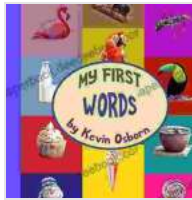


My First Words: Kevin Osborn's Journey to Language and Literacy



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Kevin Osborn is a young boy with autism who has overcome tremendous obstacles to learn to communicate using a breakthrough method called 'verbal behavior.' His journey to language and literacy is an inspiring story that showcases the power of perseverance and the importance of early intervention.

Early Challenges

Kevin was diagnosed with autism at the age of two. At the time, he was nonverbal and had difficulty interacting with others. His parents, Karen and Mike, were devastated by the diagnosis but were determined to help their son reach his full potential.

They began working with Kevin using traditional speech therapy, but he made little progress. They then learned about verbal behavior, a method of

teaching language that focuses on the function of communication.

Verbal Behavior

Verbal behavior is based on the principles of operant conditioning, which states that behavior is reinforced or punished by its consequences. In verbal behavior, children learn to communicate by being rewarded for saying words or phrases that have a specific function, such as requesting an item or answering a question.

Karen and Mike began using verbal behavior with Kevin, and they soon saw results. Within a few months, Kevin was able to say his first words. He was so proud of himself, and his parents were overjoyed.

Language Development

As Kevin continued to learn verbal behavior, his language skills berkembang pesat. He was able to learn new words and phrases quickly, and he began to use language to communicate his needs and wants.

Kevin's progress was not without its challenges. He had to work hard to overcome his autism and learn the rules of language. But with the support of his parents and teachers, he made steady progress.

Literacy

As Kevin's language skills improved, he began to develop an interest in reading and writing. He loved to look at books and magazines, and he would often ask his parents to read to him.

Karen and Mike knew that literacy was an important skill for Kevin, so they began working with him to learn how to read and write. They used a variety

of methods, including phonics, sight words, and word families.

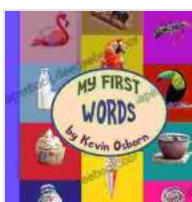
Kevin was a quick learner, and he soon mastered the basics of reading and writing. He loved to read books, and he would often write stories and poems.

Kevin Osborn's journey to language and literacy is an inspiring story of perseverance and hope. He has overcome tremendous obstacles to achieve his goals, and he is now a successful student and writer.

Kevin's story is a reminder that all children have the potential to learn and grow. With the right support and intervention, children with autism can reach their full potential and live happy and fulfilling lives.

Resources

- Autism Speaks
- National Autism Association
- Verbal Behavior



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