



CLASSROOM STRATEGIES

WHEN READING HAS PROBLEMS DISCRIMINATING BETWEEN SIMILAR LETTERS AND WORDS

- Make a list of the letters and words that the student cannot discriminate. Have the student and a peer work together with flash cards to develop the student's ability to recognise the differences in these letters and words.
- Have the student underline the letter or word that they have difficulty discriminating each time they read it throughout the day, or have them use highlighters to do this (e.g. mark all m's in yellow and all n's in pink).
- Make certain the student looks closely at word endings as well as beginnings in order to discriminate similar words (e.g., cap and cat).
- Teach the student to use context clues when reading to help them discriminate between letters and words.