

Best Practices for Literacy Instruction in Multilingual Classroom Settings

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<i>Linguistic Strategies</i>
➤ Build on students' home languages Good example:
➤ Provide English language development for English learners Good example:
➤ Focus on meaning making, not correcting Good example:
➤ Teach important vocabulary Good example:
➤ Clarify subtle differences across languages Good example:
<i>Assessment Strategies</i>
➤ Assess literacy development <i>and</i> language development Good example:
➤ Understand the limitations of formal assessment with English learners Good example:
➤ Use regular progress monitoring measures Good example:
➤ Provide tailored, small group support Good example:
➤ Frequently check for understanding in every lesson Good example:

Community Building Strategies

- Use varied grouping strategies
Good example:

- Uphold respectful classroom norms
Good example:

- Structure partner interactions
Good example:

- Expect students to question and self-monitor
Good example:

- Build a classroom full of teachers
Good example:

- Establish a team spirit- everyone here learns
Good example:

Instructional Strategies

- Teach explicitly and systematically
Good example:

- Create and engage as a learning community
Good example:

- Highlight connections
Good example:

- Actively construct knowledge
Good example: