



Supporting English Language Learning (ELL) Students

Full immersion is key for non-English-speaking students to learn English effectively. While translating can be helpful in certain cases, over-reliance on it can slow down the English learning process. The goal is to encourage students to use and understand English as much as possible. Below are some practical strategies teachers can use to support ELL students in the classroom.

1. Create a Welcoming Environment:

- **Build Positive Relationships:** Establish rapport to make ELLs feel supported.
- **Respect Cultural Diversity:** Appreciate and incorporate students' cultural backgrounds.

2. Provide Comprehensible Input:

- **Use Simple Language:** Avoid complex vocabulary and structures.
- **Visual Aids:** Use pictures, diagrams, & gestures to clarify concepts.
- **Repeat and Rephrase:** Reinforce understanding through repetition.

3. Foster Language Development:

- **Language Practice:** Engage students in meaningful English activities.
- **Encourage Peer Interaction:** Pair ELL students with English-speaking peers during group activities. This peer interaction encourages them to practice English in a natural, conversational setting.
- **Model Appropriate Language Use:** Demonstrate correct grammar, pronunciation, & vocabulary.

4. Utilize Key Tools and Resources:

- **Google Translate:** Instantly translate text, images, documents, and websites. Google translate also will allow you to translate by voice when clicking the microphone button. Use sparingly for clarifying critical instructions **ONLY**. Do **NOT** translate assignments.

● **Have students log into their Vista Home Learning ELL Account:**

The Regional Office of Education (ROE) offers Vista Home Learning ELL lessons, which are excellent resources for ELL students. Encourage students to work on these lessons regularly to improve their English proficiency. Account information will be provided to teachers for students who go to the ROE.

● **Helpful Websites:**

- ★ [EPIC](#) (digital books)
- ★ [Flocabulary](#) (educational videos)
- ★ [Nearpod](#) (interactive lessons)
- ★ [ISL Collective](#) (ELL resources)
- ★ [Learning Chocolate](#) (vocabulary)

5. Practical Daily Techniques:

- **Greet in English:** Simple daily phrases like "Good morning," "How are you?" and "Have a nice day!" help students become familiar with common English expressions. Make sure to encourage students to greet each other in English.
- **Label class objects in English:** Classroom items labeled in English help students associate words with objects, making it easier for them to expand their vocabulary.
- **Repeat and Have Students Repeat:** This helps reinforce learning and pronunciation.

6. Monitor Progress:

- **Assess Regularly:** Use both formal and informal methods to track progress.
- **Provide Feedback:** Offer constructive feedback to guide improvement.