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The Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) is a research-based system for planning and teaching lessons which includes 30 features within 8 components. This newsletter will focus on the third SIOP component, Comprehensible Input.

Third Component—Comprehensible Input

There are three features involved in the Comprehensible Input component:

- 1. Speech Appropriate for Students' Proficiency Levels
- 2. Clear Explanations of Academic Tasks
- 3. A Variety of Techniques Used to Make Content Concepts Clear

Source: The SIOP Model Eschevarria, Vogt & Short





WATCH FOR A MOTHLY ISSUE ABOUT EACH OF THE 8 SIOP COMPONENTS

- 1. Lesson Preparation
- 2. Building Background
- 3. Comprehensible Input
- 4. Strategies
- 5. Interaction
- 6. Practice/
 Application
- 7. Lesson Delivery
- 8. Review & Assessment

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The Importance of Wait Time

Wait time is how long a teacher waits after asking a question AND how long a teacher waits after a question has been answered.

Increased wait time results in an increase of:

- student confidence
- students' speculative responses
- the number of unsolicited but appropriate responses
- students on task; less discipline needed
- contributions by all students
- student-to-student interaction (teacher centered show-and-tell decreases)
- the number of questions a student asks
- probing for clarification by the teacher
- the number of divergent and higher level questions asked by the teacher
- achievement on logic tests
- length of student responses by 300% to 700%

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"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you'll never, ever have enough." "Oprah Winfrey