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Clever Schools and Clever Homes create clever kids- best practice for supporting all students particularly those with learning difficulties

Our tips are posted daily and include strategies for teachers and parents. They are not mutually exclusive.

Clever Byte #5: Attentional Problems - Byte 1: Sustaining attention

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When normal behaviour management techniques don't work, **it is the adults in the student's life who must change their approach.**

Some students find it much harder to regulate their own behaviour than others their age. A common problem is sustaining attention on a task that doesn't appeal to them. Although they may be hard to drag away from activities they enjoy.

Adapt the task

The challenge for a teacher or parent is to adapt the task so the student achieves success. This can best be achieved by:

- reducing the amount of work by about a third while maintaining the level of content difficulty. Students with additional learning difficulties may need to have the level of difficulty adapted as well.