

Bathroom Briefs

EAL strategies on-the-go, as you go

Episode # 14

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.



Speaking Skills

You spoke effectively when you...

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| used examples | challenged ideas, not the speaker |
| created analogies | used words such as “for example”, “however”, and “in addition to” |
| provided visuals | referred to the text |
| spoke at an audible volume | looked at the audience & around the room |
| spoke slowly | interacted with the audience by asking questions |
| checked the audience’s understanding | |
| told a story to explain the idea | |