Beyond "SWBAT Explain Orally"
Writing More Effective Language Objectives

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I will be able to write a language objective for an assignment
If I can:
- Identify the language demands of the assignment
- Determine which language demands are essential for meeting the content objective
- Include a language function, content connection, and language target (form or vocabulary).

I will be able to evaluate language objectives

If I can:

- Classify language objectives as more effective or less effective
- Explain my thinking using targeted language: **attribute, characteristic, characterize, in common, trait**

What are the LANGUAGE DEMANDS of this lesson or assignment?

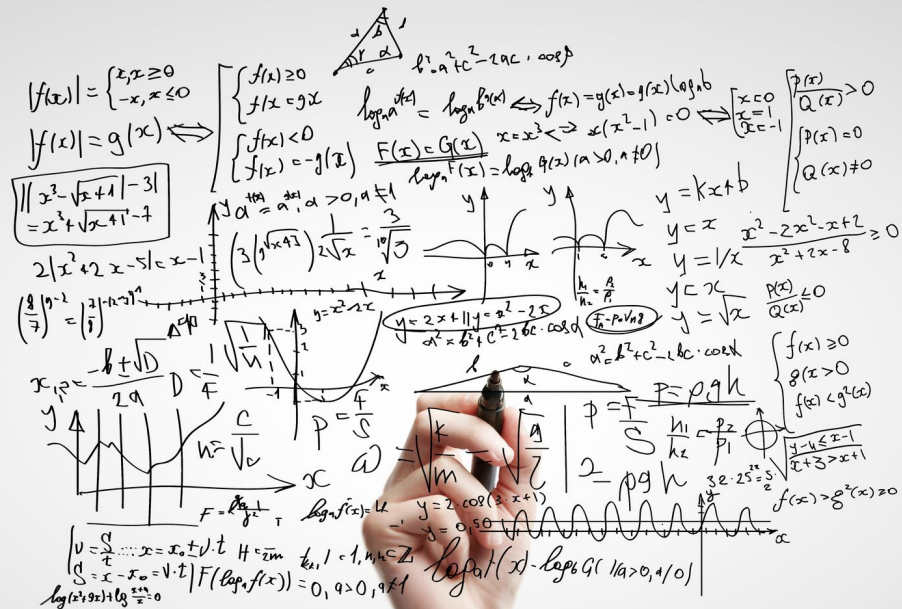https://www.liveanimalslist.com/fish/images/gold-fish-in-water.jpg

FEATURES OF ACADEMIC LANGUAGE

	Description	What that may look like in the content areas...	Example
Linguistic Complexity *Discourse Level*	Quantity and variety of speech/written text	• Structure & density of speech/written text • Organization & cohesion of ideas • Variety of sentence types	
Language Forms & Conventions *Sentence Level*	Types, array and use of language structures	• Types & variety of grammatical structures • Conventions, mechanics and fluency • Match of language forms to purpose & perspective	
Vocabulary Usage *Word/Phrase Level*	Specificity of word or phrase choice	• General, specific and technical language • Multiple meanings of words & phrases • Formulaic & idiomatic expressions • Nuances and shades of meaning • Collocations	

What is an effective LANGUAGE OBJECTIVE for this lesson or assignment?
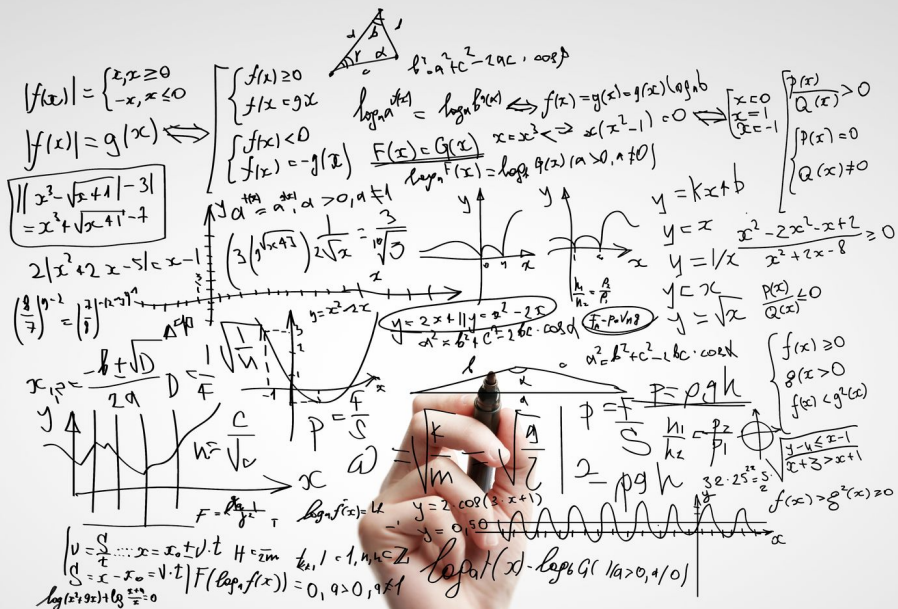
What makes a language objective effective?

Sentence Frames for CLASSIFY

Sorting	• In my opinion, _____ should be characterized as _____ because _____. • _____ is an example of _____ because _____. • I agree/disagree with the characterization of _____being a_____ because_____.
Rule	• The most salient characteristic of _____ is _____. • We can infer that all _____ are/have_____. • _____ and _____ have the following traits in common: _____. • One attribute of _____ is _____.

What is an effective LANGUAGE OBJECTIVE for this lesson or assignment?

Try it out!

Formulas for Writing Language Objectives

- **I can** language function content/topic connection **using** specific language form/target vocabulary.

- **I will use** specific language form/target vocabulary **to** language function content/topic connection.

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Resources

http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/language-objectives-key-effective-content-area-instruction-english-learners

https://ellevationeducation.com/blog/crafting-language-objectives-support-english-language-learners-ells

https://www.scoe.org/files/kinsella-handouts.pdf

https://achievethecore.org/aligned/using-content-and-language-objectives-to-help-all-students-in-their-learning/

https://www.tesol.org/docs/default-source/ppt/kinsella_webinar_resources_resized.pdf?sfvrsn=0&sfvrsn=0

http://humanresources.dearbornschools.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/103/2013/04/Sample-Content-and-Language-Objectives-REVISED-2.docx

www.doe.mass.edu/ell/curriculum/CollaborationTool.pdf