

Engaging English Language Learners

Connecting Through Interactive Activities



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TO ADD
YOUR OWN SONGS



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Meet & Greet

In any language besides English



Do you care
about 10.6%
of the
student
population?



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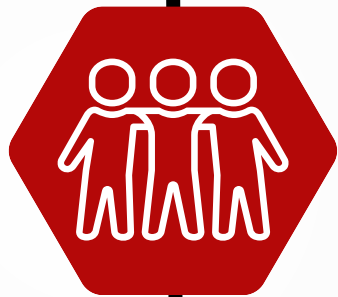
The Winning Traits



Caring



Patience



Empathy



Effort



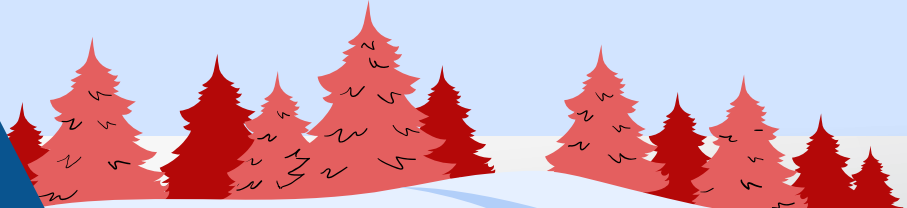
Listening



READ MY
BLOG

Grades
Attendance
Tardiness
Classroom Behavior

Participation
English Proficiency
Missed Assignments
Parent Turnout



CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT



NEW EDUCATION SYSTEM

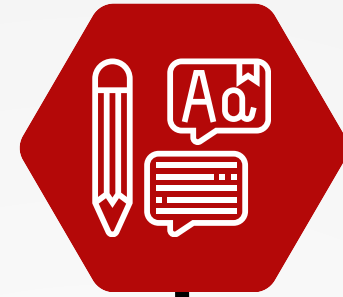


LANGUAGE BARRIERS



SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

SOME of the ELL's Challenges



Vocabulary/Pronunciation



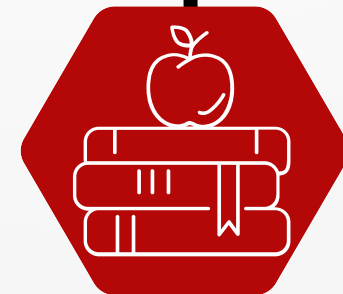
Educational foundation



**Encouragement
from home**



Confidence/Self-Esteem



Ill-equipped teachers

The Game-Changing Activities



**Name,
Home
& cartoon
character**

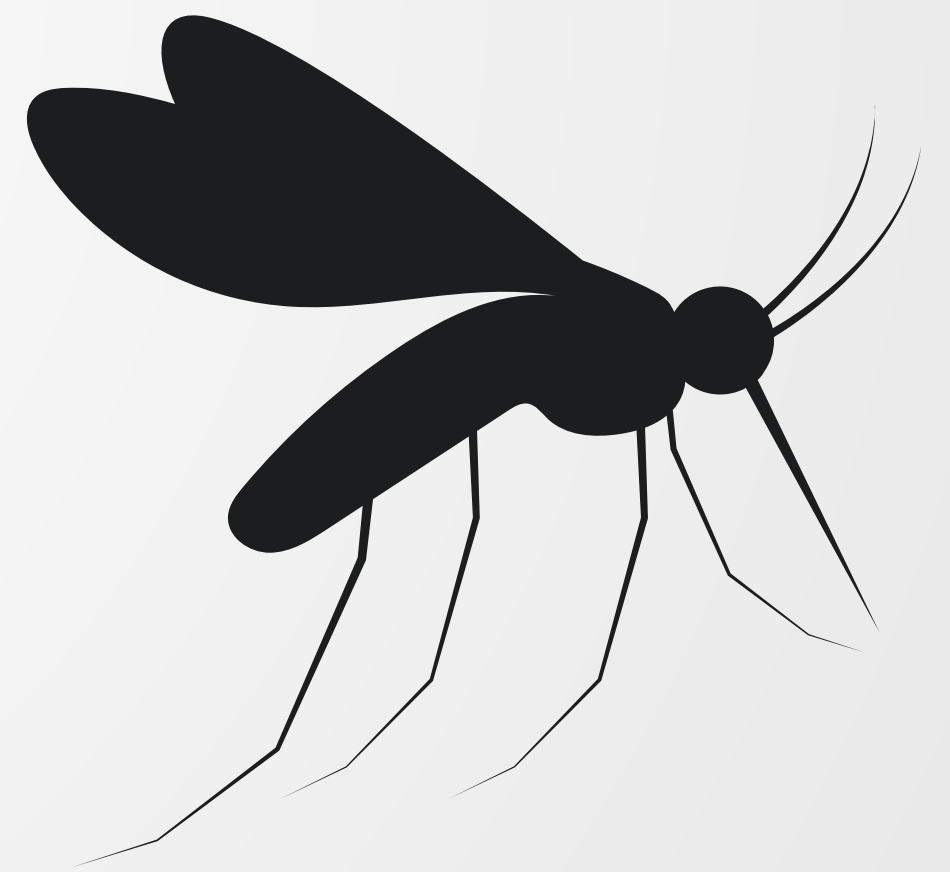
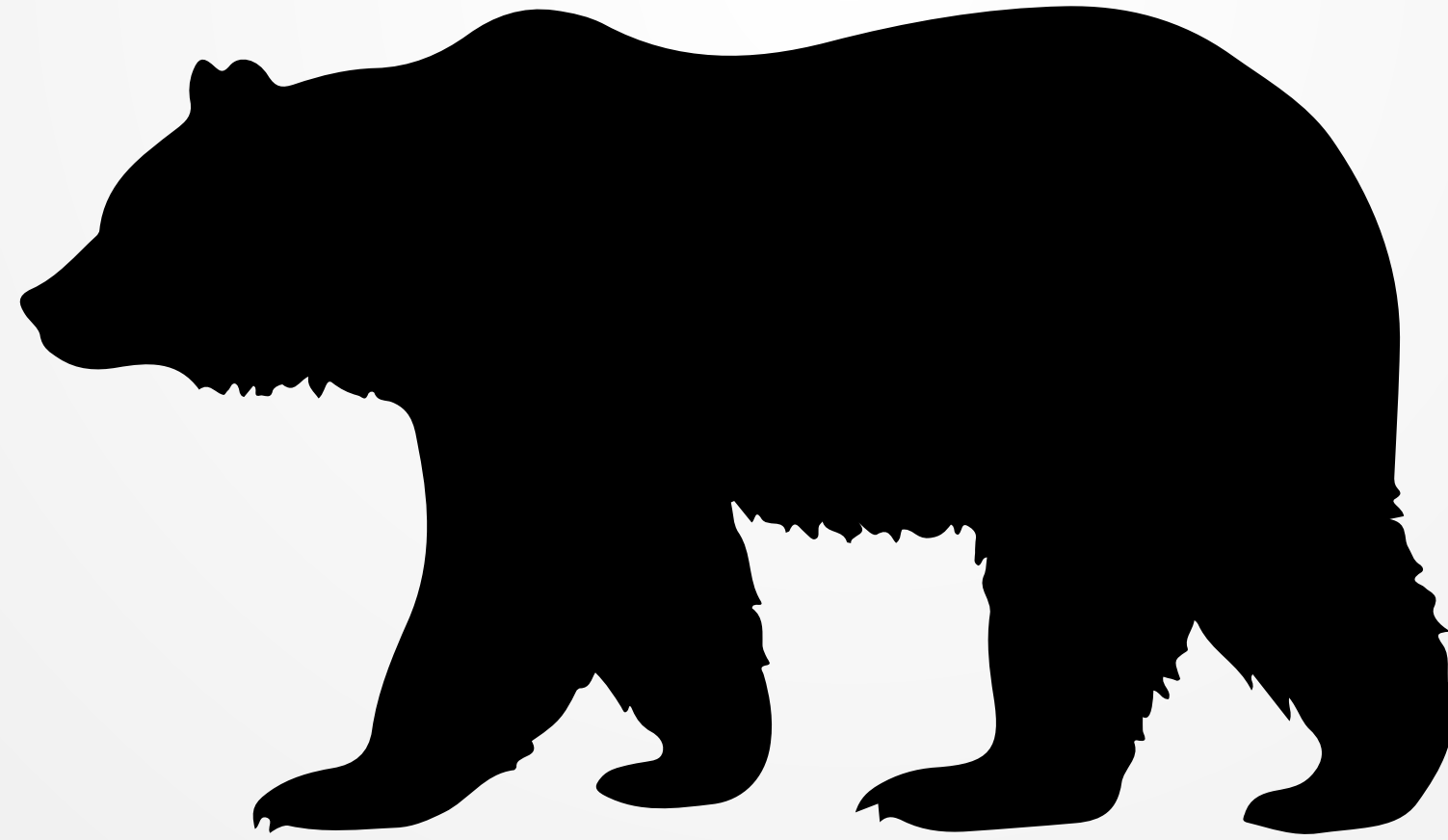


**Lost in
translation
Bingo**



**Salmon,
bear,
mosquito**

Salmon, Bear, Mosquito



Activities that dig deeper



Why X 3



**A day in
the life**



**Instead of
what do
you want
to be when
you grow
up**

Name
Your
ELL
Hero

What were some of
their characteristics?



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Your Next Read Is Here

Scan for extra insights and strategies we couldn't fit into today's session



ELL Support: 5 Tips to Build a Welcoming Environment for Students and Families

We can't support ELL students without helping their families. And when schools engage all families, all students can succeed!



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My Top 3 Takeaways Are...



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WHAT MAKES YOU
HAPPY?

WHAT JOB WOULD YOU
DO FOR FREE?

WHAT DO YOU WANT
TO CHANGE ONCE
YOU'RE AN ADULT?

What do
you want
out of life?

I WILL IMPROVE MY
ENGLISH BY...

1.

2.

3.

WHAT I WANT MOST
OUT OF LIFE IS...

BONUS: WHAT DO I
LOVE ABOUT MYSELF?

WHY? WHY? WHY?

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1. Why?

2. Why?

3. Why?

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Lost in Translation BINGO

Find a different person who can answer "YES" to each statement and write their name or get a signature.
Have fun, be respectful, and get to know each other!

¿TE GUSTA BAILAR? 	你喜欢咖啡吗? 	HAS VISITED ANOTHER STATE 	هل لديك حيوان أليف? 	AIME LA PIZZA
OWNS A PET 	¿HABLAS MÁS DE UN IDIOMA? 	¿TE GUSTA CANTAR? 	학교에서 일합니까? 	LOVES ICE CREAM
MAGLARO KA BA NG SPORTS? 	HAS USED GOOGLE TRANSLATE 		Любишь путешествовать? 	DRINKS COFFEE DAILY
SPOKE TO SOMEONE IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE TODAY 	JE HEBT EEN BROER OF ZUS? 	¿HAS VIAJADO FUERA DE TU ESTADO? 	HAS ATTENDED A FAMILY EVENT AT SCHOOL 	좋아하는 계절이 있습니까?
CAN WHISTLE 	PARLEZ-VOUS UNE AUTRE LANGUE? 	LIKES TACOS 	هل تحب الموسيقى? 	HAS GOTTEN LOST BEFORE

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BINGO

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¿TE GUSTA BAILAR? SPANISH DO YOU LIKE TO DANCE?	你喜欢咖啡吗? CHINESE DO YOU LIKE COFFEE	HAS VISITED ANOTHER STATE	هل لديك حيوان أليف? ARABIC DO YOU HAVE A PET?	AIME LA PIZZA FRENCH LIKES PIZZA
OWNS A PET	¿HABLAS MÁS DE UN IDIOMA? SPANISH DO YOU SPEAK MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE?	¿TE GUSTA CANTAR? SPANISH DO YOU LIKE TO SING?	학교에서 일하니까? KOREAN DO YOU WORK IN A SCHOOL?	LOVES ICE CREAM
MAGLARO KA BA NG SPORTS? TAGALONG DO YOU PLAY SPORTS?	HAS USED GOOGLE TRANSLATE		Любишь путешествовать? RUSSIAN DO YOU LIKE TRAVELING?	DRINKS COFFEE DAILY
SPOKE TO SOMEONE IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE TODAY	JE HEBT EEN BROER OF ZUS? DUTCH DO YOU HAVE A BROTHER OR SISTER?	¿HAS VIAJADO FUERA DE TU ESTADO? SPANISH HAVE YOU TRAVELED OUTSIDE YOUR STATE?	HAS ATTENDED A FAMILY EVENT AT SCHOOL	좋아하는 계절이 있습니까? KOREAN DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE SEASON?
CAN WHISTLE	PARLEZ-VOUS UNE AUTRE LANGUE? FRENCH DO YOU SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE?	LIKES TACOS	هل تحب الموسيقى? ARABIC DO YOU LIKE MUSIC?	HAS GOTTEN LOST BEFORE