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ENGLISH LEARNERS AND THE PROMISE OF THE COMMON CORE



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CCSS EXPECTATIONS

All students are expected to use language to explain, argue and rationalize

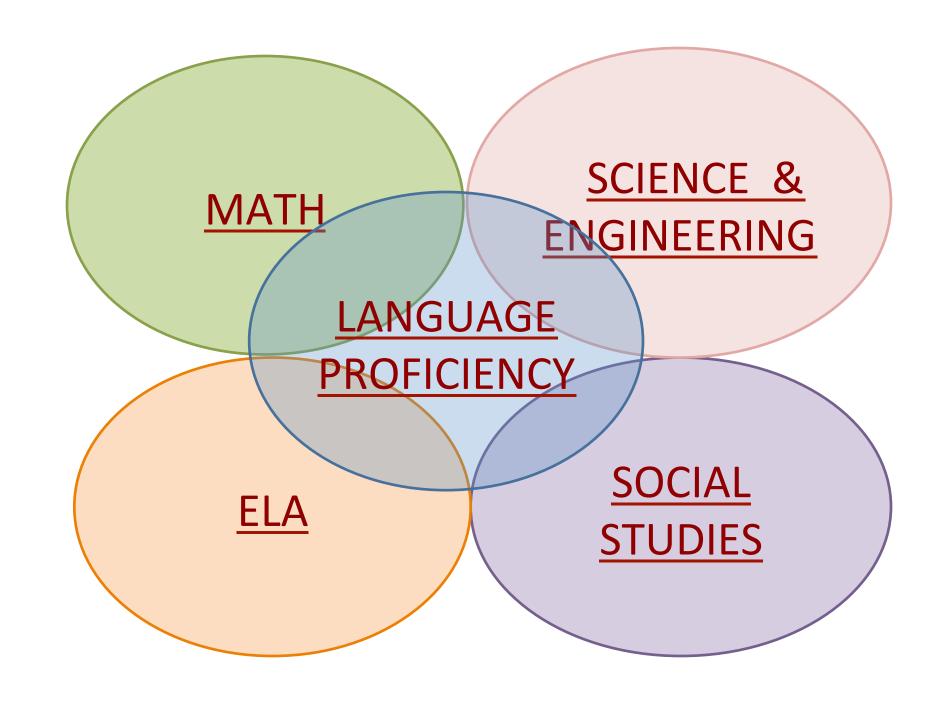






PARADIGM SHIFT

AFTER



LANGUAGE IS THE MAIN VEHICLE OF THOUGHT



The basic unit of language is conversational interaction, not sentence structure or grammatical pattern.

Aida Walqui

What will instruction look like and sound like in the year 2025? What will students need to know and be able to do?

Four C's

- 1. Communication
- 2. Collaboration
- 3. Critical Thinking
- 4. Creativity

"There is no doubt that creativity is the most important human resource of all. Without creativity, there would be no progress, and we would be forever repeating the same patterns." — Edward de Bono



TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

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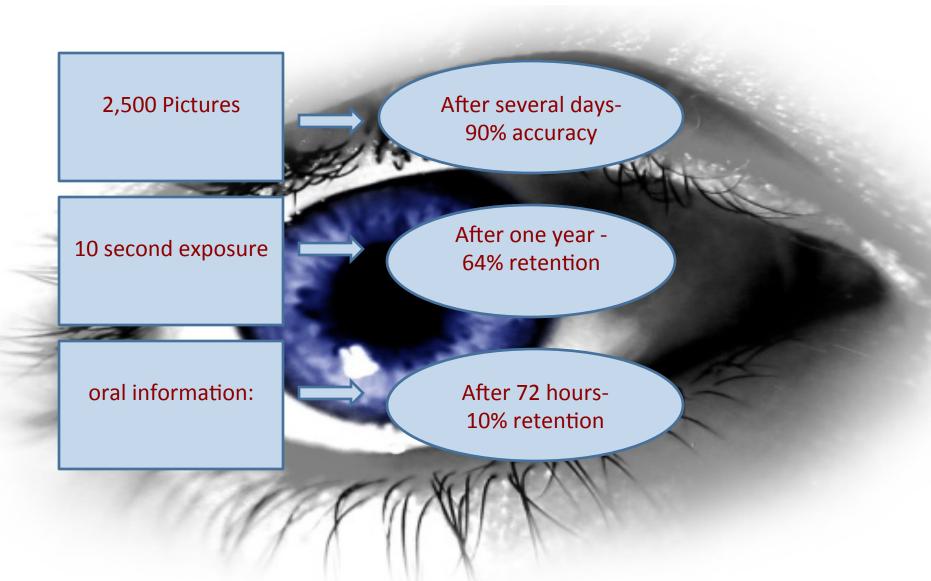
FOCUS ON READING COMPLEX TEXT



Fact is, the only way anyone can learn the language that figures in advanced literacy is through literacy, and only by noticing, grappling with, and thinking about the way forms and structures relate to meaning in the materials one reads.

Lily Wong-Filmore

ADD VISUALS

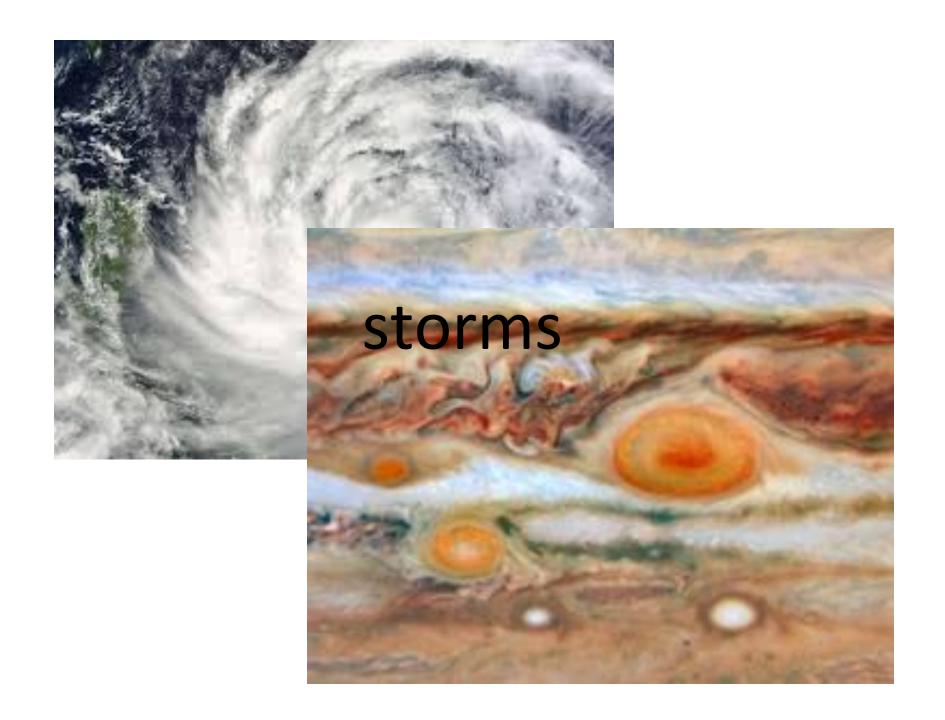


Hurricanes

There are no other storms like hurricanes on earth. Views of hurricanes from satellites located thousands of miles above the earth show how unique these powerful, tightly coiled weather systems are.

Unpack:

- > There are other storms on earth.
- > But none are like hurricanes, at least not on earth.
- There is a possible existence of hurricane-like storms in other places.



3 PROVIDE CLEAR TARGETS

Learning Objectives
Language Objectives



SUBJECT	(Students will learn to)	(Students will learn to)
Science	Understand the properties of liquids	Describe two properties of liquids using the frame "Two properties of are and"
English Language Arts	Identify the main idea for a given set of supplemental details in a single paragraph	Formulate a topic sentence in writing
English Language Arts	Use knowledge of text features to identify author's purpose	Discuss the author's purpose with a peer
Social Studies	Differentiate between food production and consumption	Use technical vocabulary to discuss examples with group members
Mathematics	Identify ratios as relationships between two quantities	Use the correct mathematical terms to describe the type of ratio in a given problem

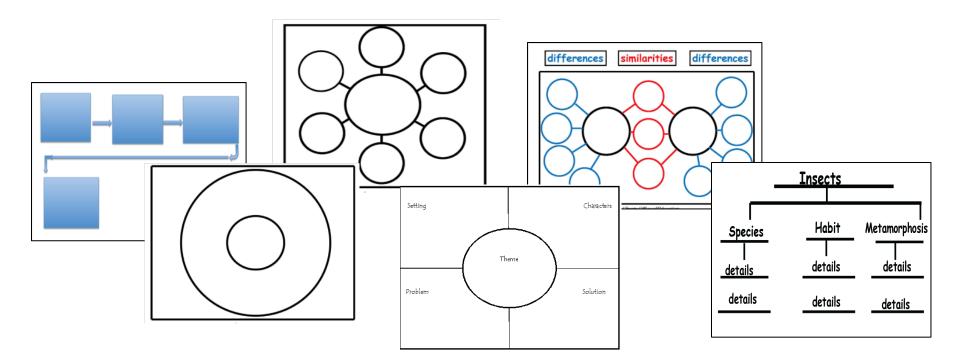
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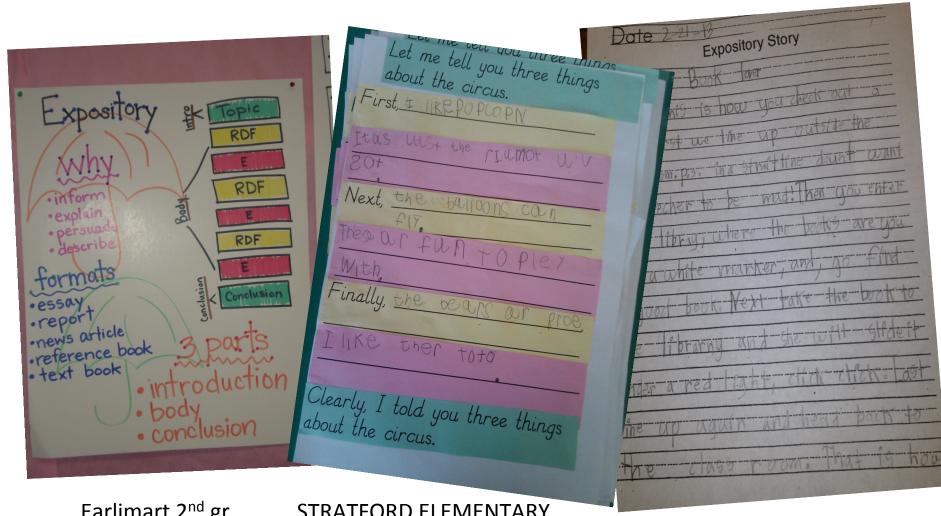
Subject	Language Function	Sentence Frame
Mathematics: geometry	Compare and contrast	A has more than a A is like a because
Science: Habitat	Cause and Effect	Many animals cannot live in a desert because Due to,
Social Studies: Immigration	Describe events over time	During, many people Early immigrants to the United States had to Now immigrants must
English: Persuasive essay	Persuade readers	I agree that, a point that needs emphasizing since so many people believe that

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5 MODEL AND TEACH INFORMATIONAL WRITING



TEACH THE STRUCTURES OF WRITING INFORMATIONAL TEXT



Earlimart 2nd gr.

STRATFORD ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN ELL

Kingsburg 1st gr.

TEACH VOCABULARY



How many ways can you use the word "run"?

Word parts
Ex. mal- such as
maladaptive,

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TEACH LANGUAGE THROUGH CONTENT AND THEMES





8 BUILD AND ACTIVATE BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

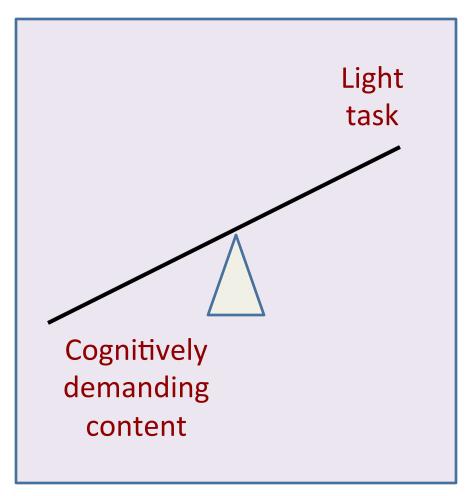


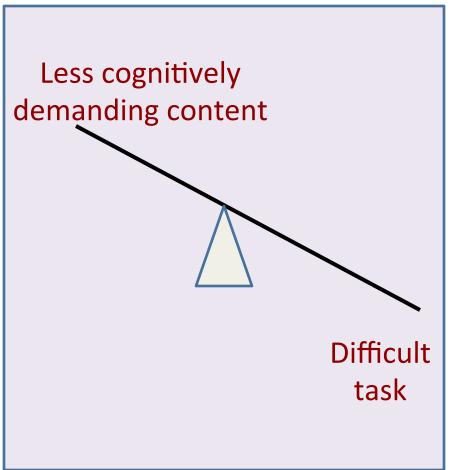
9 PROVIDE SCAFFOLDING

"A process of 'setting up'" the situation to make the child's entry easy and successful and then gradually pulling back and handing the role to the child as he becomes skilled enough to manage it."

(Bruner, 1983: 60)

Levels of Support: Substantial, Moderate, and Light





INSTRUCTIONAL SCAFFOLDING

- Modeling-Provide clear examples
- Bridging-Build on previous knowledge
- *Contextualizing* Use manipulatives, pictures, few min. of film (without sound) and other types of realia.
- **Schema Building** "clusters of meaning" that are interconnected
 - Ex.- Non-fiction text- preview headings, subheadings, timelines, illustrations, captions
- Developing Metacognition

 Manage their thinking

10 USE THE NATIVE LANGUAGE STRATEGICALLY



Short & Fitzsimmons, (2007, p. 38)

Remember...

Integrate listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills



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