

Professional Rural Education Program

Major Skills Included in Each Language Category

Language Experience Approach (LEA)

- Connects ASL to written English
- Reinforces English language structures
- Reinforces vocabulary concepts and use
- Reinforces reading and writing skills

Guess What I Have

- Focuses on use of adjectives
- Reinforces use of descriptive language
- Promotes deductive thinking

Visual Representations of Stories

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Dramatization

- Provides opportunities to practice and experiment with language
- Reinforces reading and writing skills

- Reinforces English language structures
- Reinforces vocabulary concepts and use

Writing Recipes

- Provides practice for following directions
- Reinforces vocabulary concepts and use
- Reinforces reading and writing skills

Group Discussion of a Shared Previous Experience

- Develops/reinforces conversational skills
- Develops/reinforces sequencing skills
- Reinforces English language structures
- Reinforces reading and writing skills

Surveys

- Reinforces question forms
- Reinforces writing skills

Advertising Me

- Encourages reflection of self
- Reinforces descriptive vocabulary
- Reinforces reading and writing skills

Decision Making

- Reinforces oral/signed expressive language
- Reinforces question forms
- Promotes the expression of opinions and their justifications
- Reinforces reading and writing skills

Comparing Two or More Stories

- Provides opportunities to use language to communicate, inform, and negotiate
- Connects ASL to written English
- Reinforces reading and writing skills
- Promotes critical thinking skills

Idiomatic Language

- Develops/reinforces understanding and use of idiomatic language
- Develops/reinforces metalinguistic skills
- Reinforces reading skills

Journal Writing

- Reinforces writing skills
- Provides opportunities to experiment with different writing styles and formats
- Develops communication skills through written language
- Reinforces English language structures

Storytelling

- Reinforces receptive and expressive sign/spoken skills
- Reinforces reading and writing skills
- Reinforces summarization skills
- Promotes critical thinking skills

Complex Sentences

- Develops/reinforces understanding and use of complex sentence structures
- Reinforces writing skills

Judging Grammaticality of Sentences

- Reinforces correct English grammar usage
- Reinforces metalinguistic skills

Cloze Procedure

- Reinforces English language structures
- Reinforces reading skills
- Reinforces metalinguistic skills

Scrambled Sentences

- Reinforces the correct word order of English
- Reinforces comprehension of English

Concept/Vocabulary Development

The following strategies are described in this section:

1. Concept Definition Mapping or Word Maps
2. Venn Diagram
3. LINK (List, Inquire, Note, and Know)
4. Visualization
5. Frayer Model

These strategies include the following skills:

- Links language to prior knowledge
- Links meaning to new vocabulary
- Links new concepts to already existing schemata
- Provides opportunities for students to use new terms in connected language and in different situations