

Language of Learning

Language objective	What is it?	What does it sound like?
To instruct	Giving directions	"The first step is ..." "Next ..." "The last part is ..." Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?
To inquire	Asking questions	"What do you think?"
To test	Deciding if something makes sense	"I still have a question about ..."
To describe	Telling about something	"What I learned is ..."
To compare and contrast	Showing how two things are alike and different	Use descriptive words and details "Here is something they both have in common ..." "These are different from each other because ..."
To explain	Giving examples	"This is an example of ..."
To analyze	Discussing the parts of a bigger idea	"This is important because ..." "The parts of this include ..."
To hypothesize	Making a prediction based on what is known	"We can make a diagram of this." "I can predict that ..." "I believe that _____ will happen because ..."
To deduce	Drawing a conclusion or arriving at an answer	"What might happen if ...?" "The answer is because ..."
To evaluate	Judging something	"I agree with this because ..." "I disagree because ..." "I recommend that ..." "A better solution would be ..." "The factors that are most important are ..."