

English Language Learner Scaffolding Planning Guide

Language and Reading Skills Analysis		Scaffolds to Implement
Key words and concepts required for the lesson		
Key academic language terms and phrases required for the lesson		
Literacy skills required for the lesson		
Content and Background Knowledge Analysis		Scaffolds to Implement
Unfamiliar topics		
Instructional Analysis		Scaffolds to Implement
Teaching activities		
Grouping format		
Student activities		

Example: Lesson on Comparing and Contrasting

Language and Reading Skills Analysis		Scaffolds to Implement
Key words and concepts required for the lesson	plains, herds, temporary, support	Preteach academic terms Create vocabulary cheat sheets
Key academic language terms and phrases required for the lesson	whereas, on the other hand, in contrast, both, compare, contrast, different, equal, graphic organizer, Venn diagram, on one hand, on the other hand To discuss with others: I believe that, in my opinion, I agree with, I disagree with To present to others: We agreed on, we believe The paragraph contrasts and compares...	Preteach academic terms and phrases Explicitly model academic language Use sentence frames
Literacy skills required for the lesson	Advanced phonics skills to read grade-level words Fluent reading of paragraphs Sentence and paragraph comprehension	Adapt texts for ELLs—make texts shorter for two ELLs
Content and Background Knowledge Analysis		Scaffolds to Implement
Unfamiliar topics	Native people of North America Inuit of the cold Arctic region The concept of renting a houseboat as a vacation	Explain concepts Use visuals
Instructional Analysis		Scaffolds to Implement
Teaching activities	Modeling Monitoring Think-alouds Feedback	Adapt think-aloud script to model academic language and foster comprehension Slow speech during modeling
Grouping format	Whole group Pairs	Ensure that ELLs have an appropriate partner
Student activities	Listen to modeling Read texts independently and with partner Identify compare-and-contrast structures Discuss with partner Present to group	Include assistance from peers during partner reading