Example Teacher Strategies for Students at Different Proficiency Levels in SPEAKING



Can Do Descriptors: Grade Level Cluster 3-5

For the given level of English language proficiency and with visual, graphic, or interactive support through Level 4, English language learners can process or produce the **language** needed to:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
	Entering	Beginning	Developing	Expanding	Bridging	Reaching
SPEAKING	Express basic needs or conditions Name pre-taught objects, people, diagrams, or pictures Recite words or phrases from pictures of everyday objects and oral modeling Answer yes/no and choice questions	 Ask simple, everyday questions (e.g., "Who is absent?") Restate content-based facts Describe pictures, events, objects, or people using phrases or short sentences Share basic social information with peers 	Answer simple content-based questions Re/tell short stories or events Make predictions or hypotheses from discourse Offer solutions to social conflict Present content-based information Engage in problem-solving	Answer opinion questions with supporting details Discuss stories, issues, and concepts Give content-based oral reports Offer creative solutions to issues/problems Compare/contrast content-based functions and relationships	Justify/defend opinions or explanations with evidence Give content-based presentations using technical vocabulary Sequence steps in grade-level problemsolving Explain in detail results of inquiry (e.g., scientific experiments)	Write in grade-level Speaking expectations below:

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Level 1 Entering: Range 0-1.9 Students:	 Supply charts with simple word frames for answers to questions Allow students to give one word or hand signal responses when possible Build confidence by rewarding all attempts at responses Collaborative dialogue with proper speech modeled 			
Level 2 Beginning: Range 2-2.9 Students:	 Allow students to use transition word charts as needed Concentrate on students meaning and not just correctness Continue to encourage and builds students confidence to speak in class or small groups Give example responses using frames "The dog in the park." 			
Level 3 Developing: Range 3-3.9 Students:	 Supply vocabulary to aide in responses verbally and written Provide opportunities for students to present their own knowledge in all content areas Give key words for students to use to begin their responses "accountable talk posters" 			
Level 4 Expanding: Range 4-4.9 Students:	 Provide opportunities and encourage students to use academic language and increasing complex sentence structure Provide sentence frames with higher language discourse: "I hypothesize, When looking at the data" Insist on correct and precise language Comprehension checking with speech in a variety of ways (group and Individual) 			
Level 5 Bridging: Range 5-5.9 Students:	 Provide opportunities for students to speak in all content areas Insist on correct and precise language usage 			
Level 6 Proficient on 6+ Students:	Students should be able to meet grade level expectations in this area			

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