Strategies for Welcoming English Language Learners into our Classrooms

CREDE (The Center for Research on Education Diversity and Excellence)[[1]](#footnote--1) suggests:

1. Joint Productive Activity
2. Challenging Activities
3. Instructional Conversation
4. Language Development
5. Contextualization

Practical Tips to Use in the Classroom:

1. Label Everything in both the L1 and L2
2. Buddy System: Less threatening when the ELL has one student that he/she can work with and ask questions.
3. Identification Card to help with basic information
4. Assist the student with key phrases that can help them in daily language
5. Learn a few words/phrases in the student’s L1
6. Celebrate the culture of student in the room
7. Help ELLs keep the established rules in the classroom. Show them what you expect.
8. Use an interpreter, if possible.
9. LEARN THEIR NAMES!
10. Offer one-on-one assistance when possible.
11. Post a visual daily schedule and stick to it.
12. Understand that there might be an adjustment period of culture shock.
1. Teaching learners of English in Mainstream Classrooms, Levine and McClosky, 47 [↑](#footnote-ref--1)