

# Language Proficiency Strategies

*Note.* All learners will benefit from the use of these strategies.

Strategy	Description	Examples
Hands-on Activities	Provides <b>physical interaction with a concept</b> or topic. Often requires extra time to <b>allow for exploration.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Cuisinaire</li> <li>Rods</li> <li>•Tangrams</li> <li>•Tiles</li> <li>•Microscope</li> </ul>
Realia	<b>Real-life objects</b> that <b>connect spoken words</b> to students' life. When discussing a story with apples, show an apple to the class, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Nutrition</li> <li>•Labels</li> <li>•Grocery</li> <li>•Receipt</li> <li>•Bank slip</li> <li>•Money</li> <li>•Food</li> </ul>
Visuals	<b>Visual representations</b> of a concept, procedure, topic, etc. <b>Use to support</b> and enhance your teaching, not replace you. Allow visuals to create <b>a framework for student learning.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Overheads</li> <li>•Models</li> <li>•Charts and Graphs</li> <li>•Timelines</li> <li>•Maps</li> </ul>
Pictures	Visual representation that <b>enhances teacher's spoken words.</b> Using a photo of a item you discuss in class can be <b>motivating and helpful.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Photos</li> <li>•Drawings</li> <li>•Cartoons</li> <li>•Paintings</li> </ul>
Multimedia	Materials that <b>enhance and support</b> teacher's spoken words	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•CD-ROM</li> <li>•DVD</li> <li>•Audio and video recordings</li> </ul>

Demonstrations	<b>Teacher models the concept/topic and provides scaffolding</b> appropriate for students to ‘chunk’ learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Step-by-step procedure</li> <li>•Problem solving broken into steps</li> <li>•Teacher models correct speaking skills</li> <li>•Teacher models correct writing skills</li> </ul>
Adapted Text	<b>Not ‘dumbing-down’</b> of content. Reducing text in complexity, length, and vocabulary <b>provides less advanced learners with an opportunity</b> to find main ideas and gain reading skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Taped Text</li> <li>•Highlight Text</li> <li>•Summarize Text</li> </ul>
Graphic Organizers	<b>Summarizes and organizes a lesson or concept</b> for the learner. Helps learners ‘connect the dots’ and see the overall concept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Outline</li> <li>•Writing Web</li> <li>•Main topics with space for notes</li> </ul>