

Effective Questioning for ALL Especially ELs

What is QSSSA? p. 67

One approach to scaffolding student/student conversation is Q, Triple S, A. The acronym stands for Question, Signal, Stem, Share, Assess. This activity gets students using all domains of listening, speaking, reading, and writing in a fun and interactive manner. QSSSA is beneficial for students that are SIFE because it occurs in a low-stress environment, where students have the wait time to negotiate meaning and practice responses with a partner before sharing chorally with the class. Students are guided in their structured conversations by sentence stems and precise, easy-to-follow directions from the teacher.

Seidlitz & Perryman, 2011

#QSSSA

Q
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S
S
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W.I.T.

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It is important for ELs to speak in class because...

It is important to teach students what to say instead of IDK because...

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