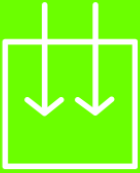


The Roles of Home Languages

To Develop Comprehensible Input



Build context

by viewing resources in the home languages that are related to the topic.

Understanding vocabulary

by translating content-specific vocabulary to the home languages.

Reading texts

by making annotations using the home languages

To Foster Social Interactions

Think metacognitively

by having ELs reflect on their learning with others who speak the same home language.

Working collaboratively

by allowing ELs to solve problems with same-language peers when appropriate.

Communicating opinions

by permitting ELs to form & support their opinions using the home languages.



To Express Ideas



Writing text

by brainstorming & drafting in the home languages before writing in English.

Learning grammar

by comparing language patterns in English to their home languages.

Thinking by talking

by using their home languages to process new information or construct meaning.