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**Uncovering Skill Gaps of
English Learners by
Using a Standards-Based
Assessment Approach**

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- Launched Spanish Online Curriculum for dual immersion programs



Desired Outcomes



- I can identify areas of need to support English Learners in the secondary schools.
- I can utilize a variety of teaching resources to address the diverse levels of language learners
- I can identify elements of formative and summative data that helps to inform instructional next steps.



Question



What have been your successes and/or concerns around working with secondary English Learners?



Background: Need for New Tools to Support Secondary English Learners



- Influx of Newcomer and Emerging level English learners
- Increasing number of Long-Term English Learners
- Limited resources for secondary students
 - Standards-Based
 - Foundational Literacy Skills
- Lack of useful summative/formative data



American School Culture: Support for Newcomer/Emerging Students



Videos in
English/Spanish



Quizzes



Vocabulary
Builder



Downloadable
Content



Question



What types of formative and summative assessments for secondary English learners are available/utilized in your school or district?





Development of Formative and Summative Assessments Using Standards-Based Entry and Exit Assessments

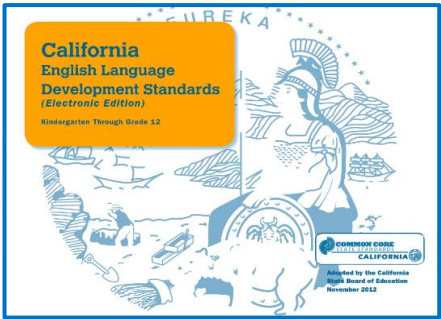


ELD Level 1 and Level 2 Standards-Based Entry and Exit Assessments



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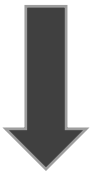
- 1. Foundational Literacy Skills
- 2. Collaborative Listening and Speaking
- 3. Language Function and Construction



75 questions total
(25 in each area)

2-3 questions per standard

1 standard per question



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pinpoint skill gap





Development of standards-based resources that address three focus areas:

- Foundational Literacy Skills
- Communicative Skills
- Grammatical Skills



ELD 1: Standards-Based Lesson Modules



9 Lessons
9 Activities
9 Downloadable Lessons

L1: Letter Identification
L2: Upper and Lower Case Letters
L3: Letter Sounds
L4: First and Last Sounds
L5: Blending and Segmenting
L6: Medial Vowel Substitution
L7: Rhyming
L8: Syllables
L9: Syntax



12 Lessons
12 Activities
12 Downloadable Lessons

L1: Exchanging Information and Ideas
L2: Interacting with Written English
L3: Opinions, Negotiating and Persuading
L4: Adapting Language Choices
L5: Listen Actively
L6: Reading and Viewing Closely
L7: Evaluating Language Choices
L8: Analyzing Language Choices
L9: Presenting
L10: Writing
L11: Justifying and Arguing
L12: Using Specific Language



7 Lessons
7 Activities
7 Downloadable Lessons

L1: Text Structure
L2: Pronouns and Connecting Words
L3: Using Verbs and Verb Phrases
L4: Using nouns and Noun Phrases
L5: Modifying to Add Details
L6: Connecting Ideas
L7: Condensing Ideas



ELD Level 2: Standards-Based Lesson Modules



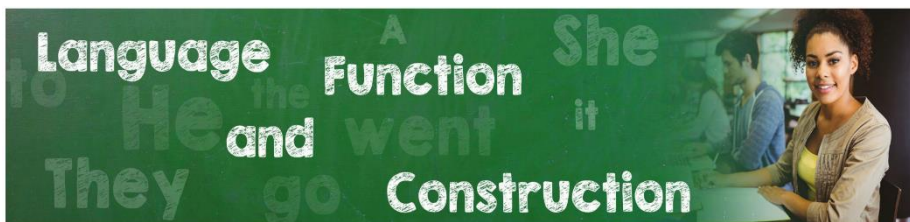
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- L1: Standard Phoneme Deletion
- L2: Phoneme Awareness-Phoneme Substitution
- L3: Phonemic Awareness-Phoneme Addition
- L4: Phoneme Manipulation
- L5: Phonics-Long & Short Vowels
- L6: Phonemic Awareness-Schwa Sound /uh/
- L7: Phonics-Identifying Diphthongs
- L8: Phonics-R Controlled Words
- L9: Frontal Phonemes-Spelling Patterns for /j/ /s/
- L10 Prefixes-Vocabulary
- L11 Phonics-Suffixes
- L12 Adding a Suffix to Words with Final e
- L13 Spelling-Double Consonant Words



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- L12: Selecting Language Resources



7 Lessons
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+Downloadables

- L1: Understanding Text Structure
- L2: Understanding Cohesion
- L3: Using Verbs and Verb Phrases
- L4: Using nouns and Noun Phrases
- L5: Modifying to Add Details
- L6: Connecting Ideas
- L7: Condensing Ideas



Foundational Literacy Skills: Raising the Rigor with Level 2



ELD Level 1

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Advanced Foundational Literacy Skills



ELD Level 1 Lesson Example: Collaborative Listening and Speaking



Learn: Adapting Language Choices





Greetings

It's good to see you.

▶ 🔊 ————— -1:40 📺 🔍

Greetings

Family, Friends, Students	Teacher, Workers and other Adults
Hey there	Good morning
What's up?	Good afternoon
How's it going?	Good evening
What's happening?	Hello, it is nice to meet you.
Hi	Pleased to meet you.
It's good to see you.	How do you do?
How are things?	

🔊 Look at the picture and choose the phrase with the appropriate language.



Select one:

- ☐ What's up?
- ☐ How do you do?

ELD Level 2 Lesson Example: Collaborative Listening and Speaking



More Content Area (Sciences, Math, Social Studies) Integration

PHOTOSYNTHESIS

🔊 Connect the appropriate clarifying responses to the statements from the presentation.

Statements	Responses
🔊 Global warming increases photosynthesis so the case can be made that global warming is good for the planet.	<div></div>
🔊 During photosynthesis, plants take in carbon dioxide and water, disassemble the molecules and convert them into sugar and oxygen. The water molecules are split into hydrogen and oxygen, and the hydrogen joins the carbon dioxide to create sugars.	<div></div>
🔊 Climate change has raised temperatures and overall rainfall around the world. This is affecting how plants use photosynthesis.	<div></div>
🔊 Most plants use photosynthesis to make food in order to generate energy to survive. A plant's leaves contain chlorophyll which is a green chemical inside a plant that allows plants to use the sun's energy to make food.	<div></div>

Response A: 🔊 Let me make sure I understand your point on why global warming is good for the earth. Could you tell me what you said again?

Response B: 🔊 I'm not sure that I understand your position on how climate change is affecting how plants use photosynthesis.

Response C: 🔊 So, what I hear you saying is that most plants use photosynthesis as a way to survive.

Response D: 🔊 I want to make sure I understand what you said about how plants use photosynthesis.



Question



How do you provide focused/scaffolded instruction for students who need additional support?





Lesson 6: Reading/Viewing Closely

Input/Model

Lesson 6: Reading/Viewing Closely (Compare/Contrast)

These activities help explain ideas, phenomena, processes and text relationships (compare/contrast).

Review Compare and Contrast

Remind students that when we compare something, we are looking for the things that are similar or the same. When we contrast something, we are looking for the things that are different or not the same.

Compare: Show Picture Card #1 (dog/cat) and T-Chart #1

- Model the think aloud/speaking process of comparing a dog and a cat. Use a complete sentence.
Ex: Both the dog and the cat are/have (animals/tails).
- Add information to the T-Chart-Compare/Similar.
- Next, ask students use to use the Student T-chart to orally rehearse making a complete sentence.
Ex: Both the dog and the cat have tails.

Contrast: Show Picture Card #1 (dog/cat) and T-Chart #1

- Model the think aloud/speaking process of contrasting a dog and a cat. Use a complete sentence.
Ex: The dog has a short tail, but the cat has a long tail.
- Add information to the T-Chart-Differences (long tail/short tail, bigger/smaller) etc.
- Next, ask students to use the T-chart to orally rehearse a making a complete sentence.
Ex: The dog is bigger, but the cat is smaller.

Task #1 Listening, Speaking, Reading (Use Picture Card #2 (apple/chips), T-Chart #2, and Word Cards):

- Say: "Now let's look at another picture and discuss the things that are similar and different."
- Divide students into pairs and ask them to discuss similarities and differences in Picture Card #2.
- Ask students to cut out the word cards and take turns placing them on the T-Chart.
- When finished, ask students to orally rehearse talking about the chart.
Ex: Both the apple and the chips are foods. The apple is a fruit, but chips are a snack.

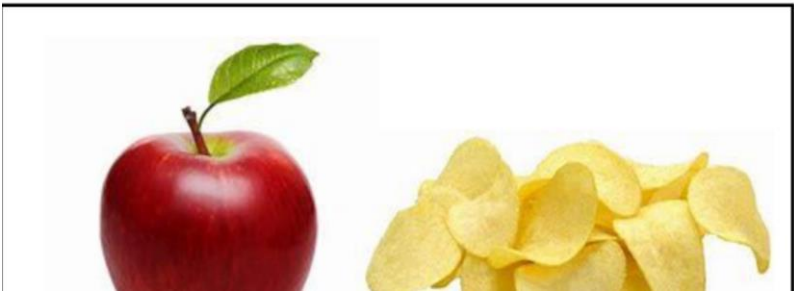
Task #2: Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing: Practice Sheet for Task #2

- Read the passage aloud with students and ask them to listen for information about similarities and differences between clothing items.

Collaborative Practice



Picture Card #2



Guided/Paired/Independent Practice

- Both a car and a bus are _____.
- A bus can _____ but a car _____.
- A bus and a car both have _____.
- A car is _____ but a bus is _____.
- _____.



ELD Level 2 Sample Downloadable Teacher-Directed Skill Review



Foundational Literacy Skills



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Lesson 8: Phonics – Identifying R-Controlled Vowels

Review and practice the concept of r-controlled vowels.

Warm Up

Review the spelling for the r-controlled /er/, /ar/ and /or/ sounds.

/er/shirt	/ar/star	/or/corn
er	ar	or
ir		
ur		
or		

Now, review the concept of r-controlled vowels. With r-controlled vowels, the letter r after the vowel changes the vowel sound.

Model:

- Teacher: "The word is **shirt**. Listen for the /er/ sound in the word **shirt**. Say the word **shirt**." (Optional: Show a picture of the example word.)
- Student: "**shirt**".
- Teacher: "Remember, the /er/ sound can be spelled with **er**, **ir**, **ur** or **or**."

Repeat the above sequence with the words **star** and **corn**.

Task #1: Student Activity: Identifying and Writing R-Controlled Vowel Words

In this online activity, students will practice identifying words with the targeted r-controlled sound (/er/, /ar/, /or/). You may want to go over the instructions to ensure that students understand the task.

- Ask students to listen for the targeted r-controlled sound by clicking on the audio button next to each of the three pictures

Collaborative Listening and Speaking

Review the Concept of Idea Generation

Remind students that when they work with others to generate ideas, they can improve their writing skills. Explain that generating ideas means to think about or "brainstorm" what they know about a specific topic. A helpful tool is a graphic organizer, which can help organize these ideas around a topic.

Warm Up Exercise

- Ask students to provide examples of graphic organizers that they might use to generate and organize ideas
- Practice generating ideas in a graphic organizer. Start with the topic **Our School** and add **teachers** to the organizer (Figure A)
- Ask students to provide additional ideas that can be placed in the organizer
- After the students generate a list of ideas, ask them to organize the information into sub-topics (Figure B)

Figure A.

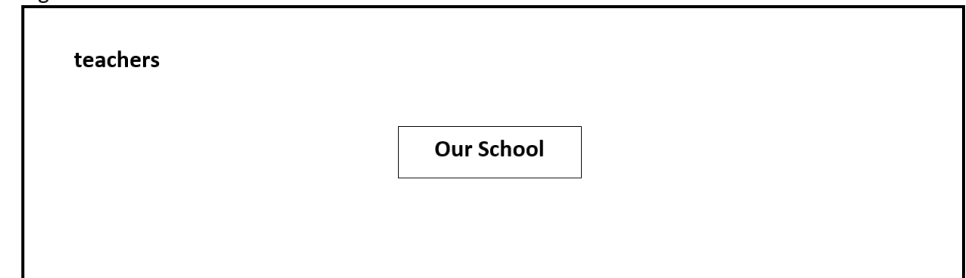
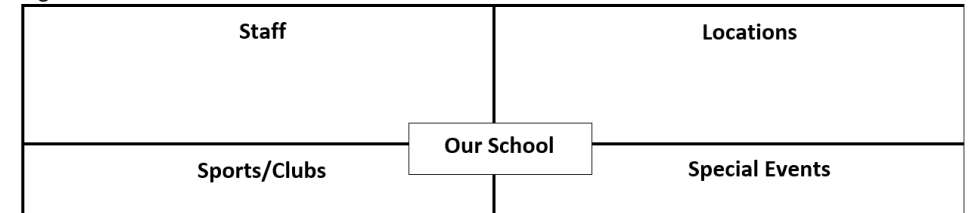


Figure B.

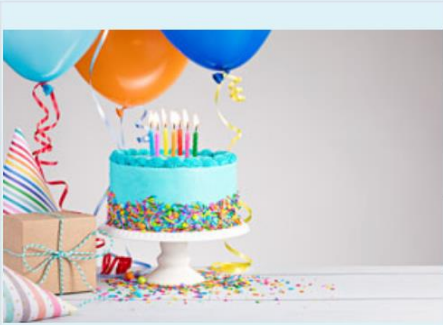


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ELD Level 2 Sample Student Practice Assignment



Foundational Literacy Skills



	has an sound
	is another word for the day you were born
¹ ₂₃	has 8 letters
^a _{b c}	begins with the letter b

The word is

Sentence:

I'm thinking of a word that ...



	has an sound
	is a word for something women put on to smell good
¹ ₂₃	has 7 letters
^a _{b c}	begins with the letter p

Collaborative Listening and Speaking

Task #2: Clear and Precise Writing

Instructions: Look at each picture. Type descriptive words to describe each picture.



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