# Reading and Writing in a Second Language Effective Strategies to Use When Students Are Not Yet Proficient In English

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### That's Me

- I am an elementary teacher.
- I am a secondary teacher.
- I am a specialist or an instructional coach.
- I am a principal.
- I am a coordinator.



### Language Reflection

- What specific vocabulary did you use to talk about this picture?
- What verb tense did you predominantly use?

If you were going to have students write about this picture what language supports would students need to be successful?

### What Are We Asking of Our Students?

Carlitos' mom was a janitor in the city of Los Angeles. Janitor wages were too low; therefore, she had to work three jobs in order to afford to take care of Carlitos and abuelita. One day, Carlitos' mom and the other janitors voted to go on strike because they worked too hard and were paid very little money. Many people supported their cause because they believed in justice and wanted to help. Carlitos wanted to help too. Carlitos' teacher took their entire class to march alongside the janitors to show their support. The strike site was energetic and lively. In the end, the janitors won better wages. Carlitos learned that it is important to support justice.

### Oracy to Writing

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- 2. The workers voted to go on strike because

## **Scaffolding Oracy Practice**

1. Carlitos' mother was \_\_\_\_\_\_.

a janitor in the city of Los Angeles

working three jobs in order to afford to buy medicine for abuela (pg 8)

### 2. The workers voted to go on strike because

they worked too hard and were paid very little money getting paid so little isn't fair (pg.11) they can't take care of their families the way they want to

### What are scaffolds?

"...the temporary support that is offered students so that they can work beyond their current level of autonomy. But scaffolding has, precisely as its goal, the fostering of student autonomy, because it is providing supports only while those supports are needed. They may be academic, conceptual, or linguistic, but always woven."

Aída Walqui

Understanding Language Initiative

# GOALS Understand...

• how backwards planning helps to inform instruction.

oracy.

• how oracy scaffolds writing instruction.

### The Focus

- 1. What standard (s) are you working on?
- 2. What is the literacy objective? What will students do to demonstrate proficiency?
- **3.** How will you assess? Is there a writing component? What product will they produce to demonstrate proficiency?
- 4. Do the performance task you're asking your students to complete.

### **ORACY Planning**

- 5. Analyze this writing for language structures necessary to accomplish it.
- 6. Match dialogue questions with your language structures.
- 7. What vocabulary is needed to accomplish this oracy?

### Language Structures

- Carlitos' mother was a \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- The workers went on strike because
- I believe many people supported the janitors because
- Perhaps other people supported their cause because
- A good reason why they might have marched alongside the janitors is because\_\_\_\_\_\_.
- Carlitos might have felt \_\_\_\_\_ when he saw his mother on T.V.

### Teaching for Language Acquisition

Integration of the four language modalities through attention to Oracy

•Listening, speaking, reading, and writing

### **Daily Planning**

8. How will you plan each session?

If I want my students to produce \_\_\_\_\_, then I will need \_\_\_\_\_ sessions in order to teach \_\_\_\_\_.

Factoring in the Gradual Release of Responsibility

### Gradual Release Across Six Weeks

### Three to Four Lessons

- 1<sup>st</sup> lesson—modeled/shared
- 2-3<sup>rd</sup> lessons—shared/collaborative
- 4<sup>th</sup> lesson—independent (with scaffolds for lower language proficiency level)

### Writing Approaches— Gradual Release of Responsibility

Unit of Study Approach

Modeled

Shared

Collaborative

Independent

### **Shared Writing**

- Teacher and students compose a piece together
  - Use students' ideas
  - Think aloud while making decisions
  - Reread; reorganize ideas, improve wording
  - Discuss language and how it is used

### Collaborative Writing

- Pairs or small groups interact to compose a piece together
  - Encourage use of previous models
  - Strategic grouping of students (ZPD)
  - Refer students to anchor charts, word walls, and resources that include the key features of the genre—including the language features

### **Independent Writing**

- Students write independently
  - Encourage use of previous models
  - Provide an editing sheet with the key features of the genre—including the language features and/or refer students to visual supports in the room
  - Encourage collaborative revising
  - For ELLs with lower LPLs, provide a scaffolding framework *or* encourage writing in their native language

### Pedagogical Model for English Language Learners

• It is **critical** that a **SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT** of writing instruction occurs in the *shared* approach.

Teacher reads and writes with children, inviting them to join in and try out strategies by themselves with teacher support. Texts should be chosen so that children will come to control them through repeated readings and written experiences. Focus on developing decoding and comprehension skills.

### Shared\*

Teachers read and write FOR and WITH children to scaffold literacy tasks. Teachers engage children in structured dialogues to extend understanding of texts and to enrich oral and written language repertoire. Teachers may engage children in articulating cross-language connections.

The focus in English is on developing oracy and comprehension in English, with less emphasis on decoding. Focus on language forms and functions—sentence structures, vocabulary expansion, and dialogue. Explicit cross-cultural dialogue in text analysis.

Teacher purposefully plans opportunities for children to dialogue, read and write with peers, and monitors children's interaction with text and other children. Collaborative\*
Teacher structures additional opportunities for reading, writing, and oracy with peers.

The focus is on Oracy. Oral rehearsal and language negotiation are fundamental to the reading and writing task. The goal is for children to acquire native-like pronunciation and fluency.

### Algorithm for Success

Content + Language Structures +
 Vocabulary + Transition Words +
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 Dialogue) + GRR =
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# Oracy to Writing Application

Backwards Planning

Explicit Language Scaffolds

• Decide who will be Partner A and who will be Partner B.

### With your partner, discuss these questions:

Partner A poses the question, Partner B responds, then switch roles.

- 1. What is your retirement goal? When do you want to retire?
- What do you need to do to achieve your retirement dream?
- 3. How do you feel about retirement?

### Writing Exercise

- Write a paragraph about your retirement dreams.
  - 1. Describe how you will accomplish your dreams.
  - 2. What will you need to do in order to achieve those dreams?
- Your paragraph should have a(n)
  - 1. introduction
  - 2. body
  - 3. conclusion

What is your retirement goal?

would like to retire twelve years from now. I'd like to retire young, at the same time as my husband. want to retire without debt, and to have enough income to be able to travel and live without changing the life style I'm used to. I'd like to have economic stability, without having to work.

### Your Turn: Analyze the Writing

- 1. <u>Underline</u> the language structures
- 2. Circle a verb tense that is noticeable

• Share your noticings with a partner

### Whole Group Share Out

• What did you notice?

So how do we get kids to 'talk' this language?

# How Do We Get Kids to Use This Language?

What i	s your retirement go	pal? When	do you	want to	retire?
1	would like to retire				4

What	do you	need t	o do	to ac	chieve	your	retirement	dream?
	In order	to achie	eve my	drea	nm, I 11 r	need to	o	

### How do you feel about retirement?

I'm \_\_\_\_about retirement

The idea of retirement \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## Where Does Vocabulary Come From?

I would like to retire \_\_\_\_\_\_

without debt and not change my lifestyle with economic stability

In order to achieve my dream, I'll need to

save regularly be a responsible spender. be a prudent spender.

I'm \_\_\_\_ about retirement. The idea of retirement \_\_\_\_\_

hopeful optimistic buoyant

is exciting is inspiring is propitious

### Bringing it All Together

### Dialogue Questions

### Writing

What is your retirement dream?

What do you need to do to achieve your retirement dream?

I would like to retire twelve years from now. I'd like to retire young, at the same time as my husband. I want to retire without debt, and to have enough income to be able to travel and live without changing the life style I'm used to. I'd like to have economic stability, without needing to work.

## What Are We Asking of Our Students?

### Standard

• 2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.

### Literacy Objective

• Students will be able to write an expository piece about what they would like to be when they grow up, how they will achieve that goal, and how they'll have been supported by their family, society and themselves in order to achieve that goal.

### 'Do' What You're Asking Your Students to Do

Oracy	Writing
What is your retirement dream?	I would like to retire twelve years from now. I'd like to retire young, at the same time as my husband. I want to retire without debt, and to have enough income to be able to travel and live without changing the life style I'm used to. I'd like to have economic stability, without needing to work.
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What will	One of my goals is to achieve economic <u>freedom to</u>

### Oracy

Language Structures

• When I retire, I'd like to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

• In order to reach my retirement goals, I will need to .

Cuándo yo sea grande yo quiero ser\_

Para lograr ser un/una , yo necesito\_

### Organizing the Writing

Lo que me impresiono o que Hamo mi atención.... que estudió mucho

que estaba pobre y que se hizo juez, el puesto más alto

¿ for que!

Por que ella trabajo mucho y estudio demaciação

· Su mamá trabajo para pagar Sus estudios

ICI SE VETUIICIA consistancia en la realización

e wanted to be a ective solving crimes Nancy Drew, the cter in her mystery

mother stayed up

ering vine that would

She would push herself to her limits and

She would pass her fire summer break reading all the books she'd never had time to read

and night to pay for private school.

night and day and day Sonia's and her brother Her blossoming began with her mother's love and hard work.

### OBSTACLES

Then something happened that made her change her mind. She had a disease called

Suddenly, Sonia was being Latina, of feeling inferior. Where was the warm, comfy blanket of

When watching her favorite TV, Perry Mason, one cpisode ended with the image of a judge, the most powerful person in the courtroom. She would become a judge.

when she was 9 years

Sonia lived in a housing project where most people had precious little money, with only her mother to support

carrela

Sonia knew she'd have to become a judge. She was studying at her mother's kitchen year after year after

pennies and dimes to

## OBSTACLES OVERCAME SUCCESSES

she had won an award for being the very best student in her whole

surrounded her like a warm blanket.

very best university in



## Language to Elaborate— Transition Words

- Additionally,
- Further,
- In addition,
- Another consideration,

## **Table Talk**

• How does oracy support writing?

# The Lecture About Oracy



# **Defining Oracy**

• An aspect of oral language development.

• Teaching the oral language skills and structures **necessary** for a child to **apply** the learning objective.

## What Does Oracy Do?

 Expand grammatical complexity of students' speech (language structures)

• Ensure meaningful participation in structured dialogue (structured time to practice)

• Refine vocabulary

# Why Oracy?

• Essential for applying content objectives.

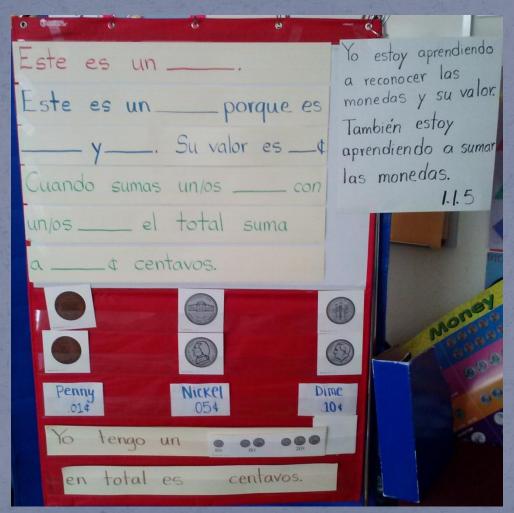
• Talk ensures processing; hence applying the learning objective

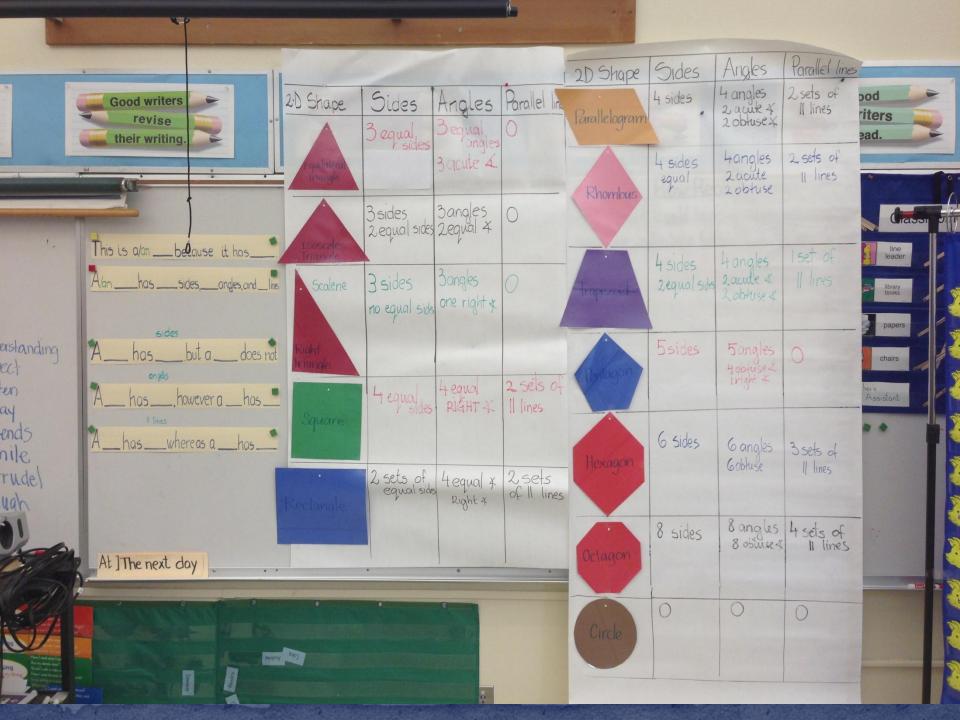
## The How of Oracy?

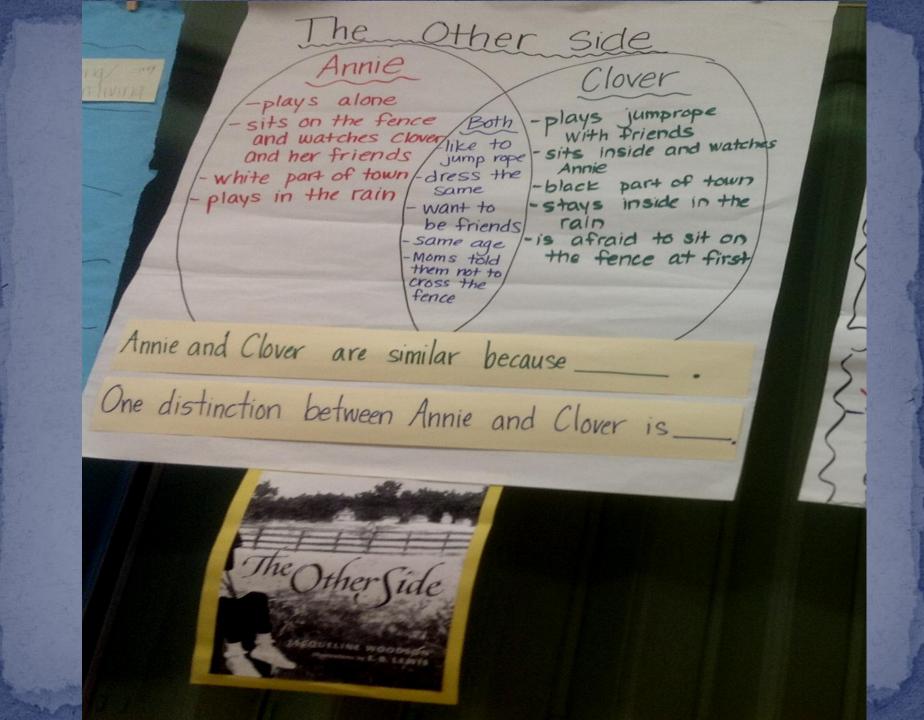
It involves explicit attention and instruction given to the language that students will need in particular academic purposes or function.
 It provides Judents with the opportunities to apply

• It provides Judents with the opportunities to **apply** and **practice** this language linked to academic tasks in the classroom.

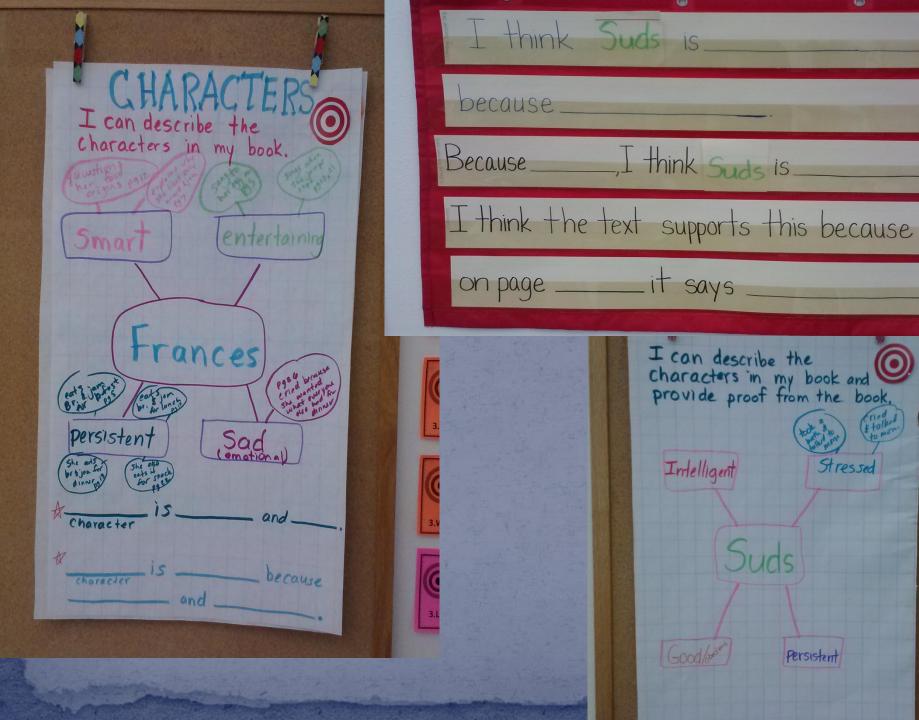
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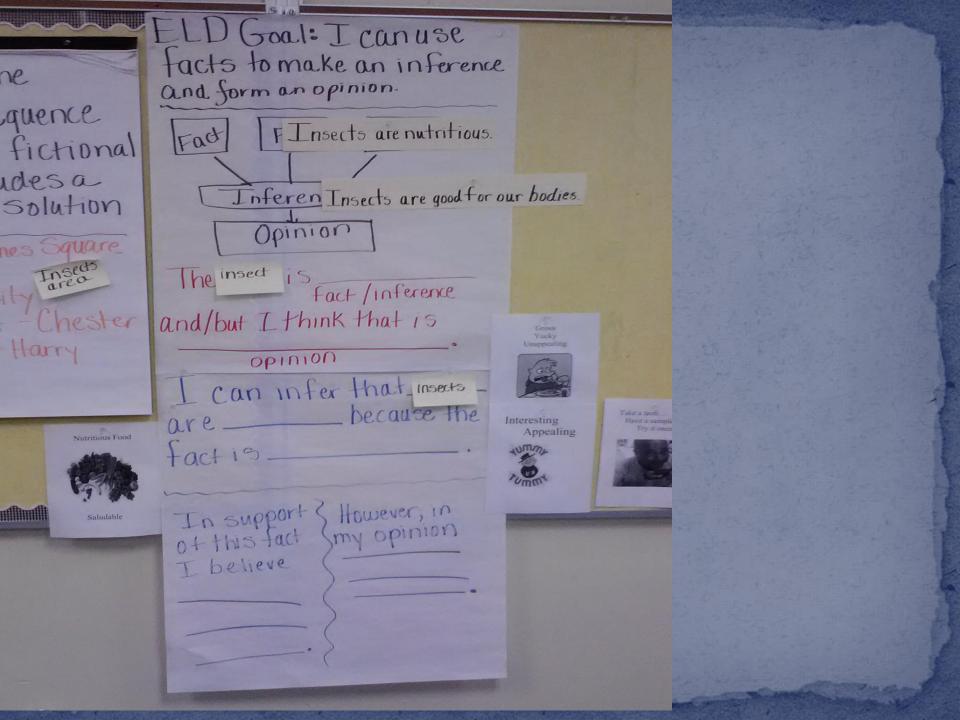






When I read Non-fiction
Before During After
~ predict what _ ~ determine new _ ( ~ share my _ learning _ learning _ learning _ rearring _ ~ ask question ? <
~ skim the text 5 ~ connect information } ~ identify main idea }
information Summarize
Making Predictions
·I think is going to be about, because
· I predict, because
-Since, it looks like will be about
- It looks like might be about, because





### **Practice**

• Primary—K-2, First Grade Standard

• Intermediate—3-5, Fourth Grade Standard

#### **Primary**

- Standard: 1.W.2
- Literacy Objective:
  Students will write a paragraph with an introductory sentence, two supporting details and a conclusion about penguins.
- 1. In pairs or triads, write an exemplar piece.

#### Intermediate

- Standard: 4.W.1
- Literacy Objective: Teachers will write a one paragraph opinion piece about the *CCSS* that includes a statement of opinion, facts and details to support it, effective transition words, and a concluding statement.

2. Analyze for: Language structures/

Language structures/Dialogue Questions, Vocabulary, and Transition words

## **Share Out**

- What language structures would need to be taught and practiced?
- What dialogue questions might be conducive to this?
- What vocabulary might students need to complete the task?
- What transitional words does this type of writing require?

# Oracy in a Unit of Study that Focuses on ONE Type of Writing

 How might this approach support both the learning of content and language?

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#### Review

- Writing Standard
- Writing Objective—What will students be able to do?
- End of Unit Assessment—How will they demonstrate proficiency—what product will the create?
- Create an exemplar.
- Analyze the exemplar for language structures.
- Write dialogue questions that match the language structures.
- Using your language structures, consider what vocabulary will be necessary.
- Plan time for dialogue practice.

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