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# Teaching Science to English Learners (ELs)

through the Colorado English Language Proficiency (CELP) Standards

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### Introductions



# Raise your hand if you are:

- A science teacher
- Another content area teacher
- An elementary school classroom teacher
- A bilingual education classroom teacher
- An ESL teacher
- A coach
- An administrator
- Here as a co-teaching team
- Here as a school team





### Outcomes



- ➤ Build awareness of WIDA's Can Do Philosophy and the Guiding Principals of Language Development
- Learn strategies to teach the language of science in order to provide access to science content for English Learners and support academic language learning for all students
- ➤ Pick at least one strategy to start using tomorrow



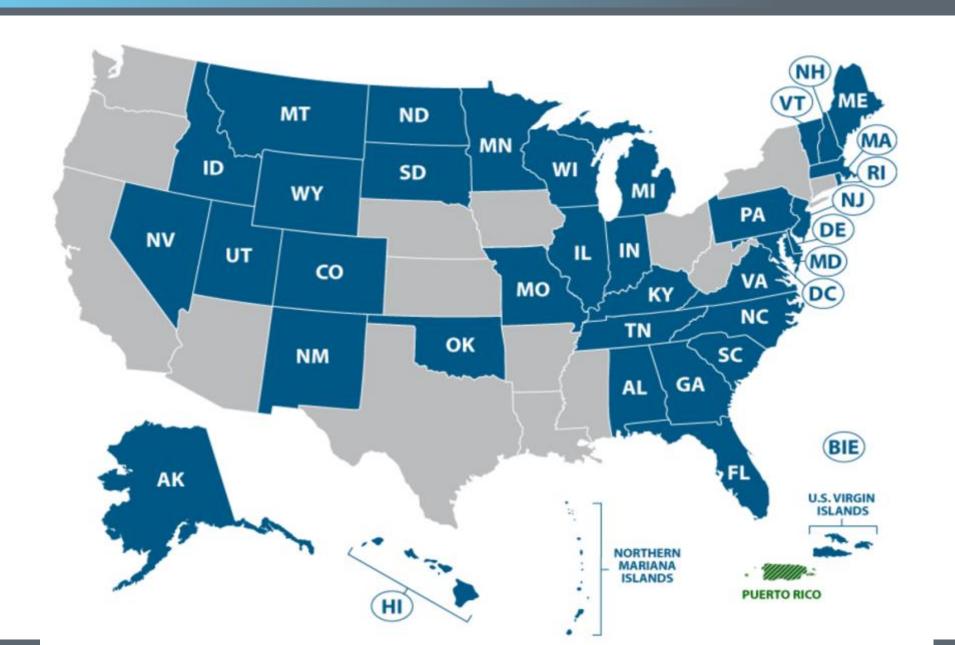
### WIDA's Mission Statement



To promote educational equity and academic achievement for linguistically and culturally diverse students through the development and dissemination of curricular, instructional, and assessment products and resources.

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### WIDA Consortium States



# Can Do Philosophy

| WIDA Believes in Language Learners' Assets, Contributions,<br>and Potential |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Assets Contributions Potential  |   | Potential   |  |
| Linguistic  | Knowledge of multiple languages, varying representation of ideas, metalinguistic and metacognitive awareness, diverse strategies for language learning  Bi- or multilingual practices, abilities which learners utilize to communicate effective across multiple contexts, multiple ways of expressing their thinking |   |  |
| Cultural  | Different perspectives, practices, beliefs, social norms, ways of thinking  | Bi- or multicultural practices as well as<br>unique and varied perspectives, ability to<br>develop relationships in a global society,<br>ability to navigate a variety of sociocultural<br>contexts |  |
| Experiential  | Varied life and educational experiences, exposure to unique topics, diverse approaches to learning and expressing content knowledge  Enrichment of the school curriculum, extracurricular, and community opportunities, success in school and beyone  |   |  |
| Social and<br>Emotional   |   |   |  |

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# The Cornerstone of WIDA's Standards: Guiding Principles of Language Development

 Students' languages and cultures are valuable resources to be tapped and incorporated into schooling.

Escamilla & Hopewell (2010); Goldenberg & Coleman (2010); Garcia (2005); Freeman, Freeman, & Mercuri (2002); González, Moll., & Amanti (2005); Scarcella (1990)

Students' home, school, and community experiences influence their language development.

Nieto (2008); Payne (2003); Collier (1995); California State Department of Education (1986).

 Students draw on their metacognitive, metalinguistic, and metacultural awareness to develop proficiency in additional languages.

Cloud, Genesee, & Hamayan (2009); Bialystok (2007); Chamot & O'Malley (1994); Bialystok (1991); Cummins (1978)

# Student Portrait





## Example Student Portrait

### Meet Raul

Raul is able to read more complex texts when he works with a partner to engage in pre-reading activities.

Raul is literate in his L1. which is Spanish.

ACCESS Scores Listening: 3.2 Speaking: 4.0 Reading: 2.6

Raul is a 6th Grade Student who immigrated from Mexico to the United States with his family when he was in 4th grade.



Raul writes stories with simple sentences and general vocabulary. He prefers to write informational texts and is beginning to write more complex sentences.

Raul takes time to prepare his answers to questions in class and prefers time to practice with models of writing and graphic organizers.

> He enjoys playing soccer and using tools. He is learning to repair bicycles.

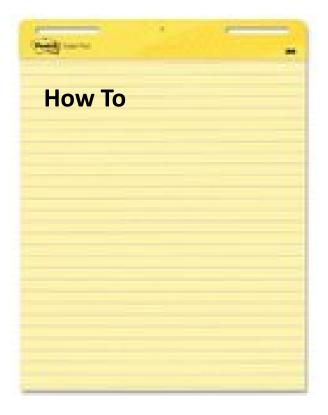
Raul prefers to read graphic novels.



Writing: 2.1

### How to Gather a Student Portrait

- Brainstorm how to gather a student portrait
- Put your ideas on chart paper





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#### The Features of Academic Language in WIDA's Standards

The Features of Academic Language operate within sociocultural contexts for language use.

|                      | Performance Criteria  | Features  |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Discourse Level      | Linguistic Complexity (Quantity and variety of oral and written text)                 | Amount of speech/written text Structure of speech/written text Density of speech/written text Organization and cohesion of ideas Variety of sentence types      |
| Sentence Level       | Language Forms and<br>Conventions<br>(Types, array, and we of<br>language structures) | Types and variety of grammatical structures Conventions, mechanics, and fluency Match of language forms to purpose/perspective                                  |
| Word/Phrase<br>Level | Vocabulary Usage<br>(Specificity of word or<br>phrase choice)                         | General, specific, and technical language Multiple meanings of words and phrases Formulaic and idiomatic expressions Nuances and shades of meaning Collocations |

The sociocultural contexts for language use involve the interaction between the student and the language environment, encompassing the...

- Register
- · Genre/Text type
- Topic
- Task/Situation
- · Participants' identities and social roles



### Sociocultural context

### Language...

- does not exist in a vacuum
- is closely linked to culture
- involves the interaction between the student and the learning environment



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Genre/ Text Type

Use of language, 'packaging'

Register

Formality of language

### Topic

Content related subject Task/ Situation

How students will work

Participants' Identities & Social Roles

Type of interaction



|   | Standard   | Abbreviation                            |
|---|--|---|
| English Language<br>Development<br>Standard 1   | English language learners communicate for Social and Instructional purposes within the school setting                                      | Social and<br>Instructional<br>language |
| English Language<br>Development<br>Standard 2   | English language learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Language Arts  | The language of<br>Language Arts        |
| English Language<br>Development<br>Standard 3   | English language learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Mathematics    | The language of<br>Mathematics          |
| English Language  English language learners <b>communicate</b> information, ideas  and concepts necessary for academic success in the content  area of <b>Science</b> |  | The language of<br>Science              |
| English Language<br>Development<br>Standard 5   | English language learners communicate information, ideas and concepts necessary for academic success in the content area of Social Studies | The language of<br>Social Studies       |

# Activity

Compare and contrast your two favorite candies.







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# "Observation"

| What | How |
|------|-----|
|      |     |

#### **Academic Concept Academic Language** Scientific observation is the central Who are the subjects? What do they look like? What are they to the scientific method or process. What can we observe? doing? How is the environment affecting I observed that my seedling grew in the direction of the light source. behavior? We can make observations using I predict that ... After a week, I learned that... our senses and recording information using scientific tools I observed ... by using a (e.g., scale, ruler, telescope, etc.). and instruments. Brand A papertowel is twice as Based on observations we can form thick as Brand B papertowel. a hypothesis. It (smelled, looked, felt, etc.) ...

### **Cognitive Functions**

Thinking, not language dependent





### Language Functions (WIDA Can Do Key Uses)

- Compare and contrast
- Persuade, argue, justify, defend, blame
- Question, ask for, request
- Express like or dislike, compliment or complain
- Recount
- Summarize, paraphrase
- Predict
- Agree or disagree
- Describe
- Explain
- Discuss
- Advise, suggest, warn
- Offer
- Inform
- Speculate
- Clarify
- Apologize

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## Linking Content to Language

#### **Critical Language...**

EXAMPLE: A student in Language Arts can demonstrate the ability to apply and comprehend the critical language in the following statement: "Mark Twain exposes the hypocrisy of slavery through the use of satire."

The Academic and Technical (Tier 2 and Tier 3) *vocabulary, semantics, and discourse* paccessing and demonstrating understanding of the content, concepts and skills of the understanding of the content, concepts and skills of the understanding of the content, concepts and skills of the understanding of the content, concepts and skills of the understanding of the content, concepts and skills of the understanding of the content, concepts and skills of the understanding of the content, concepts and skills of the understanding of the content, concepts and skills of the understanding of the content, concepts and skills of the understanding of the content, concepts and skills of the understanding of the content.

- Cross-discipline and discipline-specific language and discourse patterns (the la
- Extended, reasoned, logical, precise, connected discourse
- Language of instruction
- Language of academic texts (receptive & productive)
- Language of assessment

| Academic Vocabulary:  Cross-content | Cross-discipline language and discourse patterns (e.g. migration, direction, mapping, examine, analyze) |  |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
|                                     |   |  |
| Technical Vocabulary:               | Discipline-specific language and discourse patterns (e.g., longitude, latitude)                         |  |
| Content                             |   |  |

http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/samplecurriculumproject



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http://www.cde.state.co.us/standardsandinstruction/curriculumoverviews/science

To learn more about the Science curriculum samples watch this presentation:

**World Languages** 

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#### Standards and Instructional Support

2009/2010 Colorado Academic Standards

Colorado Academic Standards Review and Revision

Communication Resources

Standards Implementation Support

District Sample Curriculum Project

**PLC-Bytes and Webinars** 

**Extended Evidence Outcomes** 

Career and Technical Education

#### The Arts

Colorado English Language Proficiency

Comprehensive Health

Mathematics

**Physical Education** 

Reading, Writing, and Communicating

Science

Social Studies

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#### 2018 Colorado Academic Standards

Colorado Academic Standards

#### ALL STUDENTS ALL STANDARDS



#### State Board completes review and approval process

The <u>State Board of Education</u> approved revisions to the Colorado Academic Standards in the ten content areas of comprehensive health and physical education; dance; drama and theatre arts; mathematics; music; reading, writing, and communicating; science; social studies; visual arts; and world languages by July 1, 2018, in alignment with state law. In addition, the State Board of Education adopted new voluntary secondary computer science standards.

Final versions of the 2018 Colorado Academic Standards will be available in August, following copy editing and website updates. These final versions will include amendments introduced by the State Board during the approval process for three content areas: comprehensive health and physical education; reading, writing, and communicating; and social studies. The links to proposed revisions by content area listed below are not the final versions. To read more about the 2018 review and revision process, along with previous drafts, committee meeting summaries, and public feedback, see a complete listing of resources for all the content areas.

Districts will have two years to review and revise their local standards as needed with implementation scheduled for the 2020-21 school year, which is the first year the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) assessments will reflect the content of the 2018 standards.





# Science



## The Language of Math

### Find and highlight language in the CAS:

• 1 color for content vocabulary

### **AND**

• A 2<sup>nd</sup> color for crosscontent vocabulary

### **AND**

• A 3<sup>rd</sup> color for language functions

OR

• 1 color for <u>all</u> vocabulary

### **AND**

 A 2<sup>nd</sup> color for language functions



#### Content Area: Science Standard: 2. Life Science

#### Prepared Graduates:

Analyze how various organisms grow, develop, and differentiate during their lifetimes based on an interplay between genetics and their environment

#### **Grade Level Expectation: Third Grade**

#### Concepts and skills students master:

1. The duration and timing of life cycle events such as reproduction and longevity vary across organisms and species

#### **Evidence Outcomes**

#### Students can:

- Use evidence to develop a scientific explanation regarding the stages of how organisms develop and change over time (DOK 1-3)
- Analyze and interpret data to generate evidence that different organisms develop differently over time (DOK 1-2)
- Use a variety of media to collect and analyze data regarding how organisms develop (DOK 1-2)

#### 21st Century Skills and Readiness Competencies

#### Inquiry Questions:

- 1. How are life cycles from a variety of organisms similar and different?
- 2. How does an organism change throughout its life cycle?

#### Relevance and Application:

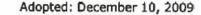
1. Living things may have different needs at different points in their life cycles.

#### Nature of Science:

- 1. Ask a testable question about the life cycles of a variety of organisms. (DOK 2)
- Compare what is done in class to the work of scientists:
  - Scientists evaluate and use data generated by other scientists to further their own ideas, just like students compare data in class.
  - A community of scientists weaves together different evidence and ideas to deepen understanding, similar to how students do investigations and read books to deepen understanding about a concept. (DOK 1-2)











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### The Word/Phrase Level

- General vocabulary
  - Cross content vocabulary
    - before, describe, combine
- Specific vocabulary
  - Content vocabulary
    - theory, hypothesis, experiment
- Technical vocabulary
  - Content vocabulary associated with a specific content area topic
    - photosynthesis, acid-base, kinematic equation

| General | Specific  | Technical  |
|---------|-----------|------------|
| knee    | kneecap   | patella    |
| eat     | consume   | masticate  |
| food    | nutrients | sustenance |
| garbage | litter    | refuse     |



### The Word/Phrase Level

#### Multiple Meaning words

- kitchen table vs water table
- matter vs content matter vs "What's the matter?"

#### Word Forms

- noun vs verb: force
- slang: "May the force be with you."

#### Formulaic and idiomatic expressions

- hand vs hand in
- something hard vs something based on hard science

### Nuances and shades of meaning

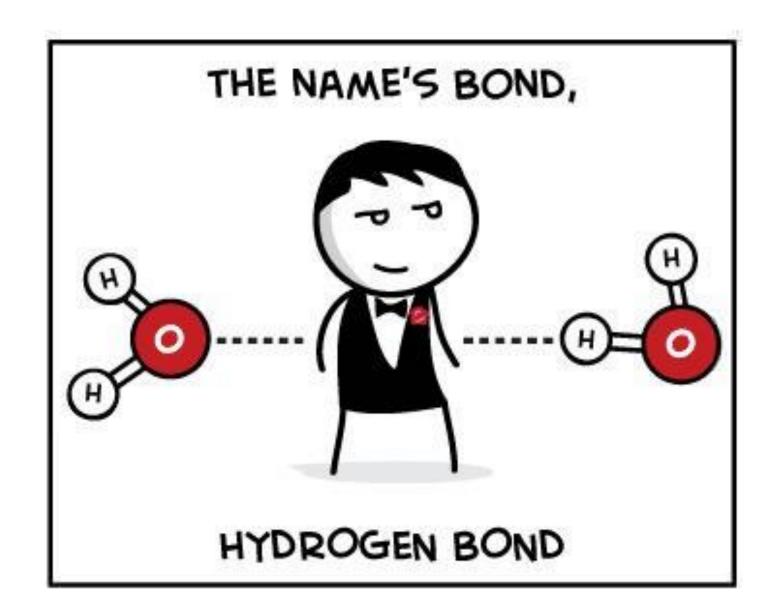
- hold onto vs cling to
- show your work vs list every single step

#### Collocations

- "strong tea" not "powerful tea"
- "carbon atoms" not "atoms of carbon"

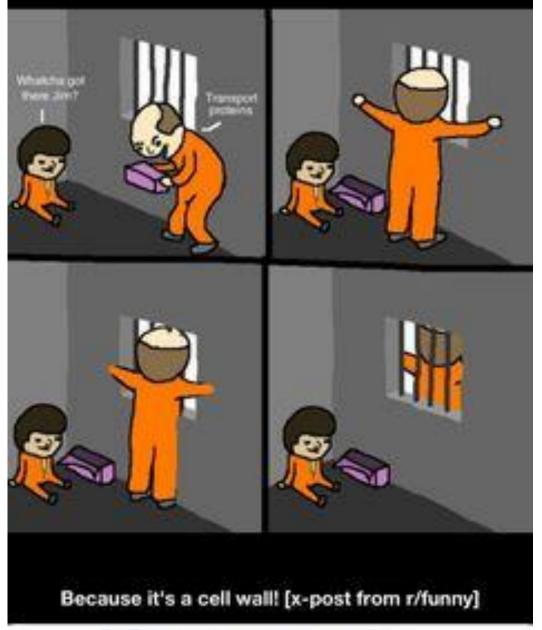
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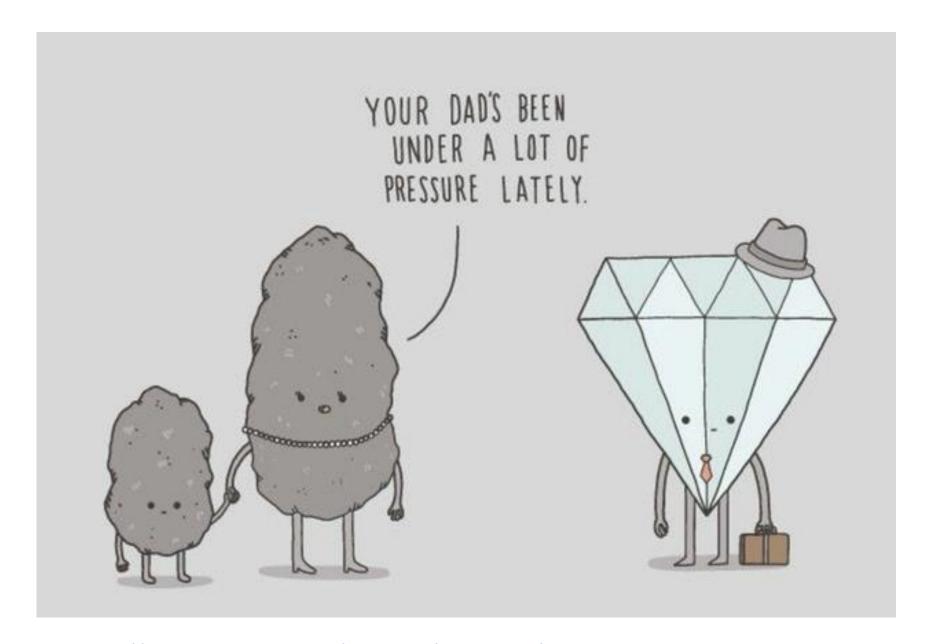
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# Multiple Meaning Words

### **Everyday Meaning vs Science Meaning**

| Word       | <b>Everyday Meaning</b>                               | Science Meaning   | Other Content Area   |
|------------|---|---|--|
|            |   |   | Meanings   |
| cell       | cell phone  | the basic structure or functional unit of all living things | small room or compartment  |
| organic    | food that is free from chemicals                      | carbon-based chemicals                                      | evolve naturally   |
| radical    | unusual   | molecule with unpaired electron                             | social studies—a reformist, advocate or revolutionary                                    |
| bond       | spy, 007, glue, attach                                | shackles between atoms                                      | social studiesPhysical restraints used<br>to hold someone in prison, a pledge or<br>oath |
| stem       | part of a plant                                       | embryonic tissue  | sentence stem, to originate in or be caused by   |
| paper      | what we write on, a newspaper, wallpaper              | a scientific report   |  |
| activation | done to a new credit card                             | energy barrier  |  |
| current    | up to date  | flow of electrons   |  |
| carrier    | someone that carries a disease and gives it to others | movement of charge  |  |
| migration  | when fish or birds move to another location           | ions in a field   |  |
| band       | musicians   | continuum of electronic states                              |  |
| positive   | something good  |   |  |

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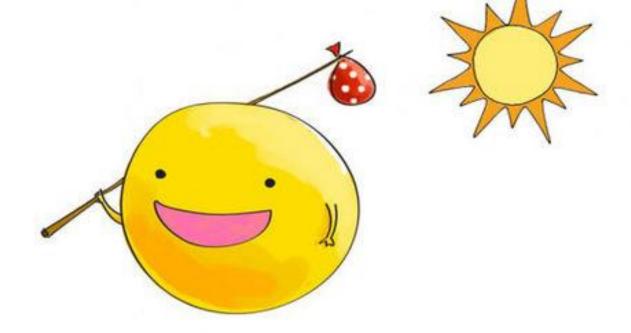
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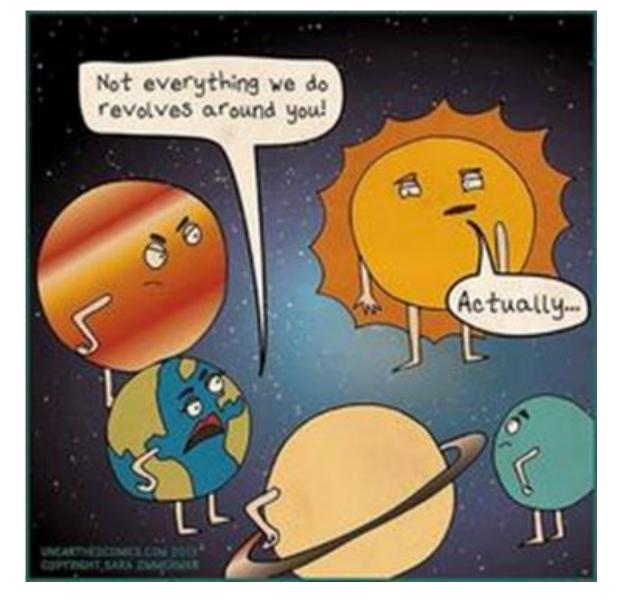


A PHOTON CHECKS INTO A HOTEL AND IS ASKED IF HE NEEDS ANY HELP WITH HIS LUGGAGE.



# "NO, I'M TRAVELLING LIGHT."





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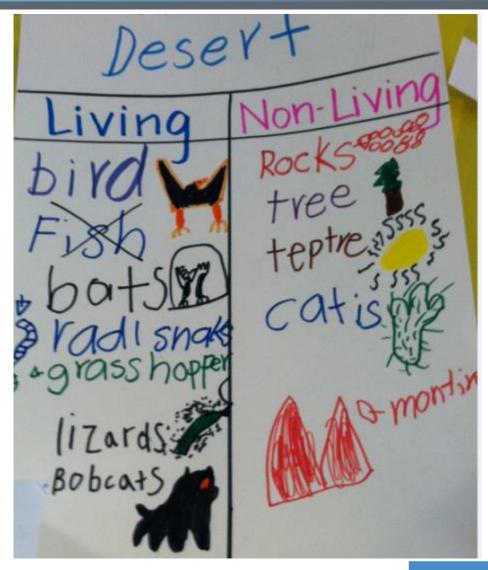
# Synonyms for small

tiny, miniature, microscopic, little, petite

| 1. My  | brother is 3 years old. |
|--|-------------------------|
| 2. The germs were                                      |                         |
| 3. The dollhouse had<br>furniture inside it.           |                         |
| 4. The new baby had                                    | toes.                   |
| 5. My sister is so small that she wears sized dresses. |                         |



# **Anchor Charts**



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| Vertebrate | Characteristics                                       |
|------------|---|
| Birds      | feathers, beaks, lay eggs                             |
| Reptiles   | scales, cold-blooded, leathery eggs                   |
| Amphibians | cold-blooded, life cycles on water/land               |
| Mammals    | fur, warm-blooded, mothers provide milk for offspring |
| Fish       | gills, cold-blooded                                   |



## Word Walls





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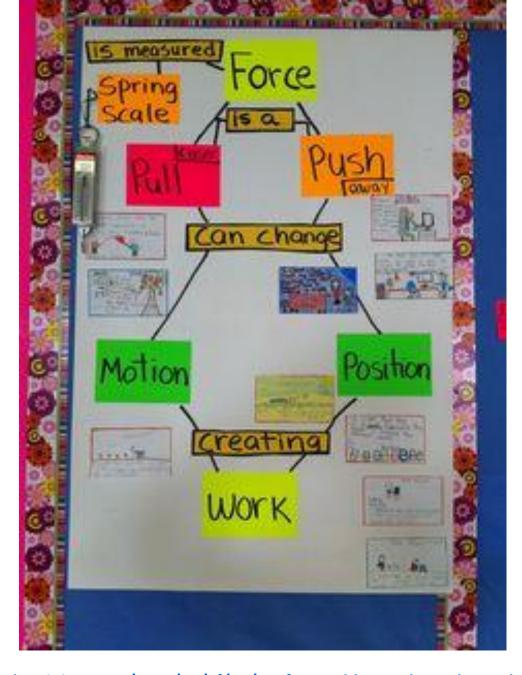


"I felt silly at first when I did this approach because I thought word walls were only for primary grades but was very surprised by the student response."



http://nstacommunities.org/blog/2013/10/16/putting-science-words-on-the-wall/







# Word Walls in the Secondary Classroom

 Word Walls: A Support for Literacy in Secondary School Classrooms

http://www.readingrockets.org/content/pdfs/World\_Walls\_\_A\_Support\_for\_Literacy\_in\_Secondary\_School\_Classrooms.pdf

 A Research-Based Guide to Word Walls in the Secondary Classroom

<a href="http://www.fulton-ind.k12.ky.us/userfiles/56/Classes/4649/Secondary%20Word%20Walls.pdf">http://www.fulton-ind.k12.ky.us/userfiles/56/Classes/4649/Secondary%20Word%20Walls.pdf</a>

Vocabulary Strategies for Secondary Students

https://alex.state.al.us/ccrs/sites/alex.state.al.us.ccrs/files/9-Vocabulary%20Strategies%20%20For%20Secondary\_0.docx

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# Cognates

## Three types

- True—looks and sounds alike, similar meaning
  - insect and insecto
- Partial—may have similar meaning but different contexts
  - la historia vs history
- False—look and sound alike, different meaning
  - embarrassed vs embarazada



#### FIGURE 3 Connecting vocabulary levels with cognates. Academic (Latin-based) English **English** Spanish Tier 1 Tier 2, 3 Tier 1 habitat habito. home lb. (libra) libra pound body corpus cuerpo corpse asleep dormant dormir slow torpid torpe

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# Deriving nouns from verbs.

| English verb | Spanish verb | English noun  | Spanish noun  |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| distill      | destile      | distillation  | destilación   |
| evaporate    | evapore      | evaporation   | evaporación   |
| precipitate  | precipite    | precipitation | precipitación |

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# 76% of the words identified for instruction in the fourth grade science units reviewed were English/Spanish cognates.

Bravo, M.; Author, B. & Pearson, P.D. (2007). *Tapping the Linguistic Resources of Spanish English Bilinguals: The Role of Cognates in Science*. In R.K. Wagner, A. Muse & K. Tannenbaum <u>Vocabulary Development Implications for Reading Comprehension</u> (pp. 140-156). New York City, N.Y.: Guilford





#### Dr. Herr's Courses

SED 514

SED 5258

SED 525SL

SED 554

SED 555

Science 595G

SED 619

SED 642

SED 646

SED 671

SED 6958

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ELPS 710

**ELPS 789** 

CSET Physics & Geoscience

#### Dr. Herr's Books

Sourcebook for Teaching Science

Hands-On Chemistry

Hands-On Physics

Other publications

#### **CSCS** Investigations

CSCS Activities

CSCS - Biology

CSCS - Chemistry

CSCS - Env. & Earth/Space Sci.

CSCS - General Science

CSCS - Physics

NGSS

Apps for teaching

#### Grants

CSCS California Science Project

CSMP

CSCS

CSCS Activities > CSCS - General Science >

#### Cognates & Scientific Terms

Academic language is the language needed by students to understand and communicate in the academic disciplines. Academic language includes such things as specialized vocabulary, conventional text structures within a field (e.g., essays, lab reports) and other language-related activities typical of classrooms, (e.g., expressing disagreement, discussing an issue, asking for clarification). Academic language includes both productive and receptive modalities.

Table 2.5 Comparison of Scientific Terms in Five European Languages

| English        | Italian      | Spanish      | French        | German        |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| chemistry      | chimica      | química      | chimie        | Chemie        |
| biology        | biologia     | Biología     | biologie      | Biologie      |
| physics        | fisica       | física       | physique      | Physik        |
| geology        | geologia     | geología     | géologie      | Geologie      |
| astronomy      | astronomia   | Astronomía   | astronomie    | Astronomie    |
| meteorology    | meteorologia | meteorología | météorologie  | Meteologishe  |
| photosynthesis | fotosintesi  | fotosíntesis | photosynthèse | Photosynthese |
| metamorphosis  | metamorfosi  | metamorfosis | métamorphosse | Metamorphose  |
| cell           | cellula      | célula       | cellule       | Zelle         |
| organism       | organismo    | organismo    | organisme     | Organismus    |
| ecology        | ecologia     | ecología     | écologie      | Ökologie      |

#### Add your own terms here

| Name | English        | Spanish        | German             | French             | Italian    |
|------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
|      | Accelerate     | Acelerar       | Beschleunigen      | Accélérer          | Accelerare |
|      | accountability | responsabilida | ad Rechenschaftspl | fli responsabilité | responsat  |
|      | accountable    | explicable     | verantwortlich     | responsable        | responsat  |
|      | acoustic       | acústico       | akustisch          | acoustique         | acustico   |
|      | almond         | almendra       | Mandel             | amande             | mandorla   |
|      | ambulance      | ambulancia     | Krankenwagen       | ambulance          | ambulanz   |
|      | amino acids    | aminoácidos    | Aminosäuren        | acides aminés      | aminoacid  |



| <b>Latin Roots</b> | Meaning      | Examples                        |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| calc               | stone        | calcite, calcium, calcification |
| cerebro            | brain        | cerebral, cerebrospinal         |
| cide, cise         | cut, kill    | homicide, insecticide           |
| clar               | clear        | clarify, clarification          |
| flor               | flower       | florist, floral, flora          |
| herbi              | grass, plant | herbicide, herbivorous, herbal  |
| lact/o             | milk         | lactate, lactose, lactic acid   |
| luc                | light        | lucid, translucent              |
| lumin              | light        | Illuminate, lumen               |

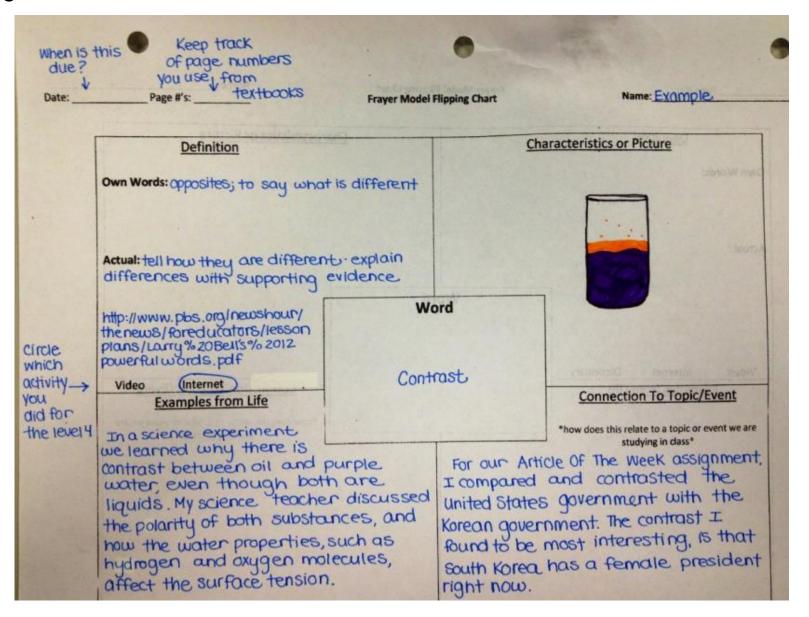
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# Frayer Model



#### Standard:

| Touch a form     | well-selected words                |  |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| reach a few      | directly                           | Teach word learning strategies               |
| Duion Imprudadas |                                    | Are there any affixes that should be taught? |
| Prior knowledge  | Science processes<br>Science Tools | Words with multiple meanings? Cognates?      |
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|                  | nd varied" language                | Foster "word consciousness"                  |
|                  | periences                          | Student awareness of and interest in words   |
|                  | cabulary strategies,               | and their meanings                           |
| vocabulary game  | es and enrichment ideas            | TARGET Vocabulary                            |
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## Teach Vocabulary

### **Benefits**

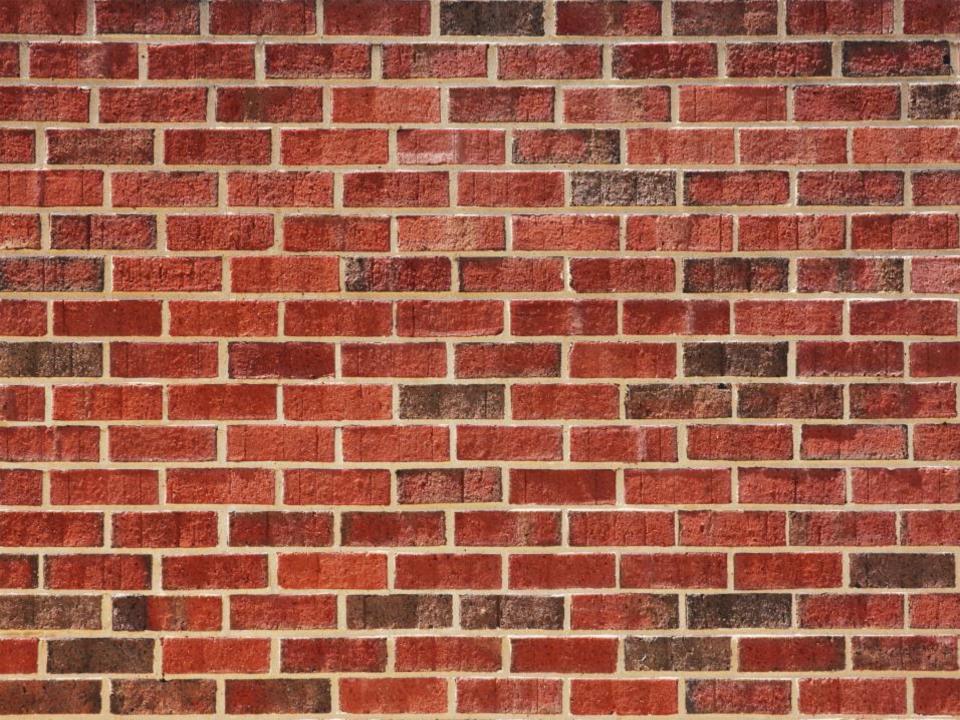
- Learn content specific vocab
- Learn cross-content, academic vocab
- Make connections (across content, in context)
- Visual learners
- Learn to use reference tools
- Brain research>color coding
- Use higher level vocab orally and in writing
- Vocab>literacy

#### How to

- Teach in context
- Limit number of new words introduced at one time
- Review, recycle words
- Teach meaning of words across the content areas
- Picture, definition, synonym and/or the word used in a sentence
- Word walls as part of the lesson
- Add to word wall
- Refer to word wall
- Students add words to personal reference tool







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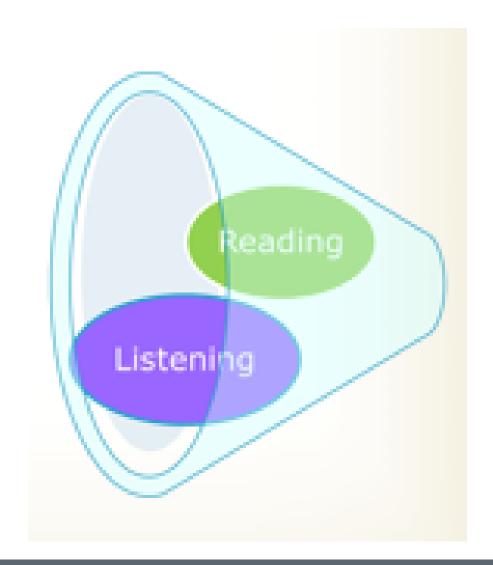


## The Discourse Level

- Language functions and tasks
- Quality and quantity of language
- Organization and structure of ideas (written or spoken)
- Cohesion and connection of ideas
- Explaining ideas with details and support
- Expression of ideas (style, voice)



# Receptive Language





# Science at the Discourse Level (receptive)

## Read or listen to someone else's:

- Field notes
- Lab reports
- Arguments
- Research
- Instructions
- Steps in an experiment
- Data
- Observations



# Time for Kids: Earthquake article 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grd reading level

The earthquake and its aftershocks caused widespread damage. Roads were split apart and some large buildings showed signs of structural stress. In the coastal town of Kaikoura, a popular whale-watching destination, many residents and tourists found their water and power supplies cut off. They also had no easy way out of the area, with the town's main road blocked by landslides...Cars could be seen lying on their sides, and other parts of the road lay in ruins. "It's just utter devastation," Key said. People aren't the only ones in the area who were left stranded. Video footage shot from a helicopter showed three cows trapped on a small island of grass, surrounded by deep valleys of collapsed earth—the remains of a small field near Kaikoura that had been ripped apart during the quake.

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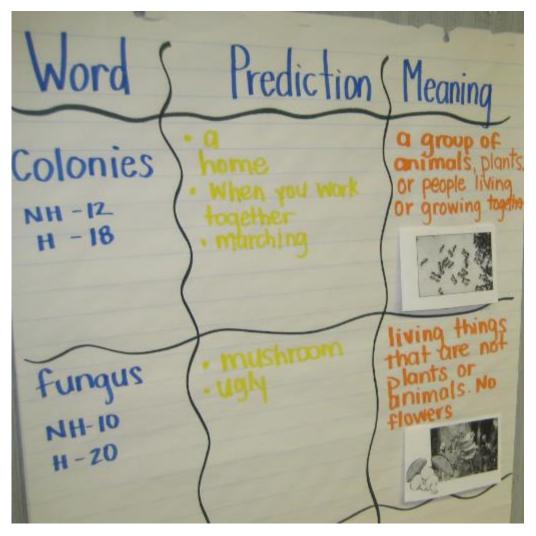
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# Text Comprehension Before Reading

- Pre-teach
  - Vocabulary
  - Discourse patterns
  - Sentence structures
- Students predict what the reading will be about
  - Probable Passage (Beers 2003)
  - Anticipatory set



# Pre-Teach Vocabulary



http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/sites/default/files/posts/u105/images/img\_0887.jpg



# Probable Passage

#### FIGURE 1

### Probable passage vocabulary for a reading from Volcanoes and Earthquakes

Title of selection: Volcanoes and Earthquakes

Words from text: ash, fault, mantle, seismic wave, lava, plate, vent,

epicenter, magma

- Teacher lists key words and concepts
- Students categorize key words
- Based on the list, students write a prediction

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# **Anticipatory Set**

#### FIGURE 2

#### Sample anticipation guide

Book: Storms

| Agree | Disagree |   |
|-------|----------|---|
|       |          | Tornadoes generally last 15 minutes or less.                    |
|       |          | If you are in your car during a tornado, you should stay in it. |
|       |          | The funnel cloud is dark because of the debris it picks up.     |
|       |          | You should lie on the ground during a thunderstorm.             |
|       |          | The heat from lightning causes thunder.                         |
|       |          | All major storms result from cold and warm air mixing.          |
|       |          | Hurricanes are the least dangerous storm.                       |
|       |          | The eye of a hurricane is calm.                                 |
|       |          | A watch and a warning are the same thing.                       |

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# Text Comprehension Through Differentiation

- Differentiated Texts
  - Jigsaw
  - Texts written in sheltered English
    - National Geographic
    - Newsela

https://newsela.com/articles/vampire-bats-cooperation/id/31238/

Reading A-Z Science

https://www.readinga-z.com/content-area-reading/science/

Readworks.org

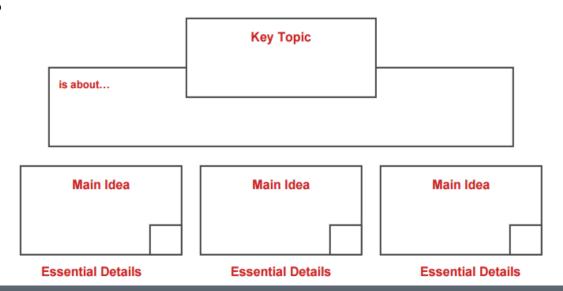
- Support
  - Audio-books
  - Reading Buddy



# Text Comprehension During Reading

# Reflect on reading while reading

- Revisit predications to verify accuracy
- Graphic Organizers
  - Response log
  - Articulate thinking--"Say Something" starters (Beers 2003)
  - Analyze text structures
  - Put in your own words



# Response Log

#### FIGURE 3

#### Response log for Using Force and Motion

| Page | What the text said  | Code | My response   |
|------|---|------|---|
| 9    | In space, the force of gravity is less, so bones in the spine move further apart. | !    | Wowcool. It's hard to imagine that some astronauts get 2 inches taller when they are in space. Do they notice the difference? |
|      |   |      |   |
|      |   |      |   |

## Coding system

- ! Interesting
- ? Confusing
- I Important/Main point
- W Want to know more about

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# "Say Something" Starters

#### FIGURE 4

Say Something starters (adapted from Beers 2003)

| Question              | Clarify               | Connect              |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| I don't get this part | Oh, I get it          | This reminds me of   |
| Why                   | Let me explain        | This is similar to   |
| What do you think     | Now I understand      | The differences are  |
| What is               | This makes sense now  | I have heard of this |
| What does this mean   | No, I think it means  | An example is        |
| What if               | This is really saying |                      |

| Predict            | Comment                   | Explain             |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| I predict that     | This is hard because      | My understanding is |
| I wonder if        | This is confusing because | The basic idea is   |
| I think that       | I think that              |                     |
| The next idea will |                           |                     |

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# **Analyze Text Structures**

| FIGURE 5       | Text structures found in Life in the Ocean |  |
|----------------|--|--|
| Text structure | Page                                       | Purpose of text structure/Message to the reader  |
| Photograph     | 10   | The author inserted a picture of this fish because it lives in the twilight zone of the ocean. This fish was picked because it has large eyes that help it find food in this zone. |
| Bold words     | 14   | The term <i>midnight zone</i> is bold to show that it is an important concept. It is one of the four zones of the ocean.   |

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# Put in Your Own Words

| Original Text  | In My Own Words  |
|--|--|
| Roads were split apart and some large buildings showed signs of structural stress.   | Roads broke and large buildings cracked.   |
| In the coastal town of Kaikoura, a popular whale-<br>watching destination, many residents and<br>tourists found their water and power supplies cut<br>off.   | In parts of the town, <u>Kaikoura</u> , people lost water and power.   |
| They also had no easy way out of the area, with the town's main road blocked by landslides.  | People could not get out of town because rocks and dirt blocked roads.   |
| Cars could be seen lying on their sides, and other parts of the road lay in ruins.   | Cars were on their sides, and parts of the road were destroyed,  |
| Video footage shot from a helicopter showed three cows trapped on a small island of grass, surrounded by deep valleys of collapsed earth—the remains of a small field near Kaikoura that had been ripped apart during the quake. | A helicopter video-taped three cows trapped on a small patch of grass that was separated from the rest of the field. |

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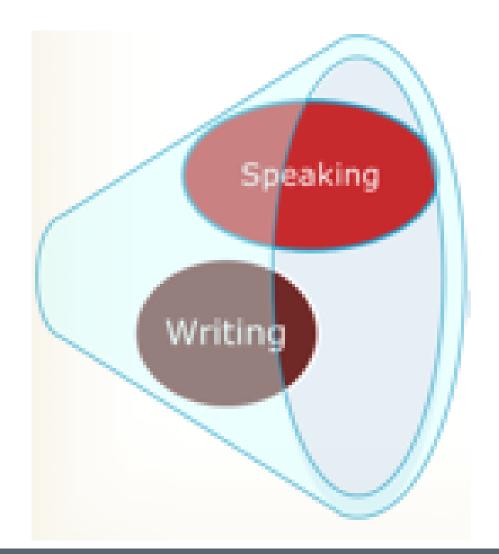
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## Text Comprehension After Reading

- Discuss the reading
- Present the reading
- Recreate the reading
  - Literature circles
  - Socratic Seminar
  - Jigsaw
  - Reader's Theater
  - RAFT



## Productive Language





## Science at the Discourse Level (productive)

- Take field notes
- Record observations
- Ask questions
- Answer questions
- Define problems
- Construct explanations of data
- Argue using evidence
- Explain investigations
- Write reports



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## Opportunities for Discourse

Mix N Match activity
By Nancy Commins
UC Denver

http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/SchoolOfEducation/FacultyandResearch/Pages/NancyCommins.aspx

- Order the steps in a science experiment
- Order words by shade of meaning
- Match vocabulary words with definitions, synonyms or pictures
- Groups aspects of important concepts



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## The Language of Science

#### **Content**

#### What?

Investigate and communicate findings about what happens when the Sun's light is blocked.

Use evidence to develop a scientific explanation about how organisms depend on their habitat.

#### **Language Use/Function**

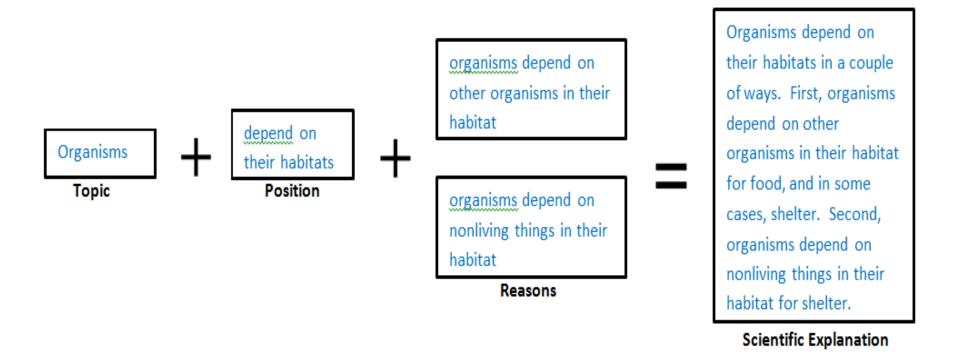
#### How?

- Retell
- List
- Summarize

Language function?



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#### **Modified from ASCD Express Thesis Writing Workshop:**

http://www.ascd.org/ascd-express/vol12/1224-thornblad.aspx



## Language Functions

- Explain
- Argue
- Retell
- Describe
- Compare
- Contrast
- Justify



## Science Examples

- Explain the process of the experiment your partner and you conducted.
- Argue why renewable resources should be used for electricity.
- Retell the natural patterns you observed.
- Describe the energy transformation that takes place in electrical circuits where light, heat, sound, and/or magnetic effects are produced.
- Compare the results.
- Contrast law and theory as they are defined in science vs in other disciplines or common use.
- Justify an evidence-based analysis of the forces acting on an object and the resultant acceleration produced by a net force.



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## Write Your Own--Activity part 1

- You will need at least 3 post it notes
  - 1 post it—explain
  - 1 post it—argue
  - 1 post it—retell
- Who does a 4<sup>th</sup> post it?
  - Those experienced writing sentence frames
  - ELD specialists
- Ok, I have a 4th post it, what do I do with it?
  - Choose your own—describe, compare, contrast, justify, predict, inform, etc

Then, put your post its on their respective charts

## Activity



Activity borrowed from Beth Skelton, Consultant

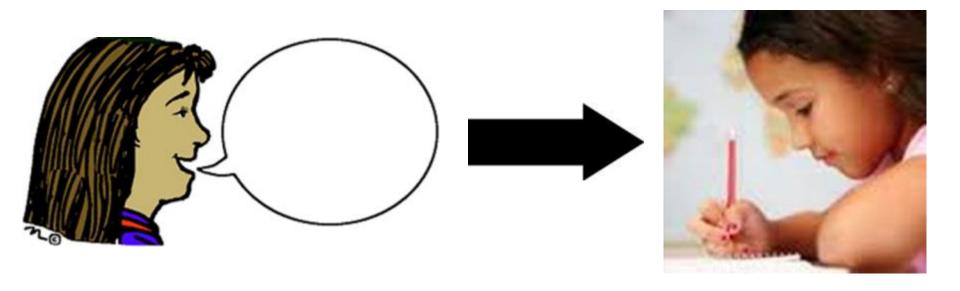
http://www.bethskelton.com/

Destination Imagination Instant Challenges

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#### Teach at the Discourse Level

#### How to

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- Think about:
  - the language functions in the science CAS
  - the discourse structures in scientific text
  - the type of scientific discourse students are expected to understand and produce
- Provide opportunities for students to actively read about and discuss scientific concepts

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### The Sentence Level

#### Grammatical structures

- Match of correct language form to purpose/language function
- Commonly used forms—passive voice (e.g.: The polio vaccine was discovered by Salk.)

#### Conventions

- Subject verb agreement
- Correct verb tense

#### Sentence variety

- Compound sentences
- Complex sentences

#### Variety of grammatical structures

- Not starting each sentence the same way
- Using different transitions
- Changing word order



## The Sentence Level—Activity part 2



- pick a post it that is not yours....unless....
- Think about the language you want to hear your students using
- Script the ideal conversation
- Keep your post its

#### **Example**

Explain how the speed of an object may change due to an outside force.

An outside force can impact the speed of an object in one of two ways. It can either slow the object down or speed the object up. For example, if a deer jumps onto the road, right in front of a car and hits the car, the car will slow down. However, if a moose is behind a car, pushing the car, the car will speed up.

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## **Transition Words Activity**

I think that the word \_\_\_\_\_ should go in

the (beginning, middle, or high) category

because\_\_\_\_\_

also Similarly

moreover

### Common Transition and Signal Words

| Language Function(s)   | Transition and Signal Words   |
|--|---|
| Sequence     Arrange     Order (into steps)     Describe the process | after, afterward, after that, anticipation, at first, at this time, before, beginning with, beyond, during, earlier, ending with, eventually, initially, finally, following, from then on, last, later, meanwhile, in the meantime, next, now, at that point, preceding, previously, prior, reflecting, simultaneously, since, soon, subsequently, then, ultimately, until, when, while, at which point |
| Compare & Contrast     Distinguish between     Associate             | Contrast: alternatively, although, but, contradictory, conversely, despite, even though, however, in contrast, nevertheless, on the contrary, on the other hand, opposed/opposition, rather, unlike, whereas Compare: both, in common, by comparison, compared to, correlate to, equal(ly) likewise, same, share, similarly   |
| Identify     Cause &     Effect                                      | affect, as a result, because, because of, caused by, change, consequently, contributed, factors, for that reason, ifthen, impact, in the aftermath of, leads to, in order to, in reaction/response to, since, that is why, shift, since, therefore  |
| Classify Sort Categorize   | according to, attributes, behaviors, belongs, characteristics, dimensions, fits, features, group, organized by, qualities, traits, value  |
| Infer/ Draw     Conclusions     Predict                              | Conclude, draw a conclusion, estimate, implies, inference, guess, speculate, suspect, suspicion   |

| Elaborate (add detail)     Give examples     | also, another, besides, for example, further, for instance, furthermore, in addition, likewise, moreover, similarly, such as, to illustrate, that is   |
|--|--|
| <ul><li>Justify</li><li>Persuade</li></ul>   | after analysis, appeal to, argue, based on, belief, certainly, claim, convince, consider, criteria, defend, evidence, in fact, in light of, point of view, propose, prove/proof, sway, urge                    |
| Critique/Evaluate     Assess                 | advantage/advantageous, benefit, bias, certainly, judge, misleading, objective/subjective, obviously, of course, outweigh, positive/support, scrutiny, undoubtedly, without a doubt, worth, value              |
| <ul><li>Summarize</li><li>Conclude</li></ul> | Summarize: above all, all in all in fact, in other words, most important, in summary Conclude: accordingly, all in all, finally, in conclusion, in other words, in short, to conclude, to sum up, to summarize |

Modified from (1) Sweetwater District Academic Support Teams, October 2010 (from K. Kinselia). Available online: http://www.tntech.edu/files/teachered/edTPA\_Academic-Language-Functions-toolkit.pdf and (2) J. Sedita, www.keystoliteracy.com and Academic Language Toolkit by Sweetwater District Academic Support Teams, 2010



#### Sentence Frames

- Who has experience with sentence frames?
- How do you write them?
- Who has experience with differentiated sentence frames?
- How do you write them?

Though I concede that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,
I still insist that .



## Example Sentence Frames—Activity part 3

#### Explain how the speed of an object may change due to an outside force.

#### **Ideal Conversation**

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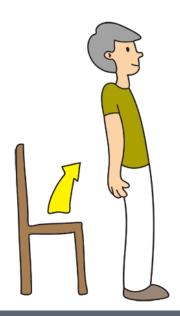
| Sentence F | -<br>rames |
|------------|------------|
|------------|------------|

| <u>Newcomer</u>      |   |                   |             |
|----------------------|---|-------------------|-------------|
| An outside force can | impact the speed of an object in <u>(num</u>                        | ber) ways. It can | _ or it can |
| Beginning            |   |                   |             |
|                      | mpact the speed of an object in <u>(numb</u><br>of the first way is |                   |             |
| <u>Middle</u>        |   |                   |             |
| (verb) ing           | mpact the speed of an object by <u>(ver</u><br>. For example,       |                   |             |
| <u>High</u>          |   |                   |             |
| effect of            | mpact the speed of an object by<br>would be<br>would be             | The effect of     | While the   |
|                      | Would be  | •                 | A           |

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## Writing Your Own Sentence Frames—Activity part 3

- Think about the ideal language for each level of student
- 2. Pick where you want to start and write your first frame
- 3. Scaffold up or down, as needed, to write your other frames
  - Lower level frames may have more language provided
  - Higher level frames may expect students to generate more language on their own
  - Lower level frames may have more hints
  - Higher level frames may use more sophisticated transition words
  - Higher level frames may elicit more complex grammatical structures
- 4. Use your resources
  - List of common transition words
  - Experienced colleagues
  - Ask me
- 5. As you finish,
  - Put your post its on their respective charts



## Gallery Walk



### Sentence Frames

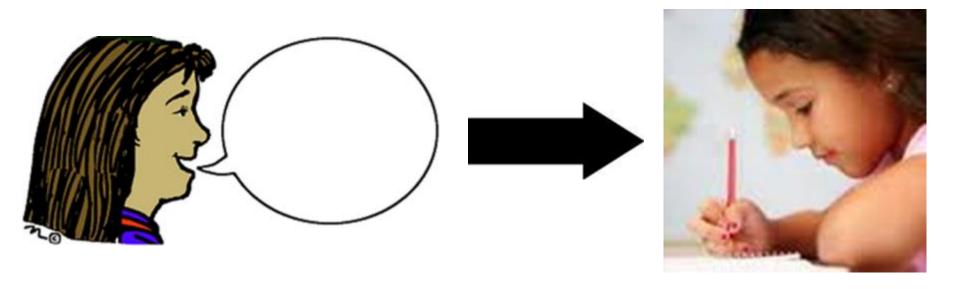
- Purpose
- Differentiated frames
- Scaffolding away
- Reference Tool
- Writing your own





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#### **How to**

- Think about:
  - the sentence patterns you use
  - the sentence patterns used in science texts and assessments
  - the sentences you want your students to produce
- Use example signal words, grammatical structures and sentence frames
- Color code by language proficiency level
- Students can use their level frame or challenge themselves with a higher level frame
- Students add frames to personal reference tool

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#### WIDA Performance Definitions - Speaking and Writing Grades K-12

#### Within sociocultural contexts for language use...

**Sentence Dimension** 

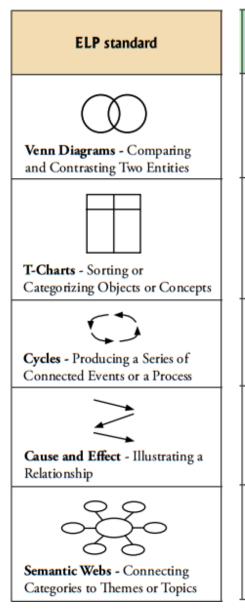
**Discourse Dimension** 

|                       | Discourse Dimension   | Sentence Dimension   | Word/Fill ase Difficultion  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|
|                       | Linguistic Complexity   | Language Forms and Conventions   | Vocabulary Usage  |  |  |  |
| in oral fluency a     | Level 6 - Reaching  English language learners will use a range of grade-appropriate language for a variety of academic purposes and audiences. Agility in academic language use is reflected in oral fluency and automaticity in response, flexibility in adjusting to different registers and skillfulness in interpersonal interaction. English language learners' strategic competence in academic language use facilitates their ability to relate information and ideas with precision and sophistication for each content area. |  |   |  |  |  |
| At each               | grade, toward the end of a given level of English   | language proficiency, and with instructional support,  | English language learners will produce  |  |  |  |
| Level 5<br>Bridging   | Multiple, complex sentences     Organized, cohesive, and coherent expression of ideas characteristic of particular content areas  | A variety of complex grammatical structures matched to purpose     A broad range of sentence patterns characteristic of particular content areas | Technical and abstract content-area language, including content-specific collocations     Words and expressions with precise meaning across content areas       |  |  |  |
| Level 4<br>Expanding  | Short, expanded, and some complex sentences     Organized expression of ideas with emerging cohesion characteristic of particular content areas   | Compound and complex grammatical<br>structures     Sentence patterns characteristic of particular<br>content areas                               | Specific and some technical content-area language     Words and expressions with expressive meaning through use of collocations and idioms across content areas |  |  |  |
| Level 3<br>Developing | Short and some expanded sentences with<br>emerging complexity     Expanded expression of one idea or<br>emerging expression of multiple related<br>ideas across content areas   | Simple and compound grammatical structures with occasional variation     Sentence patterns across content areas                                  | Specific content language, including cognates and expressions     Words or expressions with multiple meanings used across content areas                         |  |  |  |
| Level 2<br>Emerging   | Phrases or short sentences     Emerging expression of ideas   | Formulaic grammatical structures     Repetitive phrasal and sentence patterns across content areas   | General content words and expressions     Social and instructional words and expressions across content areas   |  |  |  |
| Level 1<br>Entering   | Words, phrases, or chunks of language     Single words used to represent ideas  | Phrase-level grammatical structures     Phrasal patterns associated with familiar social and instructional situations                            | General content-related words     Everyday social and instructional words and expressions   |  |  |  |
|                       |   |  |   |  |  |  |



**Word/Phrase Dimension** 

### WIDA Examples of Use of Graphic Organizers to Teach the Language of Science



### 4- The language of Science

- Two body systems or organs
- Two animals or plants
- Forms of matter
- Forms of energy
- Senses
- Vertebrates/ Invertebrates
- Scientific inquiry
- · Life cycles
- Water cycle
- Chemical reactions
- Adaptation
- Weather events
- Foods and their nutritional ingredients
- Types and characteristics of rocks

Taken from WIDA
English Language Proficiency
Standards and Resource Guide
2007 Edition
Page RG-23

## **Education Trust West Report**



http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/learning-the-language/2017/01/integrating science and englis.html?r=140399568
7&qs=with+more+exposure+to+science



# STEM Discourse: Strengthening Reasoning, Strengthening Language

Supported by a 3-year grant from the National Science Foundation, developers Rita MacDonald, Emily Miller, and Sarah Lord worked with 4th and 7th grade math and science teachers to try out and revise the resources shown here.



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## Professional Learning Opportunities



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### WIDA Tools

WIDA English Language Development Standards (CELP Standards)

https://www.wida.us/standards/eld.aspx

WIDA Download Library

http://www.wida.us/downloadlibrary.aspx

WIDA Educator Resources

https://www.wida.us/professionaldev/educatorresources/



#### Other Resources

Science Vocabulary Word Wall Cards

http://simplyscience.com/vocabulary-cards/

Science Vocabulary Cards and Games

http://www.mes-english.com/flashcards/science.php

Science Toolkit, K-8 books, Passages, and News

https://morethanenglish.edublogs.org/resources/#Science

Graphic Organizer Maker

http://graphicorganizer.net/?utm\_campaign=p4l\_home&utm\_source=p4l&utm\_medium=web

Vocabulary Strategies, Sentence Frames, Cognates

http://www.houstonisd.org/cms/lib2/TX01001591/Centricity/Domain/26922/VocabularyStrategiesDocument.pdf

CU Science Discovery Teacher Resources

http://sciencediscovery.colorado.edu/resources/teacher-resources/engineering-the-future/

Latin American Center for Arts, Science, and Education

http://www.clace.us/

STEM Teaching Tools

http://stemteachingtools.org/news

Doing and Talking Math and Science





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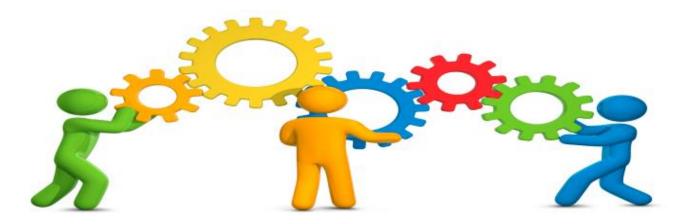


- How do you teach the language of science?
  - Email photos, videos, lesson plans, handouts, etc.
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  - Post a lesson on the WIDA lesson plan share space

https://www.wida.us/professionaldev/educatorresources/lessonPlan-shareSpace.aspx

Submit a video to the WIDA video contest

https://www.wida.us/professionaldev/educatorresources/videos.aspx





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#### Outcomes



- Build awareness of WIDA's Can Do Philosophy and the Guiding Principals of Language Development
- Learn strategies to teach the language of science in order to provide access to science content for English Learners and support academic language learning for all students
- Pick at least one strategy to start using tomorrow



### Ticket Out the Door



- Describe one strategy that you will start using tomorrow and explain why you chose that strategy.
- Describe one strategy that you will share with a colleague and explain why you chose that strategy.
- What is something that you would like to know more about?



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