

Effective Teaching Strategies Nonlinguistic Representations

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As a result of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Understand how nonlinguistic representations enhance students' understanding and ability to use knowledge
- Know how to apply this instructional strategy in your classroom.

Effective Teaching Strategies Agenda

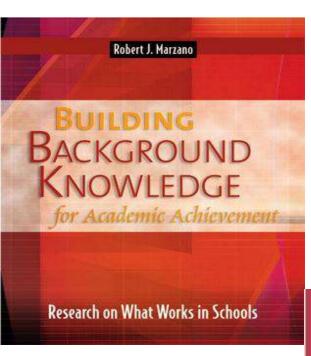
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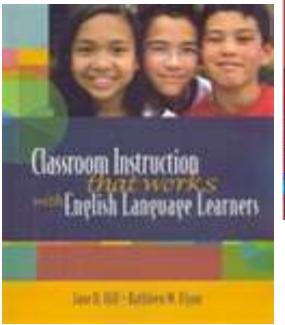


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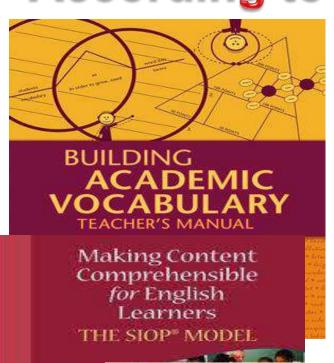
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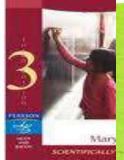
- Creating Graphic Representations
- Making Physical Models
- Generating Mental Pictures
- Drawing pictures and pictographs
- **Engaging in Kinesthetic**
- Activities

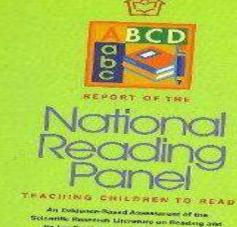




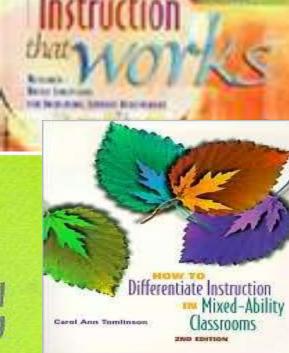
According to research ...







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Reports of the Subgroups



Meta-analysis

- Combines the results of many studies to determine the average effect of a given strategy
- Results are translated as "effect size"

What is an Effect Size?

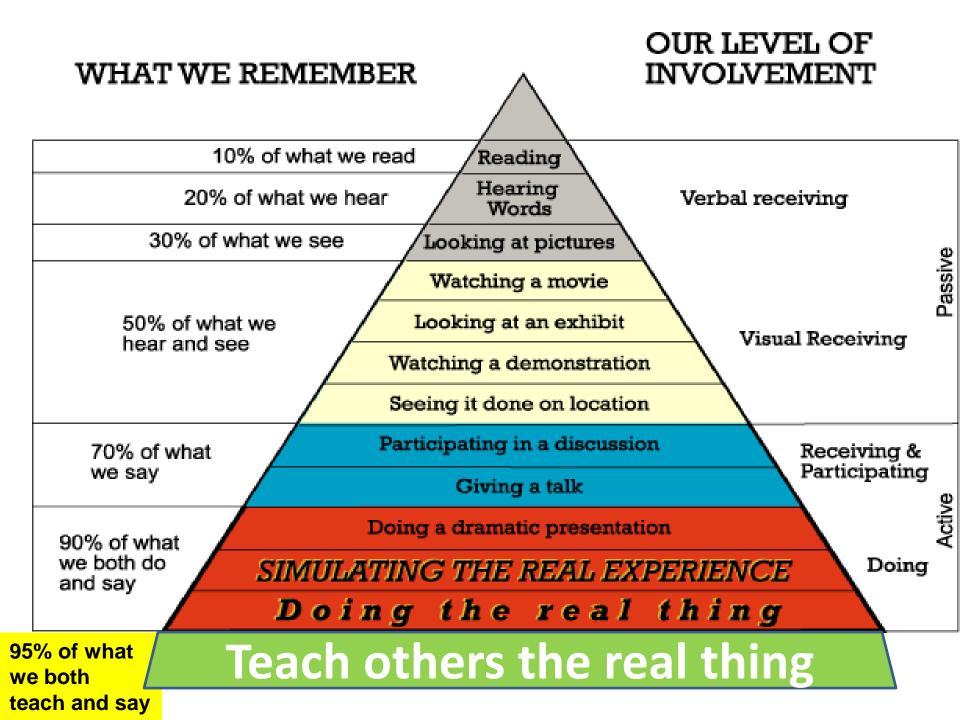
The increase or decrease in achievement of a group exposed to a certain strategy as expressed in standard deviation units, which can be translated into percentiles

What Does Effect Size Represent?

- An effect size of .20 = small gain
- An effect size of .50 = medium gain
- An effect size of .80 = large gain

Meta-analysis Results for Categories of Learning Strategies

Category	Average Effect Size	Average Percentage Gain	Number of Studies
1. Similarities & Differences	1.61	45	31
2. Summarizing & Note Taking	1.00	34	179
3. Reinforcing Effort & Providing Recognition	.80	29	21
4. Practice & Homework		20	134
5. Nonlinguistic Representation	.75	27	246
6. Cooperative Learning	.73	27	122
7. Setting Objectives & Providing Feedback	.61	23	408
8. Generating & Testing Hypotheses	.61	23	63
9. Cues & Questions & Advance Organizers	.59	22	1,251



Definitions of Categories of Instructional Strategies

Category	Definition
Similarities & Differences	Strategies that enhance students' understanding and ability to use knowledge by having them identify similarities and differences among items.
Summarizing & Note Taking	Strategies that enhance students' ability to synthesize information and organize it in a way that captures the main ideas and key supporting details.
Reinforcing Effort & Providing Recognition	•Strategies that enhance students' understanding of the relationship between effort and achievement by addressing students' attitudes and beliefs about learning. •Strategies that reward or praise students for attaining goals.
Practice & Homework	•Strategies that encourage students to practice, review, and apply knowledge. •Strategies that enhance students' ability to reach the expected level of proficiency to a skill or process
Nonlinguistic Representation	Strategies that enhance students' ability to represent and elaborate on knowledge using images.
Cooperative Learning	Strategies that provide a direction for learning and encourage students to interact with each other in groups in ways that enhance their learning
Setting Objectives & Providing Feedback	Strategies that help students learn how well they are performing relative to a particular learning goal so that they can improve their performance
Generating & Testing Hypotheses	Strategies that enhance students' understanding of and ability to use knowledge by having them generate and test hypotheses
Cues & Questions & Advance Organizers	Strategies that enhance students' ability to retrieve, use, and organize what they already know about the topic

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The learning strategies are tools for your toolbox and are most effective when implemented purposely, intentionally, and explicitly, or "P.I.E.":

- Purposely-implemented in accordance with recommendations
- Intentionally-implemented with sufficient time and intensity
- Explicitly- implemented consistently and until success is achieved

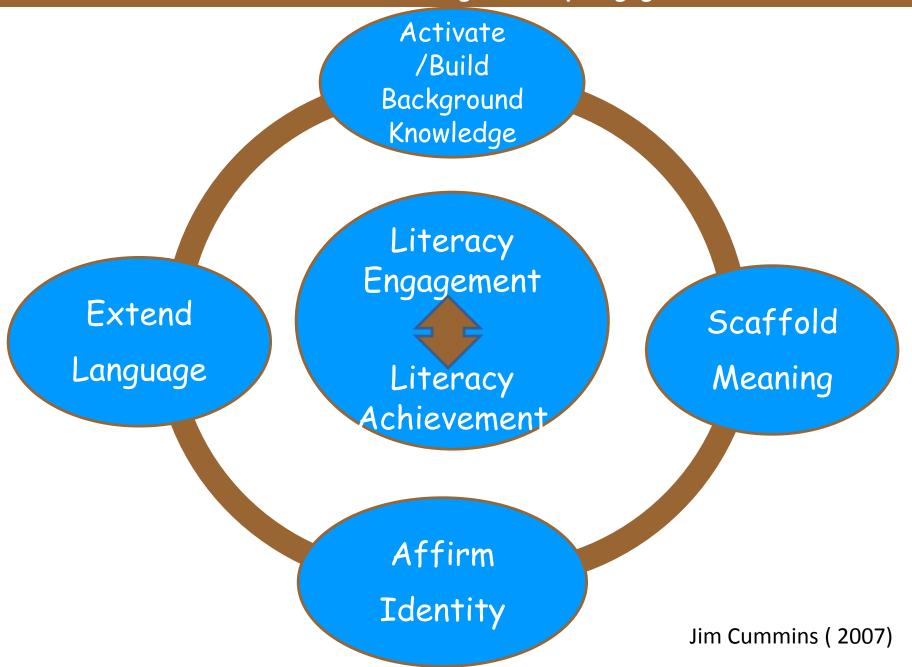
EXPLICIT Teaching

- 4) Independence
 You do, I watch.
- 3) Practice
 You do, I help.
- 2) Model

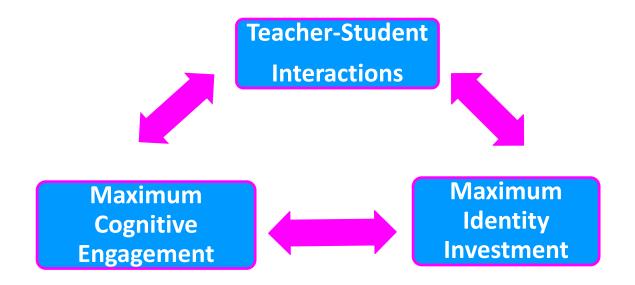
 I do, you watch.
- 1) Explain
 I talk, you listen.



Conditions for Promoting Literacy Engagement



The Development of Academic Expertise



Focus on Meaning

- Making Input comprehensible
- Developing critical literacy

Focus on Language

- Awareness of language forms and uses
- Critical analysis of language forms

Focus on Use

Using language to:
 Generate new
 knowledge, create
 literature and art,
 and act on social
 realities

If we truly focused on Learning

- What would the physical layout of the classroom look like?
- What would I hear and see from the students?
- What would we need to start doing?
- What would we need to stop doing?

Reflecting on My Current Beliefs and Practices- Nonlinguistic Representations

- What is the purpose of representing knowledge in different forms?
- When do I ask students to represent knowledge using forms other than the words?
- What questions do I have about representing knowledge?

Nonlinguistic Representation

Enhance a student's ability to represent and elaborate on knowledge using mental images.

Generalization from the Research

 Nonlinguistic representation should elaborate on knowledge using mental images.

 There are five main types of nonlinguistic representations.

Recommendation for Classroom Practice

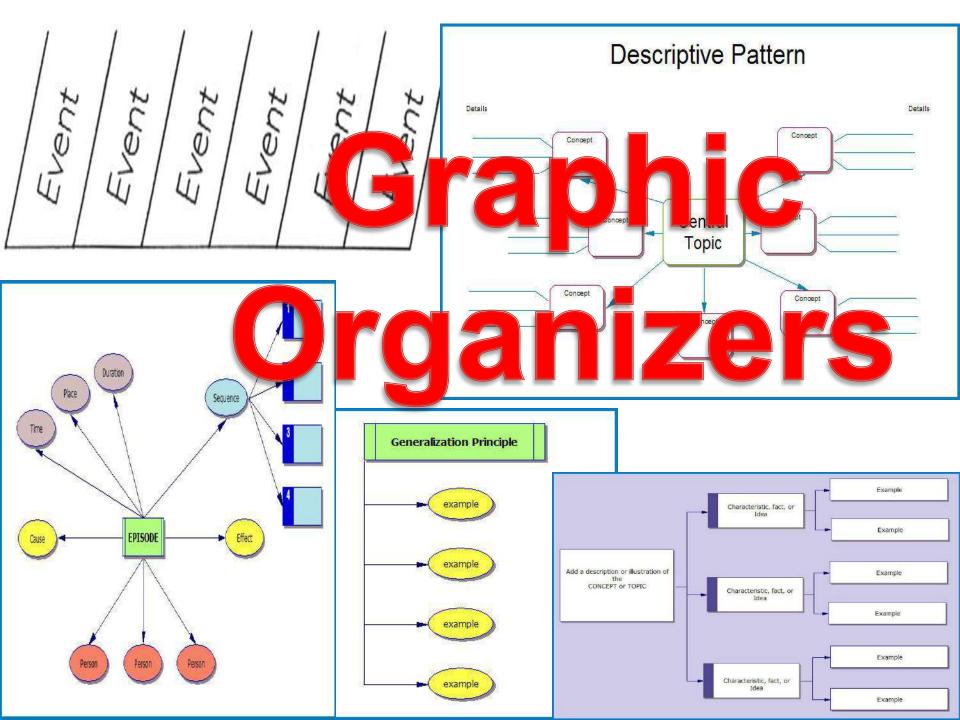
Student should use:

- graphic organizers
- pictographic representations
- mental images
- physical models, and
- kinesthetic representations

Recommendation for Classroom Practice

 Students should apply nonlinguistic representations to enhance their content understanding and talk about their choices to increase academic language.

 Nonlinguistic representations can be tools for language development.



Graphic Organizers

Six common patterns used to organize information are:

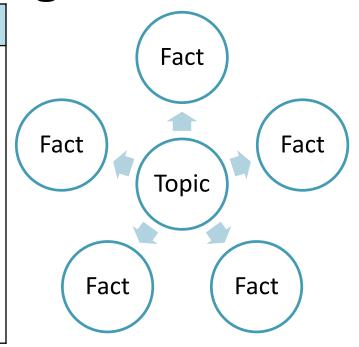
- descriptions
- time sequences
- process/cause-effect relationships
- episodes,
- generalizations/principles,
- and concepts

Description Pattern Organizer

Questions

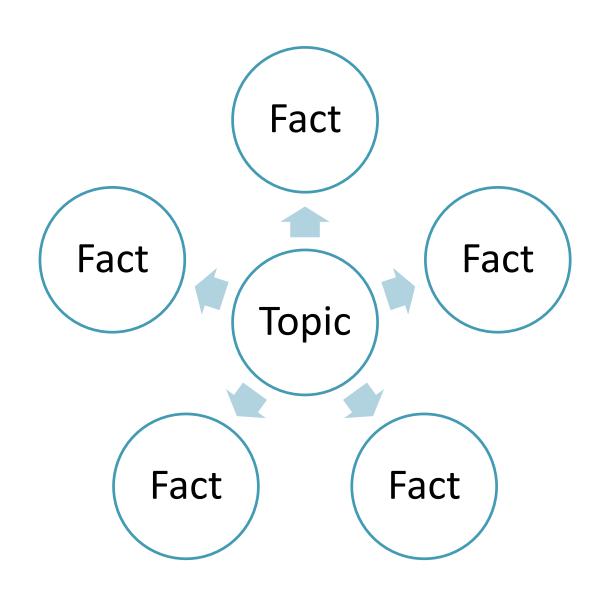
- 1. What specific person, place, thing, or event is being described?
- 2. What are the most important attributes or characteristics?
- 3. Why are these particular attributes important or significant?
- 4. Why is the description important?

Use your answers to these questions to form a summary.

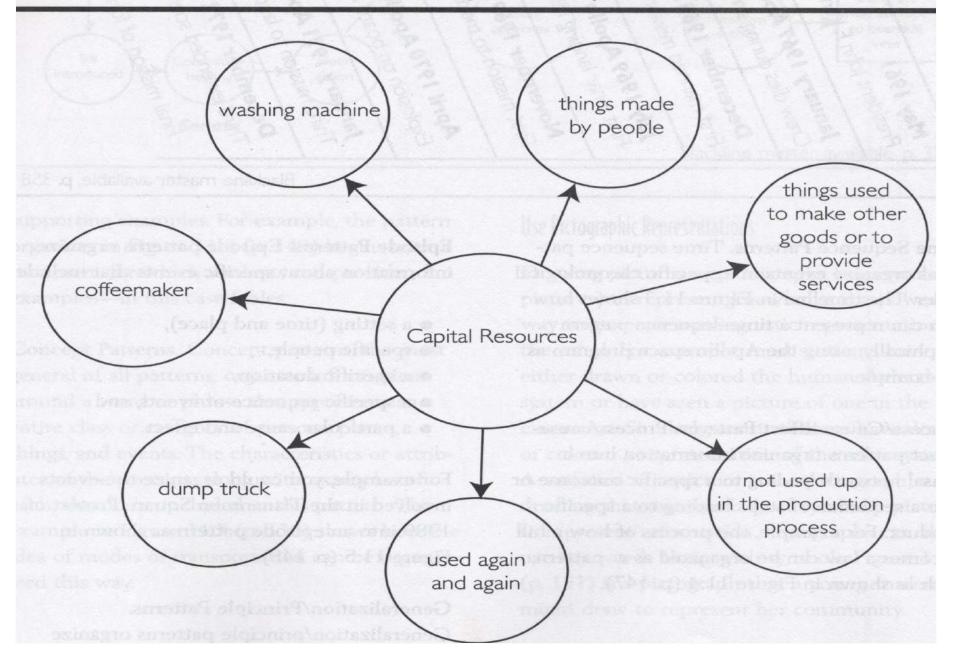


Signal Words				
above	across	along	appears to be	
as in	behind	below	beside	
between	down	in back of	In front of	
looks like	near	next to	on top of	
onto	outside	over	such as	
to the right/left	under	adjectives	adverbs	

Description Pattern Organizer



Descriptive Pattern Organizer—Capital Resources



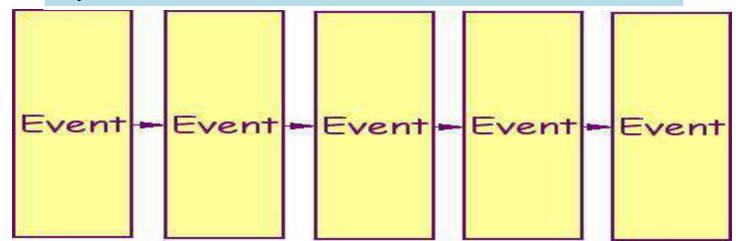
Questions

- 1. What sequence is being described?
- 2. What are the major incidents that occur?

Use your answers to these questions to form a summary.

Signal Words				
after	afterward	as soon as	before	during
finally	first	following	for (duration)	immediately
initially	later	meanwhile	next	not longer after
now	on (date)	preceding	second	soon
then	third	today	until	when

Topic:



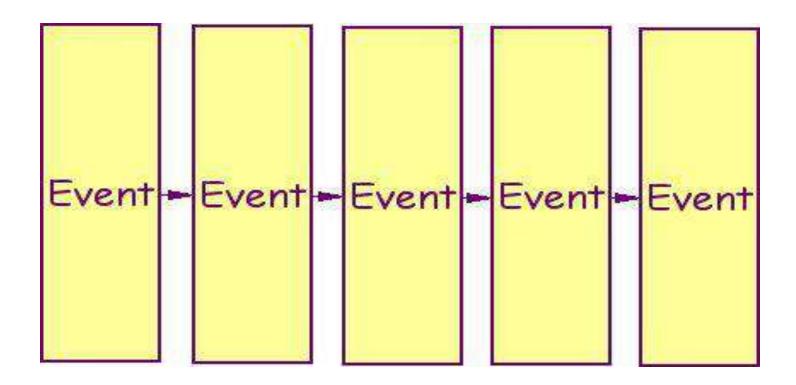
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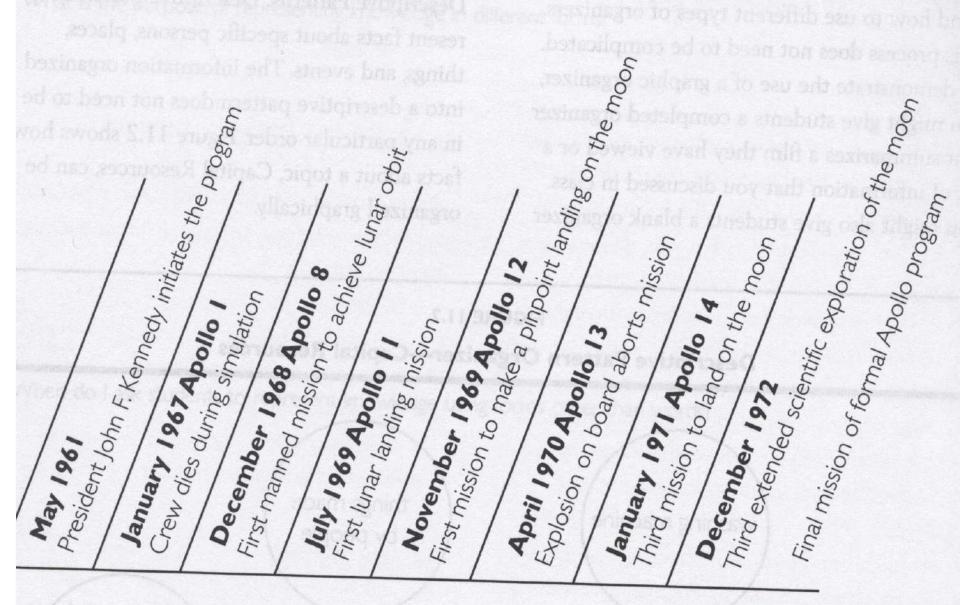
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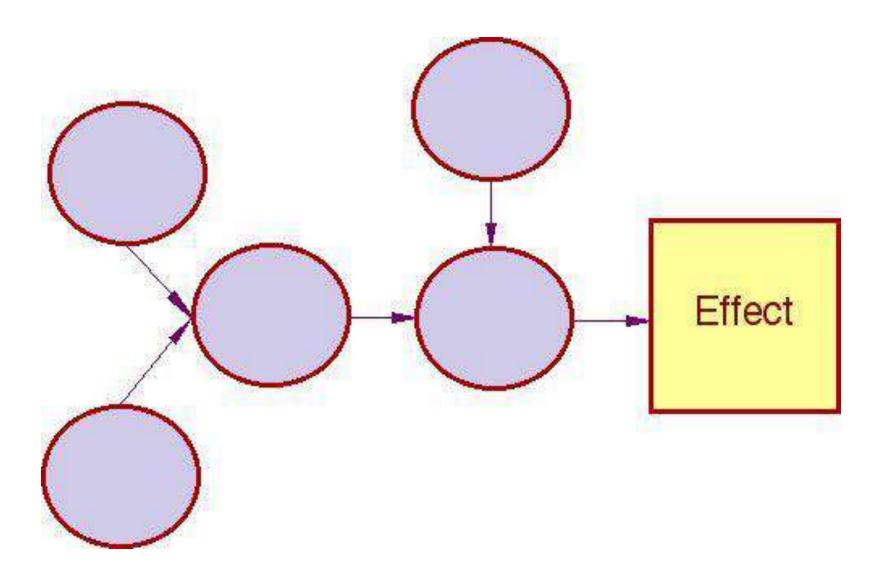
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Highlights of the Apollo Space Program

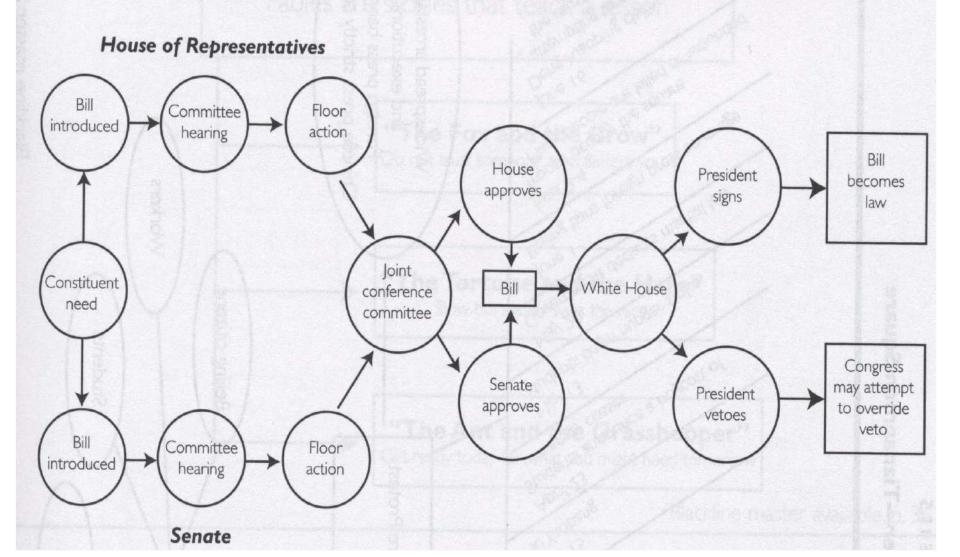


Process/Cause-Effect Organizer



Process/Cause-Effect Pattern Organizer

How a Bill Becomes a Law in the United States



Episode Pattern Organizer

Questions

- 1. What event is being explained or described?
- 2. What is the setting where the event occurs?
- 3. When did these event occur?
- 4. Who are the major figures or characters that play a part in this?
- 5. List, in the order they occur, the specific incidents or events.
- 6. What caused this event?
- 7. What effect has this event had on the people involved?
- 8. What effect has this event had on society in general?

Sequence of events Duration Place Time **EPISODE** Effect Cause Person Person Person

Use your answers to these questions to form a summary.

Signal Words				
a few days/weeks later	around this time	as it is often called	as a result of	
because of	began when	consequently	first	
for this reason	lasted for	led to	shortly thereafter	
since then	subsequently	this led to	when	

Episode Pattern Organizer

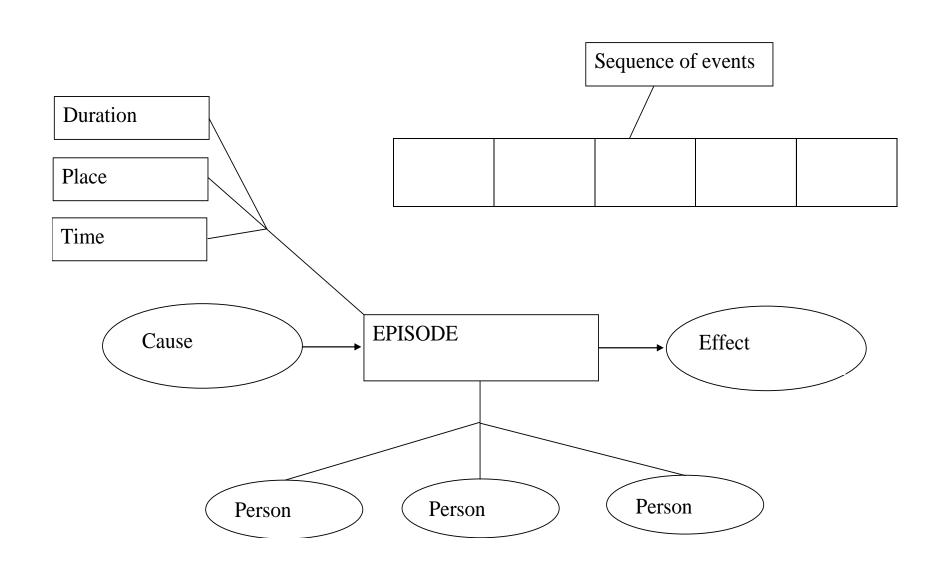
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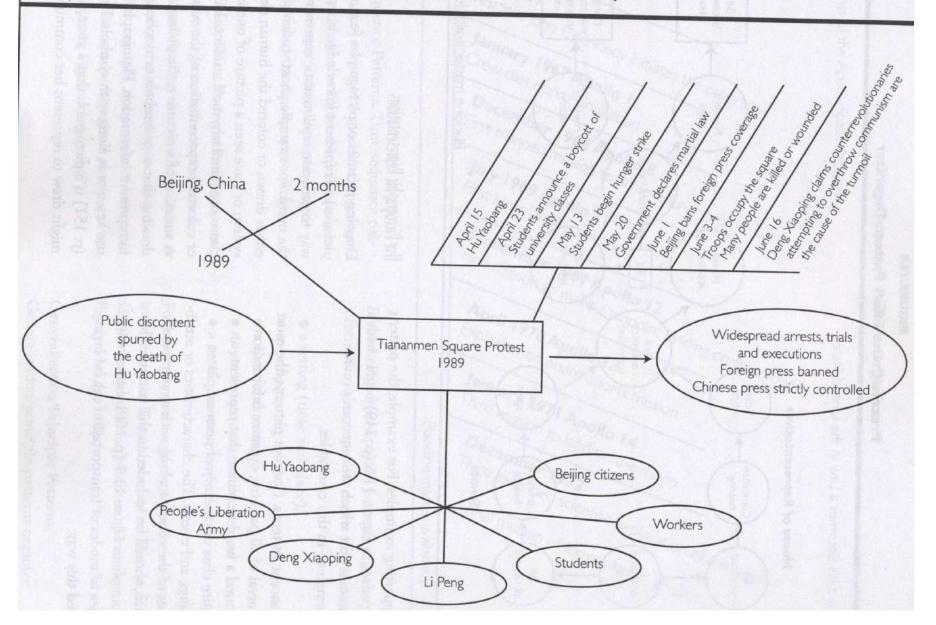
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Episode Pattern Organizer



Episode Pattern Organizer—Tiananmen Square



Generalization/Principle Pattern Organizer

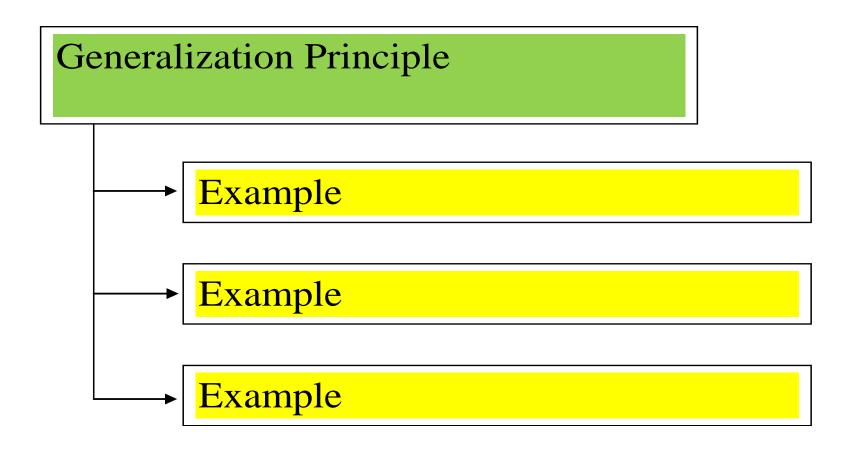
Questions

- 1. What generalization is the author making or what principle is being explained?
- 2. What facts, examples, statistics, and expert opinions are given that support the generalization or that explain the principle?
- 3. Are these details written in a logical order? Why or why not?
- 4. Are these enough facts, examples, statistics, and expert opinions to clearly support or explain the generalization/principle? Why or why not?

Use your answers to these questions to form a summary.

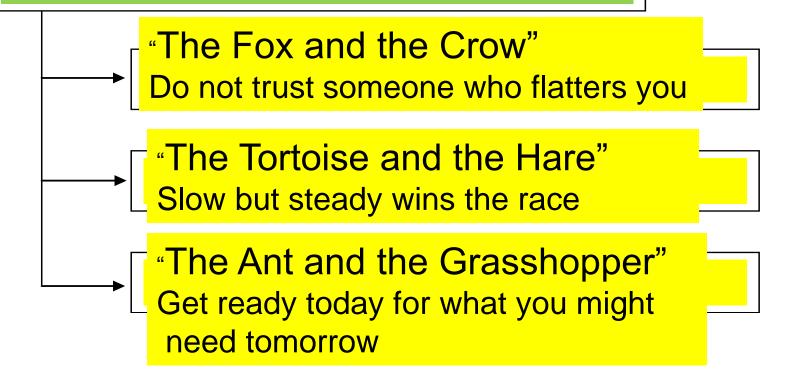
Signal Words				
additionally	although nevertheless	always	because of	
clearly	conclusively	first	for instance	
for example	furthermore	generally	however	
if then	In fact	it could be argued that	moreover	
most convincing	never	not only but also	often	
second	therefore	third	truly	

Generalization/Principle Pattern Organizer



Generalization/Principle Pattern Organizer - Fables

Fables are stories that teach a lesson

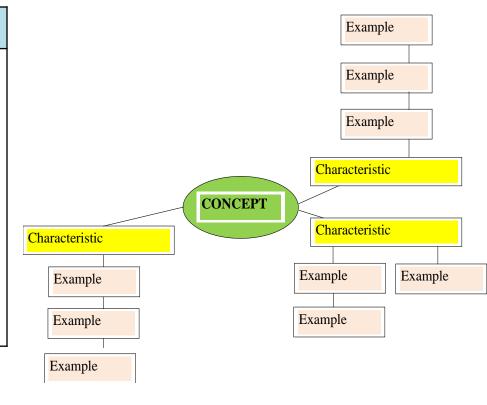


Concept/Definition Pattern Organizer

Questions

- What concept is being defined?
- 2. What are its attributes or characteristics?
- 3. How does it work, or what does it do?
- 4. What examples are given for each of the attributes or characteristics?

Use your answers to these questions to form a summary.



		Signal Words		
for instance	generally	in other words	is characterized by	put another way
refers to	that is	thus	typically	usually

Concept/Definition Pattern Organizer

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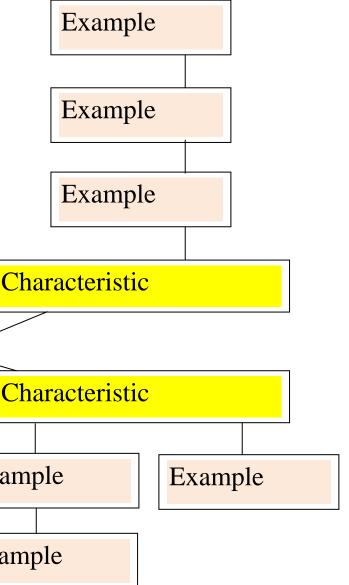
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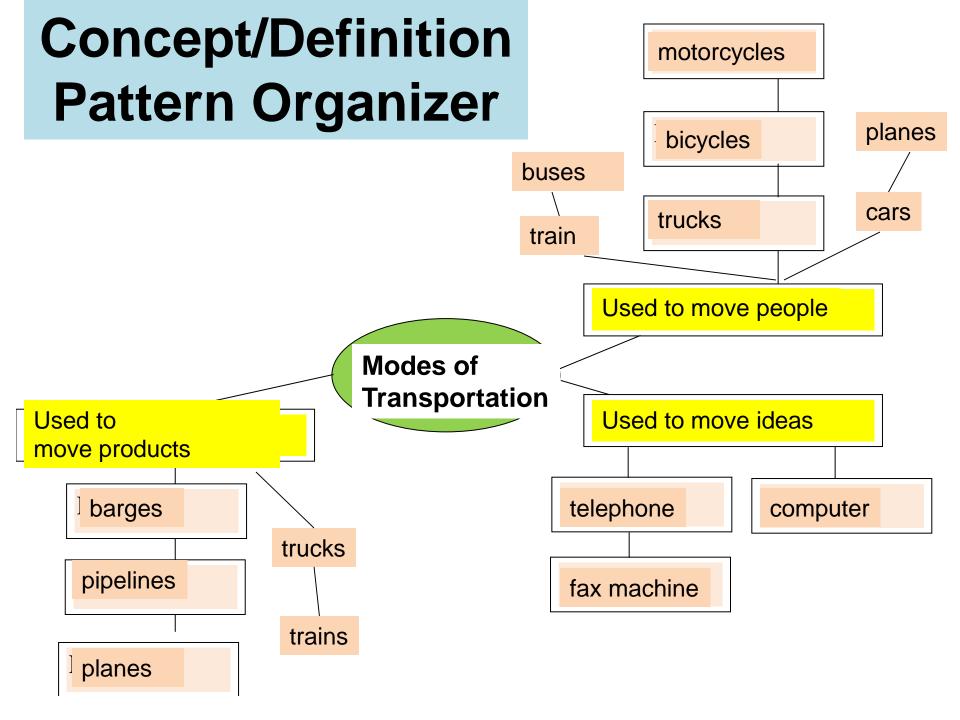
CONCEPT

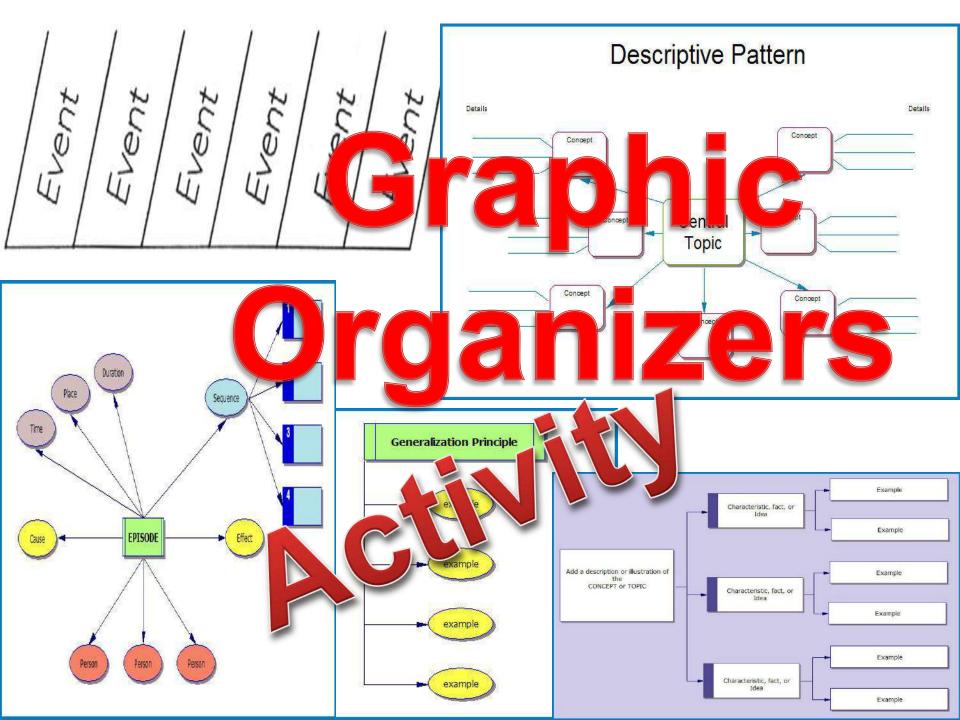


Characteristic Example Example Example

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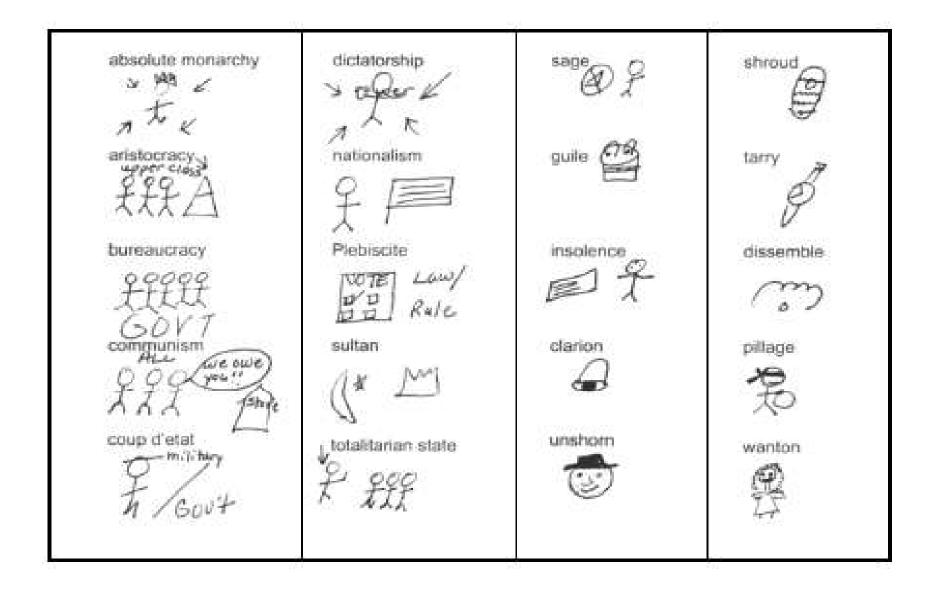




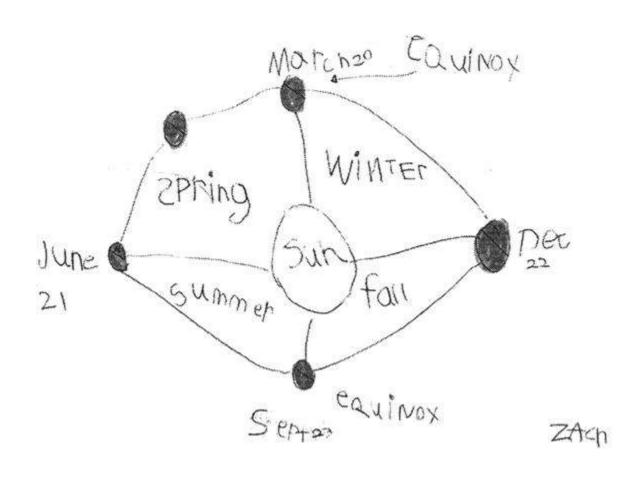
Using Other Nonlinguistic Representations

- Making Physical Models
- Generating Mental Pictures
- Drawing pictures and pictographs
- Engaging in Kinesthetic Activity

Pictographs

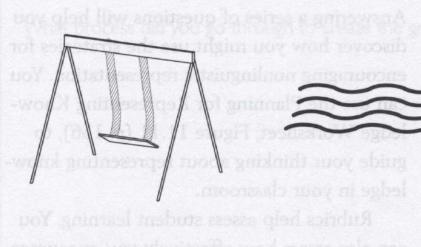


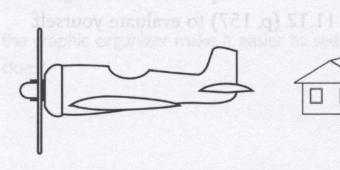
Student Pictograph

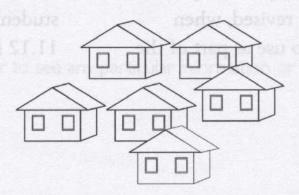


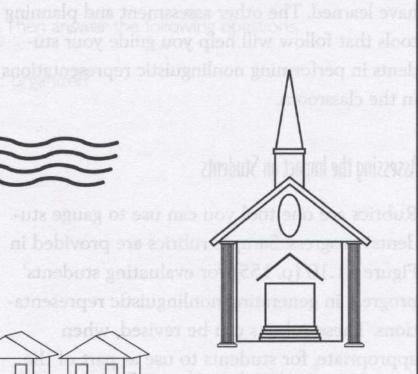
Pictograph

My Community













- Get in groups and appoint a group leader.
- •Get some markers, blank sheet of paper for the group, and one of the vocabulary words.
- Share the word with your group only!
- •Draw a visual of the word and figure out a motion for the word.
- Show your visual and motion for the rest of the participants to guess your vocabulary word.
- Then the rest of the class does the motion.

Astound: To fill with wonder

Confine: To keep within limits

Elusive: Hard to describe or understand

Extinguish: To put out, do away with

Longevity: A long duration

Persistent: Refusing to give up

Remote: Far off in place or time

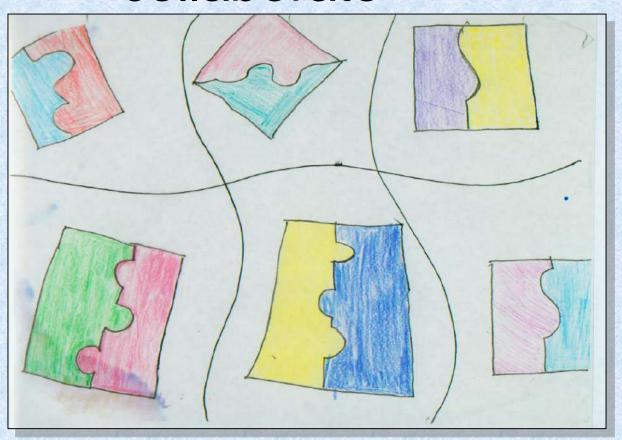
Spectacular: Impressive

Taunt: To insult or ridicule

Vital: Having to do or necessary

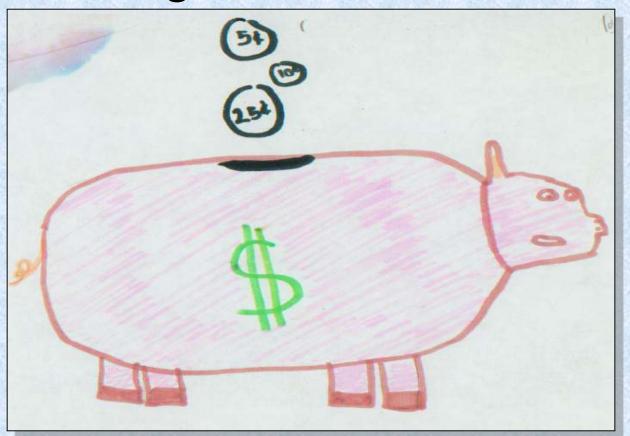


collaborate



to work jointly together

frugal



divergent



going away from the accepted norm

Pictograph Activity

- In your groups, work quietly to select an event that is currently in the news and represent it using a pictograph.
- Remember that the goal is to form a mental image of the event so you can recall information about it in the future. You will have about five minutes to work on your pictograph.
- Groups will share their product and other groups will guess what event the pictograph represents.

Kinesthetic Activity

Use your arms to demonstrate the following:

- The radius of a circle
- The diameter of a circle
- The circumference of a circle
- An acute angle
- An obtuse angle

A right angle



Implications for the Classroom

- Think: What is one example of a nonlinguistic representation strategy that you have used successfully in your classroom?
- Pair: Talk with the person sitting next to you, and share the strategy that you have had success with.
- Share: Volunteers to share with the entire group.

Nonlinguistic Representation Rubric

4	The student's representation indicates a detailed understanding of the information important to the topic.
3	The student's representation indicates a complete understanding of the information important to the topic.
2	The student's representation indicates an incomplete understanding of the topic or misconceptions about some of the information. However, the student shows basic understanding of the topic.
1	The student's representation indicates an understanding of the topic that is so incomplete or has so many misconceptions that the student cannot be said to understand the topic.
	Not enough information to make a judgment.

Nonlinguistic Representation Rubric

4	The student's picture shows that she/he understands all of the important information. The picture include some details.
3	The student's picture shows that she/he understands all of the important information.
2	The student's picture shows that she/he does not really understand the topic. The picture shows some mistakes about the topic.
1	The student's picture shows that she/he does not understand the topic. The picture shows many mistakes about the topic.
	The student does not try to make a picture.

Planning for Representing Knowledge Worksheet

What knowledge will student be learning?

Will I provide a representation for them or ask them to create their own?

What representing knowledge strategy will I ask students to use?

- graphic organizers
- pictographic representations
- mental images
- physical models, and
- kinesthetic representations
- Other

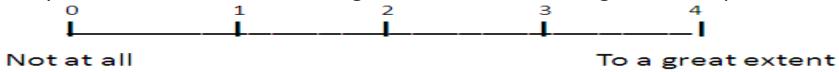
Do I need to set time aside to teach students the strategy I want them to use? How will I teach them the strategy?

How will I monitor how well students are doing with the creation and use of nonlinguistic representations?

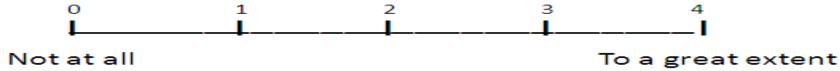
What will I do to help students who are not using nonlinguistic representations effectively?

Assessing Myself-Nonlinguistic Representation

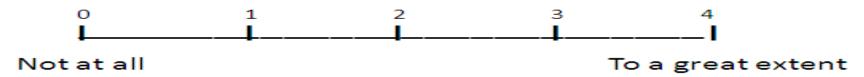
I clearly communicate the knowledge students will use to generate representations.



I clearly communicate the strategy that students will use to generate representations.



I make sure students know how to use the strategy that I want them to use to represent knowledge.



Over time, I collect evidence about my student's proficiency at using a variety of methods to represent knowledge

