



GOAL Shelter three
Kassanchem, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Attention and Concentration work

Introduction

Create are running a supplementary project to the Creative Education Programme, focusing on the child's ability to 'listen, retain information and concentrate'

This project has been instigated after working with the boys in shelter three for two months. We have identified 'listening & concentration' to be a key difficulty for the children and have designed a simple project to strengthen these skills.

We will work with the boys individually for short fixed periods of time, using a variety of exercises. A clear record of the project will be kept.

The project will run during the creative education workshops. Beginning Monday 19th February 2007.

Attention & Concentration

Session One; Monday 19th February 2007

Boys were taken individually into a room with Tras – Create co-worker.

She reads a short piece (30 seconds approx) of descriptive text (below) to the boys, they were then asked to relate as much of the piece as they could remember.

A record of their results was kept (also below).

Descriptive text:

I sat in LaL café with three of my friends. The chairs were green and plastic, there were two large mirrors and a green plant.

I drank tea, my friends had juice; one pineapple and two mango. We shared three pieces of pizza and one fasting cake.

Boys results

- Esubalwe. Little
- Eayayu. Little
- Alemayu. Nothing
- Mahukia. Half
- Esuboywe. Half
- Menday. Little
- Mihayos. Little
- Muboyak. Half
- Koleabe. 100%
- Mohammed. Little
- Binyome. Half
- Sentoiyu. Half

Session Two; Wednesday 21st February 2007-02-23

Ditto above, with Metasabia Moges, conducting the session. In addition to the text, boys were asked to draw a straight line across an A4 sheet.

Descriptive text:

Where I live there are four cafes, an email office renting DVD'd and VCD films.

The Shell garage is nearby, it has a yellow and orange sign. Meaza lives at the house with her grandson Joseph and Woodey the cook. There are two dogs.

Boys results

Esubalew. 60%
Eyayu. 40%
Ashenafi. 80%
Halabe Tesfya. 100%

Session Three; Thursday 22nd February 2007

Descriptive Text

It is a steep hill to the place where I live. You will pass the French Embassy and a great many trees. There is forest all around, with eucalyptus trees and many native trees too, hyenas live there.

My local café is 2m where they serve great juice, Rahel my friend of 10 years works there.

Additional piece (optional)

The girls in 2m wear a blue and green uniform. Rahel braids her hair and sometimes dyes it red. She wants to be a rock singer and plays in the 'Zebra's' rock group.

Boys Results

Binyam. 70%
Sintayou. 40%
Mubarek. 80%
Kalab. 100%
Mndayee. 20%
Esubalew. 70%
Eyayu. 30%
Alemayehu. 10%