

The GO TO Strategies Matrix lists exemplary strategies for each of the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing at five different language proficiency levels. The strategies identified for a specific proficiency level can be modified by teachers for students at other proficiency levels (either lower or higher). The chart is intended to be a quick reference guide for teachers in planning and implementing instructional modifications for English language learners in their content classes. For detailed information on these strategies, go to <http://www.cal.org/what-we-do/projects/project-excell/the-go-to-strategies>. (Scroll to bottom of page.)

The GO TO Strategies Matrix: Scaffolding Options for Teachers of English Language Learners, K-12

	Level 1 Entering	Level 2 Emerging	Level 3 Developing	Level 4 Expanding	Level 5 Bridging
Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use physical gestures to accompany oral directives. Modify *Teacher Talk. Label visuals and objects with target vocabulary. Introduce Cognates to aid comprehension. Ask for Signal Responses to check comprehension. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give two step Contextualized directions. Restate/rephrase and use *Patterned Oral Language routines. Model Academic Language and vocabulary. Ask for Total Physical Responses from students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide graphics or objects to sequence steps in a process. Check Comprehension of all students frequently. Use *Wait Time. Provide Anticipation Guides for previewing content reading. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare/contrast relationships from auditory information using a Venn Diagram. Require students to restate and rephrase from auditory input as in *Paraphrase Passport. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline lectures on the SmartBoard. Use *Video Observation Guides. Confirm students' prior knowledge of content topics. Extend content vocabulary with multiple examples and non-examples.
Speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide wall charts with illustrated academic vocabulary. Ask simple WH (who, what, when, where), yes-no or either-or questions. Elicit *Choral Responses. Encourage participation in group chants, poems, and songs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use 10-2 structures. Assign roles in group work. Use Clock Buddies. Use Numbered Heads Together. Use *Think-Pair-Share-Squared. Develop Key Sentence Frames for pair interactions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Graphic Organizers or notes to scaffold oral retelling. Prompt for academic language output. Use Think-Pair-Share. Repeat and Expand student responses in a *Collaborative Dialogue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require full sentence responses by asking open ended questions. Use Varied Presentation Formats such as role plays. * Scaffold oral reports with note cards and provide time for prior practice. Use Reader's Theatre to scaffold oral language growth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Structure debates requiring various points of view with graphic organizers and/or outlines. Require the use of academic language. Require oral reporting for summarizing group work. Include oral presentations in the content classroom.
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preview the text content with pictures, demos, charts, or experiences. Pair students to read one text together. Preview text with a Picture Walk. Use Choral Reading. Use *Teacher Read Alouds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Card Sorts. Use K-W-L charts before reading. Use the Language Experience Approach. Provide a list of important concepts on a graphic organizer. Use *Shared Reading and/or simplify the text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a content vocabulary Word Bank with non-linguistic representations. Teach skimming for specific information. Use Teach the Text Backwards. Use 4 to 1 for main ideas from text. Use *Guided Reading. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Model the creation of a Story Map from a narrative. Provide Question Answer Relationship questions for student pairs to research. Use Directed Reading Thinking Activity. Use Cornell Notes. Use *Jigsaw Reading to scaffold independent reading. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require computer and library research. Ask students to analyze text structure and select an appropriate Graphic Organizer for summarizing. Use *Reciprocal Teaching to scaffold independent reading.
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require students to label visuals and/or create language balloons. Require vocabulary notebooks with L1 translations or non-linguistic representations. Provide *Key Sentence Frames with word and picture banks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach note taking on a Graphic Organizer. Use a Roving Chart in small group work. Use Interactive Journals. Use *Think-Write-Pair-Share. Provide Cloze sentences with a Word Bank. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require Learning Logs for summaries of learning. Use Text to Graphics and Back Again. Teach Signal Words (comparison, chronology, cause-effect, and listing) for academic writing. Provide *Cloze paragraphs with a *Word Bank. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Rubrics and exemplars to scaffold writing assignments. Teach and utilize the writing process. Provide an outline for the standard five-paragraph essay. Provide *Report Frames for independent, structured, content writing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Require academic writing and the use of target academic vocabulary. *Teach the process of writing a research paper. Address students' cultures in differing genres of writing. Hold frequent writing conferences with teacher and peers.