Tips for Working with English Learners in Mathematics

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Tips

• Connecting to and build background knowledge
• Modify the task, Amplify NOT simplify
• Use sentence frames/starters
• Build a bridge between grade-level concepts and the needs of the students in your classroom
• Provide open tasks with a low floor and high ceiling
• Have and use a word wall regularly
Tips

• Use manipulatives and visual representations often
• Allow students to work individually and with others
• Facilitate discussions (more opportunities for student discourse)
• Anticipate language that students will process and produce
• Use purposeful sequencing to support access
• Ask questions that encourage higher-level thinking