

Academic Language Instruction: Part 2 Implementation

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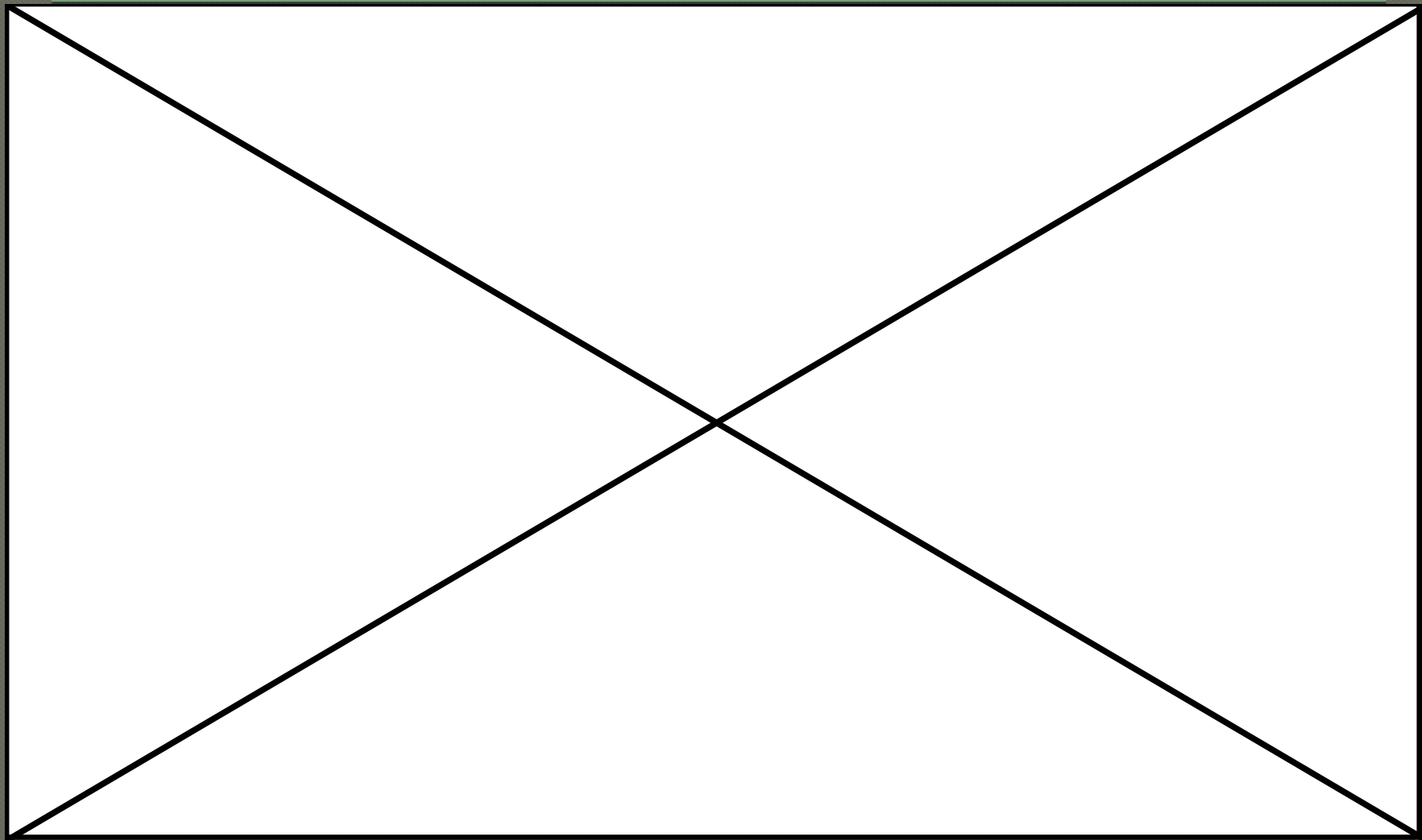
Academic Language Review

- What is Academic Language?
 - Academic language is the specific language a student uses in any given situation. You will see in the following movie how Point of view language changes depending on the class the student is in.

Collaboration

- Who's job is it to teach academic language?
 - Answer everyone's. The vocabulary is going to be more effectively learned in the content, but the ESL teacher can reinforce the vocabulary in her room.
 - This is why the Decatur County ESOL team came up with the Vocabulary Hit list's. These list will help to better facilitate the reinforcing of vocabulary used in your room.
 - Please watch the following short video on how the Hit Lists could be used.

WIDA Academic Language School



8 Simple Ways to Promote Natural Language Acquisition

1. Use visuals that reinforce spoken or written words. Make it “Sticky” or “Flashy”
2. Adjust your speech: Speak slowly; enunciate; use longer natural pauses; repeat words or phrases; include shorter sentences, fewer pronouns, and simpler syntax
3. Employ gestures for added emphasis.
4. Exaggerate intonation at times.

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1. Stress high frequency vocabulary words.
2. Use fewer idioms and clarify the meaning of words or phrases in context.
3. Stress participatory learning
4. Maintain a low anxiety level and be enthusiastic.

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- 8 Simple Ways to Promote Natural Language Acquisition:
<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/strategies-teaching-english-language-learners>
- Academic Vocabulary Development by Andy Mizell – WIDA –
<https://vimeo.com/130650405>

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