

Needs Assessment

What do English language learners need to know and be able to do when they leave my class?

Imagine



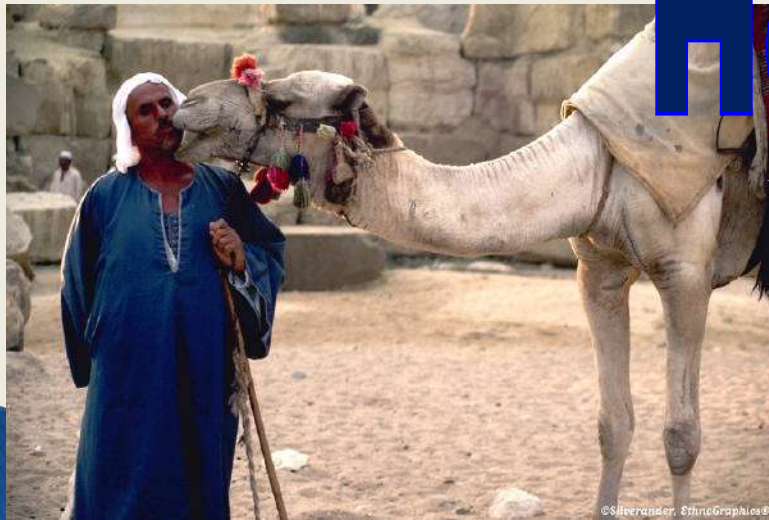


What would you do if?

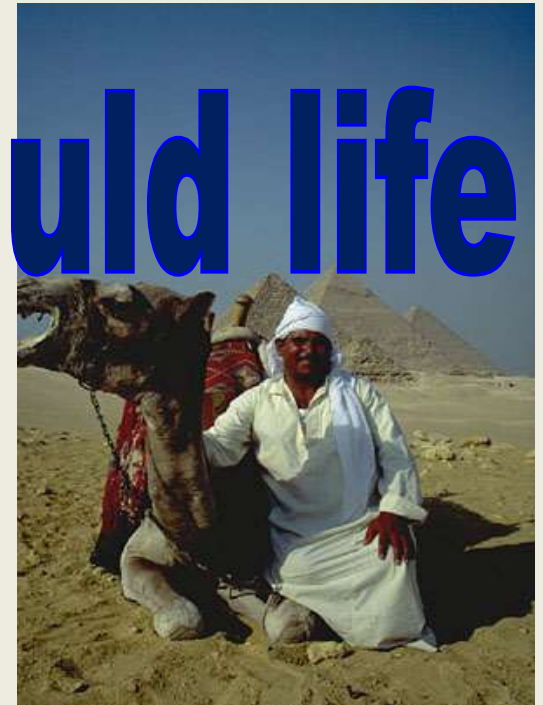


What would





How would life



What would you need to
learn to be successful?

Think–Write–Share

- ▶ Think about what your life would be like in a country where you could not speak the language.
- ▶ Write some notes about the issues that would concern you the most.
- ▶ Share your notes with a partner.
- ▶ Based on what your partner has told you, select a goal for him or her.
- ▶ Look in the Competence section of the Content standards document. Do you see related topics your partner would want to study?

What is Needs Assessment?

- ▶ It is a collaboration between learner and instructor where the learner shares his or her:
 - Proficiencies
 - Background
 - Educational Goals
 - Expected Outcomes

Why is Needs Assessment Important?

- ▶ Can be used to place learners in classes and programs
- ▶ Provides for responsively designed curriculum
- ▶ Provides important background information about the learner's educational experience, life experience, and learning preferences

Research indicates that when
instructors understand their
learners and address the learners
goals, learners persist in attending
class.

Assessment Tools

- ▶ Surveys
- ▶ Questionnaires
- ▶ Learner compiled inventories
- ▶ Learner interviews
- ▶ Review of authentic material use
- ▶ Class discussions
- ▶ Class meetings
- ▶ Personal or dialogue journals
- ▶ Timelines