

# **Designing Content Integrated Language Objectives for ELD**

while Scaffolding Academic Language  
using Sentence Frames



# Experience Shapes!

A Language Experience Simulation



# Objectives

*Template for a LO:*

**Who** (participants)

**Why** (language function  
& language domain)

**What** (language being  
practiced developed)

**How** (language targets:  
word, sentence,  
discourse &/or language  
learning strategies)

**Scaffolds** – Note that  
you would not  
necessarily post all  
scaffolds on the board.

## Content Objective:

I can define “sentence frame” and persuade others of the benefits of sentence frames for all students.

## Language Objective:

I can create a lesson language objective incorporating one or two sentence frames to use in my classroom including the expression, “using/selecting from the sentence frames: \_\_\_\_\_”, after sorting examples, discussing how to use sentence frames, and practicing writing frames.

# What are Sentence Frames?

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A sentence frame is a structure for speaking and writing. This visual resource can be used to support students in using academic language.

# Why use a Sentence Frame? It ...

- provides a model.
- focuses the speaker or writer.
- can be differentiated from simple to complex sentence structure.
- forms a mental map that will assist writers in becoming more proficient in their writing.
- gives reluctant speakers and writers the ability to be successful.

# Sentence frames are gradual release friendly

- ***(I do)***

Sentences modeled

- ***(We do)***

Practiced with the  
teacher

- ***(You do)***

Practiced during  
independent time

# Sentence Frame or Sentence Starter

## Sentence Frame

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- Teaches specific language patterns
- Provides the sentence structure needed to communicate about topics

## Sentence Starter/Stem

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- Elicits student thinking
- Provides little structure for a response
- Leaves it to students to figure out how to construct sentences

# Sentence Starters or Frames? Resource

Tap into prior knowledge -

I understand that ....

I already know that...

Work through a problem -

It would be easier if....; First, I...

After reading -

The main points were...

I read that...

Responding to a peer discussion

My partner pointed out ...

I agree because...

Re-enforcing academic language

The text structure is ....

I use the denominator of ...

Language of Informing -

The advantages of \_\_\_\_\_ outweigh the disadvantages of \_\_\_\_\_ insofar as...

The statistics are misleading because they do/not show...

These [facts/reasons/data] strongly suggest that...

Yet some argue strongly that....

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ both have\_\_\_\_\_;

however, they are different because\_\_\_\_\_.

# Sentence Stems

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This technique gives students the opportunity to respond in the form of a complete sentence to effectively communicate.

Sentence stems provide scaffolding to help students *get started* in speaking or writing without the added pressure of thinking about how to correctly formulate a response.

How to use

1. Create
2. Model
3. Practice
4. Review

When to use: Use Sentence Stems at any point in the lesson to structure meaningful conversation.

# Sentence Frames - Scaffolding Toolbox

## One-Sentence Comparison–Contrast Frames:

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are alike because they both \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are different because \_\_\_\_\_. Some \_\_\_\_\_, but others \_\_\_\_\_.

## Additional Comparison–Contrast Frames:

While some \_\_\_\_\_, others \_\_\_\_\_. (While some storms start over land, others start over water.) Both \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_. On one hand, \_\_\_\_\_, but sometimes \_\_\_\_\_. We know this because on page \_\_\_ it says \_\_\_\_\_ and on page \_\_\_\_\_ it says \_\_\_\_\_.

## A One-Sentence Problem–Solution Frame

\_\_\_\_\_ (Somebody) wanted \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_, so \_\_\_\_\_. \* (Little Red Hen wanted to bake bread, but no one would help her, so she did it herself.) (Used with a character in a book.) The problem is \_\_\_\_\_ and one answer is \_\_\_\_\_. (Used with nonfiction text, topics, and issues.)

## Additional Problem–Solution Sentence Frames:

The problem described in this text is \_\_\_\_\_. The author suggests on page \_\_\_\_\_ that one solution might be \_\_\_\_\_. If \_\_\_\_\_, then \_\_\_\_\_. Although \_\_\_\_\_, the problem could be solved by \_\_\_\_\_.

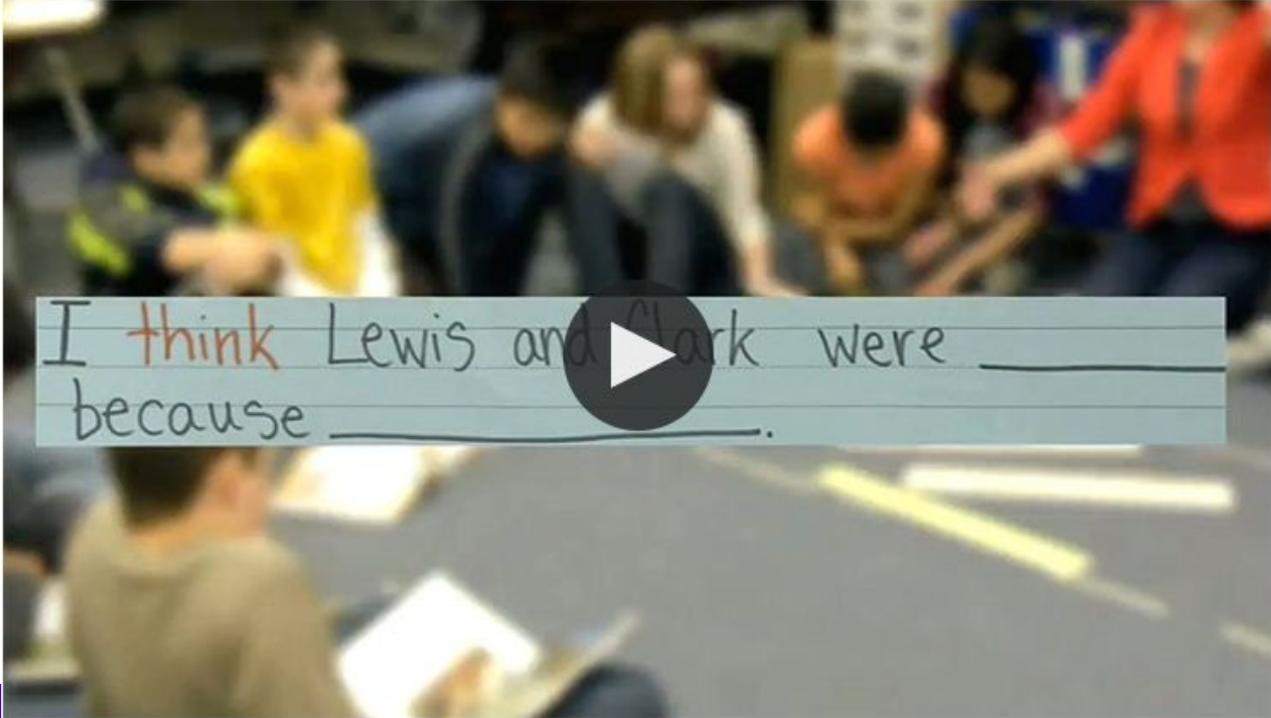
# Using Sentence Frames to Jumpstart Writing Video

Using Sentence Frames to Jumpstart Writing  
Grades 3-5 / ELA / ELL

Save to My Workspace

Like 343



I think Lewis and Clark were \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_.

# Where to start?

## Answer the essential question

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What do I want my students to be able to say or write about \_\_\_\_\_, and how do I want them to say it.

# The Basic Steps:

1. Begin with the end goal in mind.
2. Determine the critical vocabulary needed from Tier One and Tier Two levels of academic language.
3. While writing the sentence frames keep in the mind the target language that you will be replacing with blanks.

**Taking your frames to the next level**



# Characters in a Story & Historical Characters

Key Question:

How would you describe \_\_\_\_\_ ?

\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ represents \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ can be described as \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ can be characterized by several features, such as: \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ .

Harry Potter is....

Harry Potter



# Social & Historical Topics

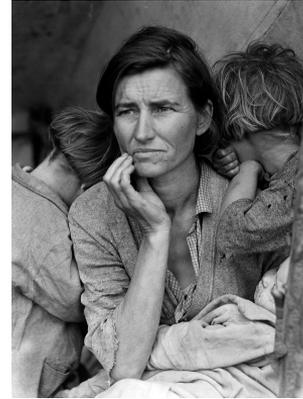
Key Question:

How would you describe \_\_\_\_\_ ?

\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ was a time when \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ was characterized by several features, such as: \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ .



The Great Depression

# Describing Math & Science Tools

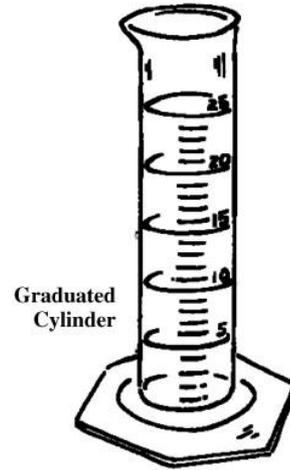
Key Question:

–What is \_\_\_\_\_ and how is it used?

\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_. It is used to measure \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a tool used to measure \_\_\_\_\_. It is important in science/math because \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, a tool to measure \_\_\_\_\_, is important in science/math for the following reasons. It \_\_\_\_\_....



# Language of Solving Mathematical Equations

## *Variables*

An unknown value, unknown values

A variable is \_\_\_\_\_ .

Variables are used to represent \_\_\_\_\_ .

Variables represent \_\_\_\_\_ .

The variable in this equation is \_\_\_\_\_ .

To solve for the variable X: first you.....

*Practice using these frames to talk about the equations:*

Subtract/add \_\_\_\_\_ from both sides of the equation.

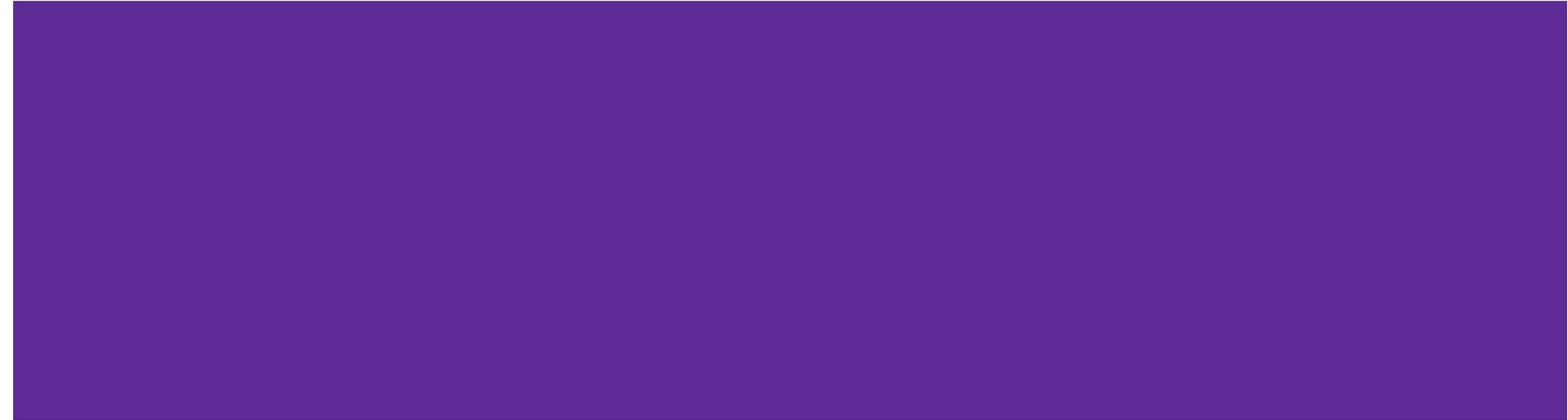
Multiply/divide \_\_\_\_\_ to isolate the variable \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_ equals \_\_\_\_\_ .

$$3x + 5 = 20$$

$$x/4 - 3 =$$

# Gallery of Frames



# Example of the Writing Process of Sentence Frames

Language Level	2	3	4
Expected Outcomes	Simple Sentences	Comparative Sentences	Complex Comparative Sentences
Sentence frame with vocabulary underlined	<u>Oranges</u> are <u>sweet</u> . <u>Lemons</u> are <u>sour</u> .	<u>Oranges</u> and <u>lemons</u> are both <u>fruit</u> , but <u>oranges</u> are <u>sweet</u> , and <u>lemons</u> are <u>sour</u> .	The main difference between <u>oranges</u> and <u>lemons</u> is <u>oranges</u> are <u>sweet</u> , while <u>lemons</u> are <u>sour</u> .
Sentence frame with vocabulary removed.	_____ are _____ .	_____ and _____ are both _____, but _____ are _____, and _____ are _____.	The main difference between _____ and _____ is _____ are _____, while _____ are _____.

# Examples of leveled academic sentence frames for compare and contrast

**Level 1 Entering:** Sorts labeled picture cards into piles of same and different and teacher writes sentences.

**Level 2 Beginning:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are the same. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are different.

**Level 3 Developing:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ both have \_\_\_\_\_; however, they are different because \_\_\_\_\_.

**Level 4: Expanding:** Although \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ both \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ (is has)(more less)\_\_\_\_\_.

**Level 5: Bridging:** Despite having \_\_\_\_\_ in common, \_\_\_\_\_ is different from \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

**Now it's your turn!**



# Write your own leveled sentence frames:

Possible Literature and Historical Characters or Topics

Possible Math and Science Topics



Frog or Toad (from Lobel)

Goldilocks



Emperor Qin



Spartan Women



César Chávez or Larry Itliong

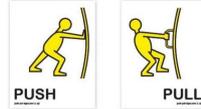
The Industrial Revolution



The Civil Rights Movement

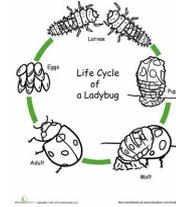
Counting On or Counting Up

pushes and pulls - forces and motion

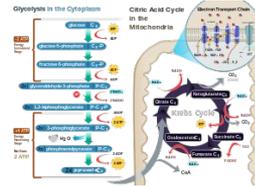


Push and Pull (Force and Motion)

Animal Life Cycles



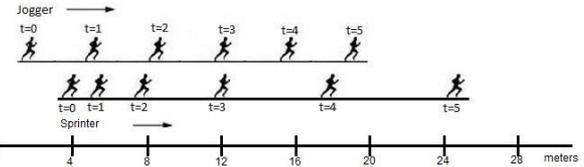
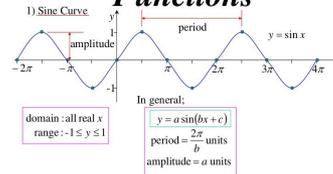
Linear Equations



Cellular Respiration

Motion Maps (physics)

Graphing Trig Functions



# Ways Explore

Sentence Stems

Stems organized by Functions

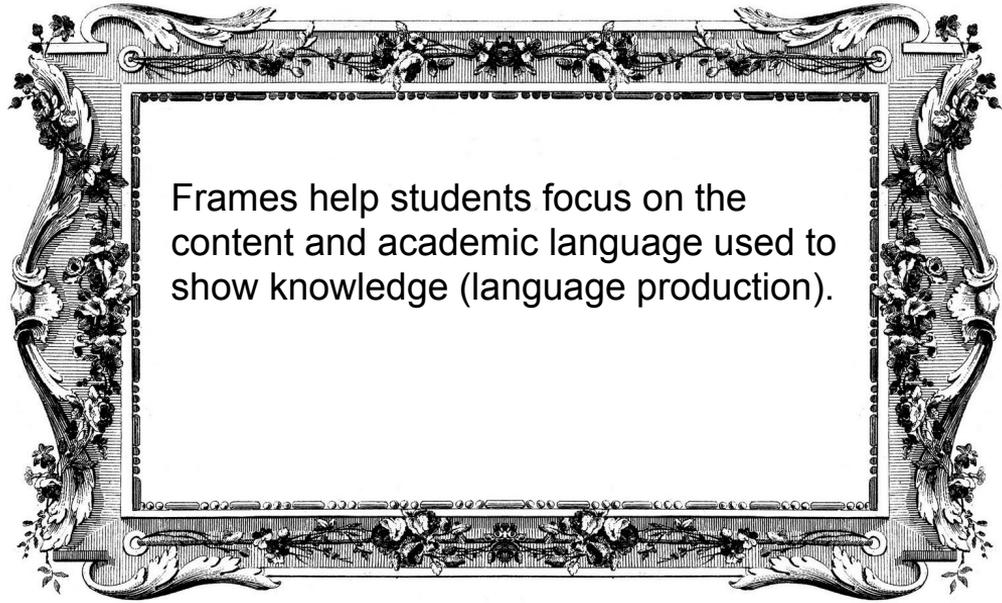
Paragraph Frames

Bilingual Frames

Frames are not meant to limit students; they are to help them expand their academic repertoire.

Remember to level up (treat all students like they are gifted)...

Be empowered to write your own (backwards design/specific to your lesson)....



“Plans are nothing:  
Planning is everything”

Dwight D. Eisenhower

**Language**

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