

### What is Fast ForWord?

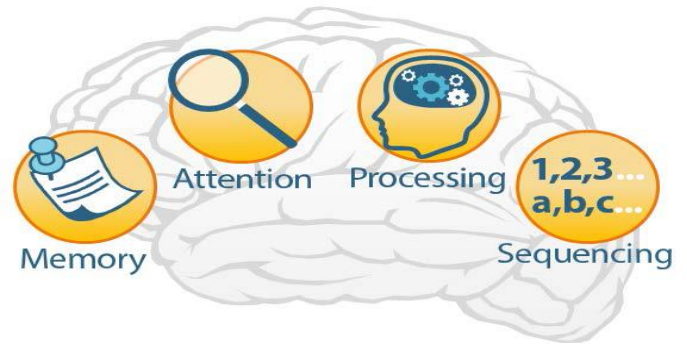
Fast ForWord is a series of fun-filled computer exercises developed by neuroscientists to boost the brain's processing efficiency and accelerate learning. Designed for individuals ages 5 thru college, this software series begins with foundational programs that build reading and language skills, while improving memory, attention, processing rates and sequencing. As participants progress, they move on to the Reading Series, which continues to increase processing efficiency and builds critical reading and language skills needed for academic success.

### How Fast ForWord Works

Fast ForWord builds on breakthroughs in research on brain plasticity, the ability of the brain to change, just like physical muscles. The Fast ForWord program series incorporates key neuroscience principles that trigger actual physical changes in the brain. Gray matter thickens, and neural connections are forged and strengthened. The program creates changes in neural activity that pre- and post-fMRI imaging can measure. The exercises require participants to make hundreds of increasingly complex decisions in quick succession. This creates a ladder to higher function, new neural connections and consequently, new learning abilities that transfer into better reading and learning. It's like switching the brain wiring from dial up Internet to high-speed cable modem.

### Great Results Are The Norm

Independent research has shown that with use under the recommended protocols, Fast ForWord enhances the processing efficiency of the brain. There have been 240+ Fast ForWord research studies in total, most of which show substantial student gains while on and after completing the program. This success is has not gone unnoticed. Fast ForWord is featured in a best seller book on neuroplasticity, *The Brain That Changes Itself* by Dr. Norman Doidge. Finally, it ranked first and "High Gain" in a recent 2-year study of 24 reading programs by the Nevada State Department of Education.



### Can My Child Benefit From Fast ForWord?

Fast ForWord exercises areas of the brain that help participant's process information more efficiently. Because "Fit brains learn better", Fast ForWord helps those who may have trouble learning due to memory, attention, processing and sequencing difficulties! It helps almost all children with reading difficulties because delays in language processing are the primary source of reading difficulties. It is also arguably the most popular software in the world for treating auditory processing disorder. Additionally, it can be an effective choice for a range of other learning issues, including dyslexia, inattentive ADD and working memory dysfunction... Additionally, it can improve symptoms associated with autism, Asperger syndrome and traumatic brain injury.

### How Do I Get My Child Started?

We will invite you and your child (at no charge) to come into our office for a demonstration of this program. Once your child is enrolled in the Fast ForWord program, his or her progress is continually reviewed and monitored using Internet Technology and results are share with parents.

***We will be happy to help you determine if Fast ForWord is the right fit for your child.***

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