# Early Literacy Development

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### **Meet and Greet**



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### Outcomes

### Participants will:

- explore a process for developing literacy using speaking as a support and
- consider how to differentiate the instructional process for various proficiency levels.

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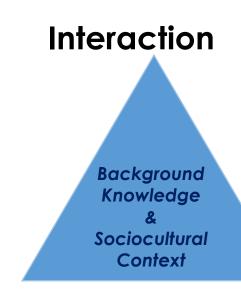


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## **Whole to Part Planning**



## The Three Principles



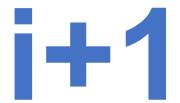
English learners must use the language to learn the language – quality engagement with peers and teachers.

**Critical Thinking** 

English learners need opportunities to build their critical thinking skills while exploring a variety of means to express their thinking. Comprehensibility

How do we get a message across beyond just listening? Providing visuals, manipulatives, gestures, organizers, multimedia, etc.

### **Comprehensible Input**





Krashen's theory states that the comprehensible input should be one step beyond the learner's level (more complicated). It is represented as i+1

i = the current state of the knowledge of the student

Plus extra elements which makes it a little more difficult for the learner.

#### The Features of Academic Language in the WIDA Standards

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

Dimension	Performance Criteria	Features	
Discourse	Linguistic Complexity (Quantity and variety of oral and written text in communication)	Amount of speech/written text     Structure of speech/written text     Density of speech/written text     Coherence and cohesion of ideas     Variety of sentence types to form organized text	
Sentence	Language Forms and Conventions (Types, array, and use of language structures in communication)	<ul> <li>Types and variety of grammatical constructions</li> <li>Mechanics of sentence types</li> <li>Fluency of expression</li> <li>Match language forms to purposes/perspectives</li> <li>Formulaic and idiomatic expressions</li> </ul>	
Word/Phrase	Vocabulary Usage (Specificity of word or phrase choice in communication)	<ul> <li>General, specific, and technical language</li> <li>Multiple meanings of words and phrases</li> <li>Nuances and shades of meaning</li> <li>Collocations and idioms</li> </ul>	

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







## **Developing Word Level**

Our Words			



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Grandma grandmother aunt
girl child young
garden dirt / soil flower flowers plant plants
seeds water sun air stem stems root
roots shovel trowel leaves
flower pot gloves
grow work together helping
sunny warm



#### Possible Teachable Topics – Word Level

- Basic nouns/pronouns
- Science vocabulary
- Verbs
- Singular/plural

#### Sentence

- Adjectives/descriptive language (higher levels)
- Conjunctions
- Comparatives
- Words/terms that show time

#### Discourse

- Organization (usually in editing)
- · Beginning, middle, end

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### **Developing Sentence Level**

#### **Our Ideas**

The grandma is teaching the girl to plant flowers.

Grandma uses a shovel or trowel.

They put dirt or soil in the flower pot.

It is a warm day.

They put a seed in the pot.

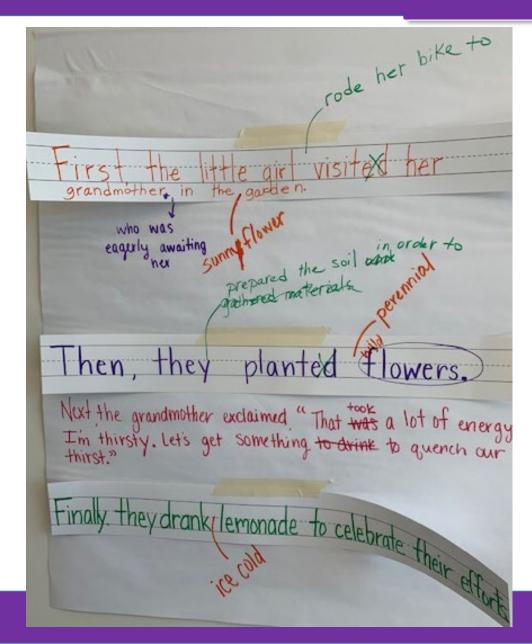
The seed needs water and sun to grow.

The seed will grow into a stem and flower with leaves.

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### **Developing Discourse Level**





### **Whole to Part**

- Teacher read aloud of final text.
- Choral read.
- Select parts of the whole to teach in a mini-lesson.
- Partner read the final text.
- Try independent writing to put the parts back into a whole.

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