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Helping ELL student succeed

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A little bit about Martin

- ❑ Works for the Santa Clara County Office of Education providing teachers with professional development.
- ❑ 25+ years in education with the focus on English Language Learners.
- **Once you understand what you're doing you will see the difference right away.**
- The Dos and Don'ts for mainstream teachers of ELLs
 - **Make sure you give your students the language they need to know to survive before anything else.**
 - Then move onto language frames they need to use in academic areas.
 - Getting started with teaching ELLs.
 - Comprehensible input
 - Using gestures
 - Using realia
 - Slow speech
 - Using visuals
 - Small groups
 - Vocabulary notebooks are very helpful for ELLS.
 - Oral practice and writing down what they are learning.
 - Allow students the opportunity to write down their thoughts before they share with another student.
 - **Wait time is extremely important.**
- Using technology in the classroom with ELLs,
 - Provides students multiple ways to show what they know.
 - Helps develop understanding.
 - Fosters collaboration.
 - Find tools that enhance good teaching practices.
 - [Aww App](#)- a touch friendly online whiteboard app.

- Can be used for students to show their thinking visually and allows for teachers to check in on their ELLs frequently.
 - Allows for collaboration and sharing.
- [Plickers](#)
 - Low level tech but it gives teachers a quick assessment when teaching and gives frequent feedback.
- [Google Translate](#)
 - The mobile version of Google Translate can be a huge life-saver for ELL families at events like Back to School Night or Open House.
 - Using the camera function in the app with auto-magically translate the texts in real time.
 - It may not be perfect but it gives the students an anchor as they are beginning to learn the language.
- Google Chrome extensions to support teachers of ELLS.
 - [Crafty Level](#) gives you the reading level of any web page.
 - [TL;DR](#) uses an algorithm to chunk the information to make it more manageable as they read.
- [Summary.com](#)
 - Paste an article, text or essay in the box and it will summarize it for you.
- Get students to practice the language.
 - Use technology to give students the opportunity to listen to themselves speak.
 - [Blabbarize.com](#) and [ChatterPix](#) are both free apps that allow students to upload a picture then record themselves talking over it. Since the students aren't watching themselves recording they can focus on their speech.