accurate spelling.
- Seeing Stars Program Checklist — to track student progress through the program steps.

All Seeing Stars Kit Components are also available for individual sale.

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