

Supporting CLD Students

EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION

Explicit instruction is a great way for all students to learn what's being taught. For CLD students, it makes language and content more accessible.



When you plan your lesson, focus on critical content and vocabulary.



Build on background knowledge and allow CLD students to share experiences that are personal to them.



Use visual aids to help with understanding (bring some objects related to that topic, show videos or pictures).



Demonstrate by using consistent and clear terminology and language. Explicitly acknowledge when an object has more than one definition or name (activating content knowledge).
When possible, use cognates to help bridge vocabulary.



Provide key support using the gradual release of responsibility model: I do, We do, You do.



Provide students with ample opportunity for practice and provide clear and immediate corrective feedback.
When checking for understanding, incorporate scaffolds using visual aids.



Check for understanding either by observing or using a quick check.