

## **Critical Strategies to use in Teaching ELLs**

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1. **Clearly defined language and content objectives** – in lesson plans, posted on the board, explained to students.
2. **Meaningful language practice** – include time for your students to interact and talk to one another. Allowing students to process with others who speak their same native language is also helpful.
3. **Explain/teach difficult vocabulary and idioms encountered in lesson and materials.**
4. **Be aware of language use and students' proficiency levels.** Implement: wait time, turn and talk, repetition, avoid idioms, etc.
5. **Oral and written instructions for students to refer to.**
6. **Include visuals, manipulatives, realia.**
7. **Purposefully teach academic English skills.**
8. **Culturally relevant curriculum and materials** – are there examples or materials you can use that you know students will connect with culturally? AND/OR are there materials you can use that will expose students to diverse perspectives?