



PRINCIPLES

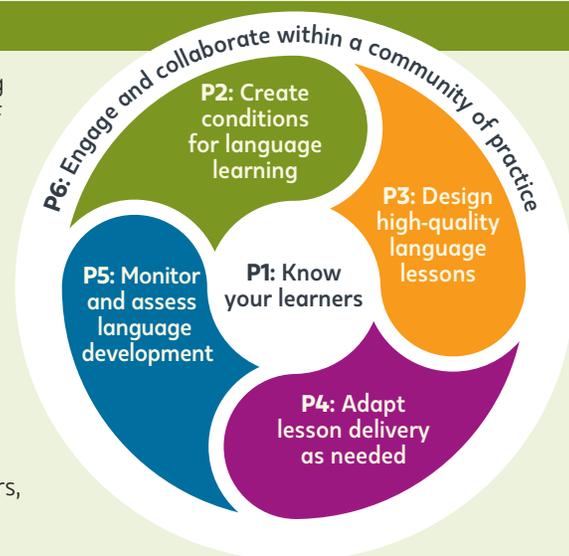
FOR EXEMPLARY TEACHING OF ENGLISH LEARNERS

WHAT ARE THE 6 PRINCIPLES?

The 6 Principles are a core set of principles for the exemplary teaching and learning of English as a new language. They are universal guidelines drawn from decades of research in language pedagogy and language acquisition theory. The 6 Principles are targets for teaching excellence and should undergird any program of English language instruction:

1. Know your learners.
2. Create conditions for language learning.
3. Design high-quality lessons for language development.
4. Adapt lesson delivery as needed.
5. Monitor and assess student language development.
6. Engage and collaborate within a community of practice.

You must implement the 6 Principles as a whole. You cannot just know your learners, for example, and then not act on that knowledge when you plan instruction.



WHO SHOULD USE THE 6 PRINCIPLES?

The 6 Principles are for you, a teacher in any classroom where students are learning English as a new language or learning content through that new language. They are applicable across different educational contexts, such as classrooms with children or adults, dual language learners, emerging bilinguals, and multilingual students.

WHY DO WE NEED THE 6 PRINCIPLES?

- TESOL's mission is to advance the quality of English language teaching around the world. As the number of English learners soars, a common understanding of second language learning and effective instructional and assessment design is needed.
- In some settings, teachers need more preparation to effectively educate English learners. When TESOL professionals fully implement the 6 Principles, their students participate in high-quality lessons for language development and experience educational success.
- The 6 Principles provide teachers with the knowledge to make informed decisions to improve instruction and assessment, so curricula and courses for English learners are rigorous, relevant, and designed and delivered with second language acquisition in mind.
- The 6 Principles will help educators
 - respect, affirm, and promote students' home languages and cultural knowledge and experiences as resources;
 - celebrate multilingualism and diversity;
 - support policies that promote individual language rights and multicultural education;
 - guide students to be global citizens.