Scaffolding Instruction for LEP Students



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Broward County Public Schools Statistics

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Foreign Born Student Enrollment 43,270

54 Languages167 Countries

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LEP Student Enrollment 36,325 (13%)

Spanish 16,526 Haitian-Creole 6,966 Portuguese 1,202

Get off the road and create our own paths to literacy....

A difficult piece of the journey is finding your own path as well as finding those people who want to create this path with you.

Types of Readers

"I Can't"	Have a list of reasons why they can't read right now.
"I Don't Know"	Do not know that reading is supposed to make sense, can't make connections to text.
"I'd Rather"	Would always rather do something else other than reading.
"I Don't Care"	Rather than admitting they don't know or risk failure, they often state that they don't care.

A1 and A2



How Long Does It Take LEP Students To Master Different Aspects of Proficiency?

Basic

Interpersonal

Communicative

Skills
Social Language
2 years

Cognitive

Academic

Language

Proficiency

Academic Language

5-7 years

What are the characteristics of effective classroom instruction for LEP students?

Effective instruction—whether in mainstreamed or pull-out classes—simultaneously promotes:

- Language
- Cognition
- Content mastery

Exemplary Literacy Programs

Visible

Literacy Learning

Reading & Writing Workshops

Strategy Instruction

Wide Range of Texts

Invisible

Putting Language
And
Literacy to Use

Content Area Instruction

Making
Literacy-Learning
Connections

Effective Instruction For LEP Students

"If teachers are going to make the process of reading visible, they can't sit safely at the edge. As older, more experienced readers, they have an obligation to talk aloud about groping for understanding or reaching for a genuine reading."

Dennie Palmer Wolf

B-D-A Lesson Format

Traditional Format

Assign Reading

Read Assignments

Discussions to see if students learned main concepts, what they 'should have" learned.

Active Engagement Format

Activate & build prior knowledge

Introduce vocabulary/new concepts

Make predictions

Raise questions (Bloom's Taxonomy)

Set purpose

Guide ACTIVE Reading

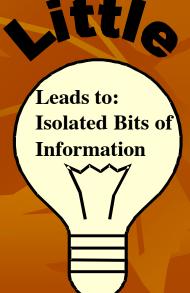
Clarify, Reinforce, and Extend knowledge



Factoring in Prior Knowledge and Background Experience of of LEP Students



Leads to:
Description
Explanation



Text Features as Tools for Learning

- Bold Print
- Italics
- Titles
- Headings
- Labels
- Captions
- Bullets
- Fact Boxes
- Glossary

- Diagrams
- Flow Diagrams
- Photographs
- Tables
- Graphs
- Timelines
- Maps
- Table of Contents
- Index



Recently voted the most despised creatures in America, cockroaches edged out snakes and spiders to stand alone at the top of the national blacklist. No one likes them, but almost everyone has or has had them as roommates. Roaches don't wait for formal invitations but continue to move into our homes where they behave oafishly. Frisking on kitchen counters and dangling from ceilings are bad enough, but they eat our food, too, and insist on making appearances when company is present, an inopportune time to end their little playful game of hide and seek. But the most flagrant offense is an unyielding refusal to leave after we make it clear we long for their departure by shrieking at them, performing a Flamenco as they skitter across the floor, swatting them, spraying them, bombing them, seducing them into roach motels, and finally calling in professional hitmen.

La Cucaracha Lesson Framework

Before	During	After
•Predict	ClarifyVocabularyVisualize	•Ask a Teacher-Like Question •Summarize

Reciprocal Reading







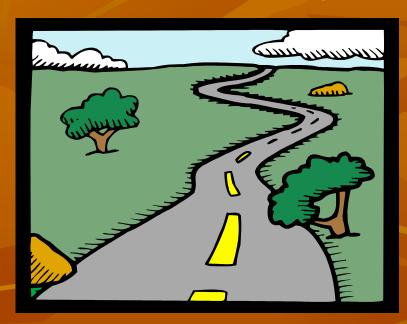
Reading Comprehension involves effectively using the following strategies:

- making use of prior knowledge;
- answering and generating questions;
- monitoring comprehension;
- recognizing story structure;
- summarizing, and
- using graphic organizers.

Effective Classrooms

- Identify and plan objectives based on the language demands of the content course.
- Involve students in authentic reading and writing experiences.
- Tap, focus, and build on students' background knowledge and experiences.
- Provide meaningful content for all students.
- Promote oral interaction and extend academic talk.
- Develop academic vocabulary through meaningful word study rather than word memorization.
- Model effective strategies and provide ample practice for students.

Guiding LEP Students Toward A Path of Success



If you don't lead them, who will?

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