1. Tips for Increasing Comprehensibility

- •Visuals, props, pictures, illustrations, real objects
- •Graphs, graphic organizers, charts
- Maps
- •Gestures and body language
- •Dramatizations, acting out
- •Hands-on activities, labs, experiments
- •Field trips
- •Models and demonstrations
- •Step-by-step directions
- •Games
- •Simpler language, slower speech, isolating target vocabulary
- •Use native language for clarification
- •Other suggestions:

4. Tips for Lowering the Affective Filter (Anxiety)

- •Become familiar with your students' culture and language. Create connections to their language and culture whenever possible.
- •Assign a willing, interested 'buddy' who will help the ELL student with classroom procedures, adjusting to the school climate, and with comprehending assignments.
- •Use cooperative learning structures
- •Learn to pronounce the student's name correctly and find out about their background and interests.
- •Do not tolerate discrimination of any kind,
- •Create a comfortable learning climate.
- •Other suggestions:

2. Tips for Increasing Interaction

•Use cooperative learning structures such as:

Numbered Heads Together

Think-Pair-Share

4 Corners

2 Stay/1 Stray

Rotating Review

Cross-age or Peer-Tutoring

- •Increase questions to the class in a presentation or lecture.
- •Use discovery learning and task-centered lessons
- •Allow for native language interaction for processing new information
- •Other suggestions:

5. Tips for increasing HOTS

- •Provide at least 3 seconds of wait time after a question and after a response.
- •Utilize "think-pair-share" to provide individual think time and partner/class discussion time
- •Ask 'follow-up' questions such as: Can you give an example? Tell me more. Do you agree?
- •Model learning strategies and ask students to 'think-aloud' such as: Describe how you got that answer.
- •Let students develop their own questions
- •Ask students to predict, infer, compare and contrast.

Other suggestions:

3. Tips for using Alternative Assessments

- •Create rubrics for projects, papers, and reports
- •Maintain student portfolios
- •Ask students to draw the concept and use pictures to assess vocabulary
- •Provide pictures and/or native language support on pen and paper tests
- •Allow students to demonstrate understanding by completing a graphic organizer or diagram
- •Review student journals and learning logs
- •Allow students to use a word bank
- •Have students make a model, develop a role-play, write a letter to the editor, or do an interview related to the content.
- •Other suggestions:

6. Tips for activating prior knowledge and helping students make connections.

- •Use an 'anticipation guide' to find out what students already know.
- •Develop webs with students on a new topic
- •Incorporate the students' cultures and interests
- •Provide a hands-on experience, video clip, or experiment *first*, before reading the text.
- •Begin with the basic concept and add complexities and details later.
- •Begin with the students' personal experiences and lives and move to the more abstract content concept.
- •Connect to other content areas. If the social studies class is focusing on the civil war, read a related book in English class.
- •Other suggestions: