

Concept Construxions is a vocabulary acquisition system that provides all students, including English language learners (ELL), with language support to facilitate content instruction (i.e., math, science, and social studies). Each component of the **Concept Construxions** system supports English language learners with research-based instructional practices as they progress toward meeting state standards. In fact, **Concept Construxions** and Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English (SDAIE) methodologies are based on the same premise: students learn best through comprehensible inputs that are grounded in the context of a given discipline. **Concept Construxions** provides English language learners with comprehensible delivery of content, which leads to academic language proficiency.

For each of the Sheltered English **SDAIE** precepts below, see how  directly bolsters instructional efforts:

SDAIE

Lessons should utilize the academic language, and this repertoire should be complete for a given course and posted within the classroom

- Over 200 standards-based **Concept Cards™** are provided for each academic discipline. This provides all ELL with a more equitable experience as they enter the classroom.
- The **Converse & Convey Panel®** serves as a posted reminder of previous vocabulary-based lessons, allowing students to see academic language and interact with learned words on a daily basis.
- Students use the back of the **Concept Cards** to write down **Classroom Contexts™** where the word was used; they keep track of these contexts and add more as the year unfolds.

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Teachers should make connections between student life experience and knowledge when introducing new concepts

- While using the **Construxion Site**, the teacher can verbally prompt students to make real-world connections and can personalize learning through examples that students can understand (comprehensible inputs)
- Students can write their own ideas, examples, cultural connections and analogies directly onto the **Concept Cards**

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The ELL classroom should provide students with opportunities for active learning

- The **Construxion Site®** is the perfect place for students to collaboratively problem-solve, organize, arrange, assemble, express and, of course, *construct* meaning using higher-order thinking skills
- **Concept Cards** can be used in pairs or small groups just as easily as they can with the whole class

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Teachers should use graphic organizers, pictures, realia and pictographs to aid in comprehension of new concepts

- These artifacts may be attached to or displayed near the **Converse & Convey Panel**
- The **Concept Cards**, with their color-shape system, are ideal manipulatives that enhance content learning
- The **Converse & Convey Panel** is a graphic organizer in and of itself!

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English language learners should be provided with multiple opportunities to integrate newly-learned concepts into their reading, writing, speaking and listening

- **Concept Construxions** can be used several times each week, or even daily, to offer students the chance to practice using their terms as they “**Converse & Convey.**”
- Writing and speaking prompts flow easily from the **Converse & Convey Panel**, acting as a formative assessment that provides teachers and students with ongoing feedback about content learning and vocabulary acquisition