

EL Tip of the Week

Sentence Stems

General stem- used in any content area

Specific stem- tied to a particular content area or lesson

GENERAL STEM	SPECIFIC STEM
I learned...	I learned a new way to factor...
I already know...	I already know that authors use characterization to...
I agree/ disagree with ____ because...	I agree/disagree with Dora's decision to choose the iceberg because...
The use of sentence stems gives students the opportunity to speak and write using academic vocabulary. Additionally, using sentence stems to answer assessment questions gives students an opportunity to practice academic language.	
TEST QUESTION	SENTENCE STEM
Which sentence best supports the author's belief that living alone is an appealing choice for many people? (E2)	The sentence that best supports the author's belief that living alone is an appealing choice is...
Which application of a new technology can be attributed to an invention of Thomas Edison? (USH)	The application of a new technology that can be attributed to an invention of Thomas Edison is...