

## Research

Carol Dweck suggested that when teachers praise students for their intelligence, it actually makes them fear losing the label of "smart", so they don't take academic risks that are likely to push them to higher levels of achievement (2007 as cited by Conley, 2014).

Dweck encouraged educators to praise students' use of effective problem-solving strategies because it cultivates a growth mindset. English learners (ELs) who have growth mindsets see academic challenges as opportunities to grow and learn.

Use some of these ideas to praise ELs' use of problem-solving strategies.



## Listening Skills

You listened carefully when you...

took notes

offered an opinion

sought clarification

rephrased what you heard

asked questions to learn more

identified something we missed

connected to what someone said

made eye contact with the speaker