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Shaping Tomorrow Today

Students learning English as an additional language progress through 5 stages. Each student's starting point varies depending on his or her previous experiences. ELL Services enable students to become competent in social and academic communication. It generally takes 1-2 years to develop basic conversational skills (BICS) and 5-7 years to fully acquire academic language (CALP) which enables a student to be successful in the Canadian school system. For some children, it may take less time and others more.

1 Beginning → 2 Developing → 3 Expanding → 4 Consolidating → 5 Bridging

Ways to Support your Child's Learning at Home



Continue to use your home language with your child.
Strong first language skills support English learning.



Involve your child in social activities outside of school.
Using English for different purposes helps strengthen language skills.



Read for 20 minutes each day.
Talk with your child about what they have read.

Visit your local library, or any of the following links for free multilingual stories:

uniteforliteracy.com
storybookscanada.ca
worldstories.org.uk
lidastories.net



Find opportunities for writing in daily activities.
Have your child write letters, cards, grocery lists or emails to family members.

Your child can draw and label an image, write short journal entries, or come up with stories.



Stay connected and collaborate with teachers.
Ask questions as they emerge and stay informed of school activities.



Review your child's report card.
Learn how they are doing and how you can help them with next steps.