Teaching and Working with ESL Students

Mid-Year Teacher Symposium
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Helpful Resources

• Highly Useful Books:
  – Reading, Writing and Learning in ESL
  – Making Content Comprehensible for English Learners
  – Oxford Collocations Dictionary for Students of English
  – The ESL/ELL Teacher’s Survival Guide **
Helpful Resources

• Really Useful Websites
  – ncela.gwu.edu
  – colorincolorado.org
  – Larryferlazzo.edublogs.org
  – everythings esl.net
  – wida.us
Quick and Dirty Tips

• Scaffolding:

  I do, you watch.
  I do, you help.
  You do, I help.
  You do, I watch.
Classroom Basics

Building Relationships

- Check ins
- Cooperative Learning
- Parents
- Translating
- Icebreakers
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Building Resources

- Bilingual dictionaries
- Access to ESL websites
- Good library
- Peer tutors
- Word Walls
- Thematic units + vocabulary
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Establishing Routines

✓ Opening and Ending Procedures
✓ Procedures for distributing materials
✓ Posting agendas/schedules
✓ Modeling Routines
✓ Computer Routines
Daily Instruction
Speaking
Listening
Reading
Writing
Activities to Try

- Choral Reading
- Echo Reading
- Information Gap Activities
- Reader’s Theater
- Think-Pair-Share
- Total Physical Response
- Visual Aids
- PWIM
Picture Word Inductive Model

- Also called PWIM
  - Helps students see patterns and use them to identify objects
  - Use photos with white-space to help students write in vocabulary words
  - Good for many classroom activities
  - Originally developed for early literacy instruction
Cheat Sheets

- Working with ESL Students in the Mainstream Classroom
- Developing a Multicultural Classroom: 8 Steps for Integrating ELLs