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Research

Scaffolding in education is the practice of providing temporary assistance so that students can better access content and demonstrate a skill (Hammond, 2001).

Scaffolds are removed when students demonstrate sufficient independence.

There are different forms of scaffolding: sensory, graphic and interactive.

Each type of scaffolding offers unique approaches to supporting learning and can be intentionally incorporated into a lesson plan.

Scaffolding is particularly important for ELs because it aids both content and language learning

SENSORY Scaffolds

Visual & Auditory

Podcasts

Illustrations

Videos & films

Diagrams & drawings

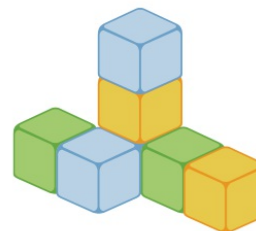Pictures & photographs

Magazines & newspapers

Physical & Movement

Manipulative

Demonstrations

Real-life objects

Models & figures

Best for

Visual learners

Entering ELs

Podcast effective for auditory learners

Multiple home languages

The educator doesn't speak the home language

Purposes

Making connections between ideas

Learning through a narrative

Understanding how a process works

Learning through movements

Contextualizing abstract ideas through objects

Acquiring new knowledge

Hammond, Jennifer. Scaffolding: Teaching and Learning in Language and Literacy Education. Newtown, N.S.W.: PETA, 2001. Print.