



English Learners Newsletter

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Developing Effective Language Objectives for ELs

Language Function (verb or skill)	Content (knowledge)	Language Structure (vocabulary, grammar, sentence structure)
What do you want students to do?	What do you want students to know?	How will you support their language production?
Examples: discuss, ask, compare, contrast, summarize, predict	Examples: properties of matter, two-step equations, causes of WWI, personal narrative	Examples: key vocabulary, present and past tense verbs, sentence frames

Sample Content and Language Objectives:

- Students will **discuss** the **properties of matter** using **key vocabulary**. (density, volume, odor, temperature, etc.)
- Students will **ask** their partner **questions about two-step operations** using **question frames**. (What is the first step of the equation _____? What is the next step in solving _____?)
- Students will **summarize** a few of the **causes of WWI** using **past tense verbs**.

Resources for Language Objectives

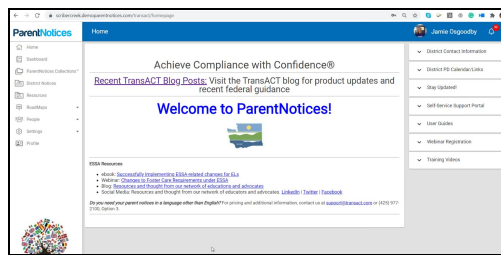
Colorin Colorado, [Language Objectives: The Key to Effective Content Area Instruction for English Learners](#)

ELLlevation, [Crafting Language Objectives to Support English Language Learners \(ELLs\)](#)

Supporting English Language Learners, [Language Objectives](#)

Additional Resources

[TransACT Parent Notices](#) provides Nebraska schools access to required parent notification letters in



English and multiple other languages. This resource helps school districts meet the ESSA Parent and Family Engagement requirements. TransACT is updating their interface with a new look and feel, as well as a new mobile interface and advanced search functions. The official launch date is October 1st. Webinars are available.

Staff: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/74242727757864460>

District Administrators: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/1102167352472536588>

If you don't have an account, please sign up for one at <https://app.parentnotices.com/register>

[Support Ed](#) is a great resource for working with English learners. [This article](#) provides some suggestions to promote academic oral language development in your classrooms.



Questions

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