



Jason

Age: 17

Location: GA

Diagnosis: Autism



Protocol

Jason worked for 30 minutes per day, 5 days per week, for 12 months. He completed Fast ForWord Literacy, Literacy Advanced, and Reading 1-3. Jason is currently participating in our Reading Assistant Program.



Results

Jason has gone from a reluctant reader who tired after several sentences to a reader with focus and stamina who is growing in his fluency, comprehension and overall social interactions.

Jason has a diagnosis of Autism and ADHD. He struggles with anxiety and sensory integration challenges as well. His attention difficulties affected his social interactions, conversations, and learning, especially reading comprehension. Jason's parents tried medication and social skills programs as well as occupational therapy. They saw small gains but nothing long term. About a year and a half ago, they decided to try a change in diet along with supplements for vitamin deficiencies. After consulting a neuropsychologist, they also decided to try Fast ForWord with Gemm Learning.

The flexibility of working online from home appealed to Jason's parents. Finding the time for regular office visits had become more challenging as their son got older. They hoped his interest in computers would help, but were unsure how long Jason would want to stick with the Fast ForWord program.

His parents were pleased to find that starting the program proved to be an easy transition. Jason faithfully followed his protocol. He understood why he was working on the exercises and wanted to do well. Jason completed the first two cognitive programs and part of the Reading Series. He is currently working on Reading Assistant.

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- Jason's mother

Several months after starting Fast ForWord, Jason's parents noticed that he was becoming more social, participating in conversations, and had better focus. His comprehension and fluency also improved. To everyone's delight, his school reported a jump of one academic year in his reading level.

Before Fast ForWord, Jason found even the smallest amount of reading exhausting. Today, his mom says he no longer resists reading. There's not a thought about him just going on and trying. His parents note that Fast ForWord is the only thing new that was added to his routine over the last year and a half, and they plan to continue the program for as long as Jason remains motivated.