

# Brain Compatible Activities

Engaging all four of the learning modalities:

## Auditory



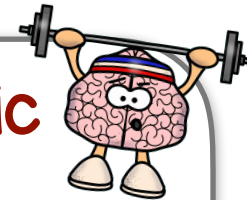
- ▶ brainstorming & discussion
- ▶ humour
- ▶ figurative language  
*metaphors, similes...*
- ▶ mnemonic devices
- ▶ cooperative groups
- ▶ 'you're the expert'  
*kids teaching each other*
- ▶ storytelling

## Tactile



- ▶ drawing & artwork
- ▶ field trips
- ▶ games
- ▶ mnemonic devices
- ▶ graphic organizers
- ▶ word webs
- ▶ manipulatives
- ▶ hands-on activities  
*experiments, building...*
- ▶ project/inquiry  
based learning
- ▶ technology
- ▶ writing activities

## Kinesthetic



- ▶ drawing & artwork
- ▶ field trips
- ▶ games
- ▶ movement  
*body breaks, yoga brain gym...*
- ▶ role-play
- ▶ dramatic play
- ▶ work work play

## Visual



- ▶ graphic organizers
- ▶ word webs
- ▶ word clouds
- ▶ figurative language  
*metaphors, similes...*
- ▶ mnemonic devices
- ▶ project/inquiry  
based learning
- ▶ technology
- ▶ visualization
- ▶ visuals

# Brain-Based Literacy Activities



## Reading

- ▶ read to stuffed animals
- ▶ act out the story
- ▶ read around the room
- ▶ read a story using character voices
- ▶ partner reading
- ▶ be a detective
- ▶ retell a story- favourite parts
- ▶ retell a book - written
- ▶ book review  
*(video, podcast, writing...)*
- ▶ group discussions  
*(literacy circles, literacy centres, book clubs...)*



## Writing

- ▶ silly sentences
- ▶ write an ABC book
- ▶ write a "how-to" book
- ▶ show your story
- ▶ you're the expert
- ▶ snail mail
- ▶ re-writing a story-act it out
- ▶ write a screenplay
- ▶ be a writing thief!  
*(using books as inspiration...)*
- ▶ tech writing  
*(using tech/apps to create...)*



## Word Work

- ▶ letter sort
- ▶ letter dance
- ▶ make letters
- ▶ tactile letters
- ▶ guess the letter
- ▶ alphabet art
- ▶ alphabet hopscotch
- ▶ name detective
- ▶ making words
- ▶ sorting words
- ▶ word hunts
- ▶ word games
- ▶ illustrating words
- ▶ be a mind reader



## Oral Language

- ▶ theatrical retelling a book
- ▶ use puppets to retell a book
- ▶ use props to retell a book
- ▶ adapt a book - make a movie
- ▶ reading a reader's theatre script
- ▶ performing reader's theatre
- ▶ write a play & perform it
- ▶ creating ads for performances
- ▶ critical thinking questions
- ▶ 'would you rather' questions
- ▶ examining pictures/ illustrations & discussing
- ▶ free play