

Communication Support Strategies for EAL Students

Chapter 48: Supporting English Language Learners

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- ☐ Slow your own speaking pace during handoffs and post-conference, not just theirs
 - ☐ Check comprehension with open questions ("walk me through your plan") rather than yes/no confirmation
 - ☐ Allow extra processing time before expecting a verbal response — silence isn't confusion by default
 - ☐ Pair with a peer for complex handoffs early in the rotation, fading support as confidence builds
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