

When ELLs Can't summarize, use **SWBS**

When Kids' Can't Read, What Teachers Can Do

is book by Kyrene Beers that shares practical, classroom-tested strategies to help struggling secondary students acquire reading skills.

Teachers can quickly diagnose reading struggles and then strategically teach specific strategies to support the child.

Though this book was not specifically written for ELLs, the strategies can be applied to meet ELLs' literacy needs.

The strategies address

vocabulary

reading strategies



inference-making

reading comprehension

Diagnose & Teach

" If a student

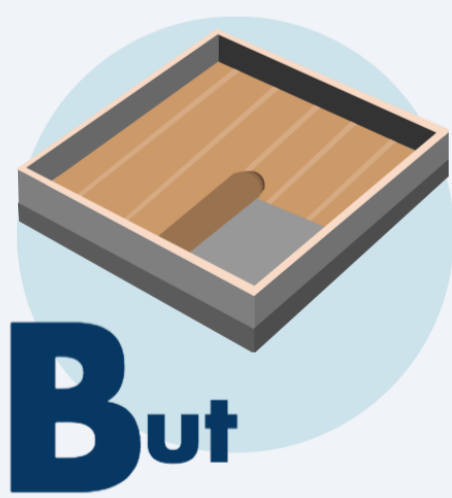
can call all the words and read at a reasonable rate, BUT has trouble answering the questions, discussing the text, understanding unknown words, and says reading is boring..."



Then this student

needs help with vocabulary, making predictions, comparing and contrasting, summarizing, visualizing, and making connections. See Chapters 4-9. Beers, 2003.

Post Reading



Take Aways



1. ELs can to summarize texts
2. Summarizing is an important academic skill
3. Teachers can offer a struggle to help learn demanding academic skills such as summarizing



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