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Forms of Scaffolding

Sensory

Illustrations Manipulatives

Videos & films Real-life objects

Models & figures Physical activities

Diagrams & drawings Podcasts

Pictures & photographs

Demonstrations & modelings

Interactive

Pairs Small groups

Stations Whole class

Using cooperative structures

Using home language

With coach or mentor

With the internet, app, or software program

Conferences

Interviews

Discussions

The purpose is

Making connections between ideas

Learning through a narrative

Understanding how a process works

Learning through movements

Contextualizing abstract ideas through objects

Acquiring new knowledge

These are best for

Visual learners

Entering ELs

auditory learners

The purpose is

Synthesizing information

Planning action

Engaging in an ongoing process w/ others

Acquiring knowledge through interaction whether in-person or virtual Strengthening listening skills

Developing communication & collaboration skills

Cultivating empathy & open-mindedness

These are best for

Topics with multiple views

Social learners

Graphic

Charts Tables Graphs

Infographics

Timeline

Number lines

Graphic organizers

The purpose is

Acquiring knowledge through numerical data

Producing ideas in graphic organizers & interactive tables Recognizing trends & patterns

Noticing outliers

Seeing cause-effect relationships



These are best for

Large sets of data

ELs with developed cognitive skills

Challenging ELs at any level

For linear thinkers