

## SD EL Chat #2



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Thank you all for joining us for our SD EL Chat #2. The topic of the SD EL Chat #2 was on *Stages of Second Language Acquisition*. We had great discussion around this topic and the importance of understanding the stages students go through in order to learn a second language. Thank you for the fantastic conversation!

Questions discussed:

- Q1: Please share your name, where you live, and what you teach?
- Q2: Why should all educators be aware of the stages of second language acquisition?
- Q3: What are the implications of the stages for general education instruction?
- Q4: What are good resources to share with the general education teachers about stages of second language acquisition?
- Q5: How might you apply this new information?

Thoughts that were shared:

**It is important to:**

- Understand what levels students are currently performing in so supports can be put in place for students to demonstrate knowledge
- Understand the difference between academic language and social language
- For educators to understand the different stages of second language acquisition before students are referred to Special Ed
- Acquiring academic language can take 5-7 years
- EL teachers can help general education teachers with scaffolding and differentiating at the different levels of English language proficiency
- Assessments need to be differentiated based on student's English proficiency level- EL teachers can help with this task!

- When working on academic language EL teachers can provide teachers with sentence stems for assisting the students in constructing their academic verbal responses
- The WIDA Can DO Key Uses of language are a great instructional planning tool for all teachers
- Collaboration between the EL teacher and general education teacher is important
- The ELLevation program was shared, this is a program in which classroom teachers can identify ELLs, monitor progress, and share feedback with their teams

Resources:

- ▶ [Five Stages of Second Language Acquisition](#)
- ▶ [EverythingESL: Stages of Second Language Acquisition](#)
- ▶ [Can-Do Descriptors: A Free Tool for ESL Differentiation](#)
- ▶ [The GO TO Strategies: Scaffolding Options for Teachers of English Language Learners, K-12](#)
- ▶ [Can DO Descriptors Key Uses](#)
- ▶ [ELLEvation](#)

Next chat will be on December 18, 2018- Topic SD STARS & English Learners

Hope to see you at our next chat!