

# Language Functions in SEAL 

Tools, Templates \& Resources $4^{\text {th }}-6^{\text {th }}$ Grade

## Description / Descripción

## Summary

Graphic organizers for description include the Web (La red), or Bubble Map, the T-Chart (Tabla en forma de T) and the Categorical Matrix. These provide a visual scaffold that clarifies the meaning of a thing, a character, an event or a concept. In the Web, the topic is labeled in a central bubble or circle. Descriptors, examples, behaviors and characteristics are linked to the topic through spokes that emanate from the bubble, showing their connection. On a TChart, the event or thing being described is labeled at the top of a page, with columns under it that are labeled "looks like", "sounds like", "acts like", etc. A Tree Map, similar to a T-Chart, creates columns relating to characteristics of the thing being described, providing component labels or key verbs that support students in description. A Categorical Matrix (single line) is also a form of graphic organizer that later scaffolds into compare and contrast functions.

## Graphic Organizers



Single-line Categorical Matrix:

|  | Physical Attributes | Needs | Equipment for Care |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dog | Four legs | Exercise | Leash |
|  | Tail | Love | Muzzle |
|  | Fur | Shelter | Dog bed |

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Boxes \& Bullets



## Inherent Academic Language

| English | Spanish |
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| Describe, description | Describir, la descripción |
| Web | La red |
| Spokes | Los rayos |
| Characteristics, characterized by | Las características, caracterizado por |
| Attributes | Los atributos |
| Components | Los componentes |
| Parts, aspects | Las partes, los aspectos |
| Qualities | Las cualidades |
| Properties | Las propiedades |
| Contains | Contener, Contiene |
| Consists of | Consistir en, constar de |
| Defined by | Se define como |
| Exhibits | Muestra, Mostrar, Demonstrar |
| In addition | Además |
| Looks like, smells like, tastes like, sounds | Se ve como, huele a, sabe a, suena como... |
| like....... |  |

## Grammatical Aspects

- Nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adjective phrases, articles, nominalization, conjunctions, connecting phrases.
- The verb "to be" using common nouns and adjectives
- The verb "to have" using common nouns and adjectives


## Scaffolds

|  | From simple to complex |
| :---: | :---: |
| Prompts/questions | Tell me about $\qquad$ What does it look like? What does it do? Describe $\qquad$ . What are some of the characteristics of $\qquad$ Identify some components of $\qquad$ - |
| Indicaciones y preguntas | Háblame de $\qquad$ ¿A que se parece? ¿Qué hace? Describa $\qquad$ - ¿Cuáles son algunas de las características de $\qquad$ ? Identifica algunos componentes de $\qquad$ . |
| Sentence Frames | The $\qquad$ is/are/has $\qquad$ (and $\qquad$ ). <br> It has/they have $\qquad$ . $\qquad$ consists of $\qquad$ $\qquad$ can be defined by its $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ The characteristics of $\qquad$ are $\qquad$ (and $\qquad$ ). |
| Ejemplos de frases | EI $\qquad$ tiene $\qquad$ para $\qquad$ <br> El/ella tiene $\qquad$ $\qquad$ es (una característica/ o consiste) de $\qquad$ $\qquad$ se define por $\qquad$ $y$ $\qquad$ <br> Las características de $\qquad$ son $\qquad$ $y$ |

## Description Chants

## Description Chant

By Heather Skibbins
(Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)
If you say what it looks like - you describe, If you say what it sounds like - you describe,
If you say what it smells like, tastes like, or feels like,
If you tell its qualities - you describe.

# Canto de descripción 

Por Heather Skibbins (Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)

Si tu dices como parece - tu describes Si tu dices como suena - tu describes Si tu dices como huele o que sabor tiene, Si tu dices las cualidades - tu describes

## Key Standards

## Common Core:

$\checkmark$ Language Arts Reading Literature \#3: Describe characters, settings and major events in a story, using key details
$\checkmark$ Language Arts Speaking and Listening \#4: Describe people, places, things and events with relevant details. (First Grade adds "...expressing ideas and feelings clearly").
$\checkmark$ Language Arts Speaking and Listening \#5: (In presentations) Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions to provide additional details.

## English Language Development

$\checkmark$ ELD I.B.6: Reading/Viewing Closely. Describe ideas, phenomena (e.g. how earthworms eat) and text elements (e.g., setting, characters) based on understanding of a variety of grade-level texts and viewing of multimedia.
$\checkmark$ ELD I.C.9: Presenting. Plan and deliver brief oral presentation (e.g., show and tell, describing a picture, describing an animal, retelling a story, recounting an experience).
$\checkmark$ ELD I.C.12. Selecting language resources. Retell texts and recount experiences using key words.
$\checkmark$ ELD II.B.4. Using nouns and noun phrases. Expand noun phrases in order to add details about ideas, people, things.
$\checkmark$ ELD II.B.5. Modifying to add details. Expand sentences with prepositional phrases to provide details (e.g., time, manner, place, cause).
$\checkmark$ ELD II.C.7. Condensing ideas. Condense clauses to create precise and detailed sentences.

## Compare and Contrast / Comparar y contrastar

## Summary

Graphic organizers for comparing and contrasting two or more things (or characters or events) include: the Venn Diagram (Diagrama de Venn) and the Categorical Matrix. These represent the similarities and differences among things based on specific attributes. In the Venn Diagram, there are two overlapping circles. The unique characteristics of two items or concepts are listed in the outer sections of the two circles. The overlap section lists the shared characteristics. In the Categorical Matrix, the items to compare are listed in the rows; the characteristics are the columns. The rows are specific examples or elements you want to compare.


## Note-Taking Tools

Categorical Matrix


T-Graph


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## Inherent Academic Language

| English | Spanish |
| :--- | :--- |
| Attributes, characteristics | Los atributos, las características |
| Same, different | Más, La cosa más__ de/que. |
| Both | El mismo, diferente |
| Compare, contrast | Los dos, ambos |
| Alike, "is like" | Comparar y contrastar |
| Unlike | Parecido, "es como" |
| But, in contrast | A diferencia de |
| Compare to, In comparison to | Pero, en contraste con |
| Similar, similarly | Compara con, En comparación con |
| Just as | Similar, de manera similar |
| Differences between | Así como |
| Have in common | Las diferencias entre |
| Unique | Tiene en común |
| Some are $\quad$ Único |  |
| Whereas, however | Algunos son |
| Distinction | Mientras que, sin embargo |
| Distinguish between | Distinción |
| As opposed to | Distinguir entre |
| On the other hand | En lugar de |
| Are the same because... | Por el contrario |
|  | Son iguales porque... |

## Grammatical Aspects

- Adjectives, conjunctions
- Comparative adjectives
- Superlatives
- Adverbs


## Scaffolds

|  | From simple to complex |
| :---: | :---: |
| Prompts/questions | Tell me/show me one way that $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ are the same. Tell me/show me one way that $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ are different. How are $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ similar? <br> How are $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ different? <br> What are two similarities between $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ ? <br> How would you compare $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ ? <br> Compare and contrast $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ . |
| Indicaciones y preguntas | Díme / muéstrame una manera de que $\qquad$ $y$ son similares. <br> Díme / muéstrame una manera de que $\qquad$ $y$ $\qquad$ son diferentes. <br> ¿Cómo son $\qquad$ $y$ $\qquad$ similar? <br> ¿Cómo son $\qquad$ $\qquad$ diferentes? <br> ¿Cuáles son dos similitudes entre $\qquad$ $\qquad$ ? <br> ¿Cómo compararía $\qquad$ $y$ $\qquad$ ? <br> Compare y contraste |


|  | From simple to complex |
| :---: | :---: |
| Sentence Frames | $\qquad$ is $\qquad$ . $\qquad$ $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ are the same. They both have/are $\qquad$ $\qquad$ is $\qquad$ By comparison, $\qquad$ is $\qquad$ <br> Both $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ are/have $\qquad$ . However, they differ in that $\qquad$ is/has $\qquad$ , but $\qquad$ does not. <br> Whereas $\qquad$ is $\qquad$ is $\qquad$ While $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ are similar in that they share $\qquad$ , a key distinction is |
| Ejemplos de frases | $\qquad$ $\qquad$ son similares / diferentes porque $\qquad$ <br> Una característica única de $\qquad$ es $\qquad$ <br> Tanto $\qquad$ $y$ $\qquad$ son $\qquad$ es $\qquad$ ; sin embargo, $\qquad$ es |

## Compare \& Contrast Chants

## Comparing \& Contrasting All Day Long

By Patricia Montes Pate
(Tune: She'll be Coming Around the Mountain)
We're comparing and contrasting all day long.
We're comparing and contrasting all day long.
Using attributes,
Characteristics,
Are they similar?
Are they different?
We're comparing and contrasting all day long!
We're comparing and contrasting all day long.
We're comparing and contrasting all day long.
Alike, Have in common, and Same,
Words I must have in my brain.
We're comparing and contrasting all day long!
We're comparing and contrasting all day long.
We're comparing and contrasting all day long.
Unlike, As opposed to, Unique,
Used when features are distinct.
We're comparing and contrasting all day long!

## Compare and Contrast

By Heather Skibbins
(Tune: Where is Thumbkin)
How are they similar?
How are they similar?
Both the same,
Both the same,
Something in common,
Something in common,
Compare and contrast,
Compare and contrast.
How are they different?
How are they different?
Each unlike
Each unlike
They differ in many ways
They differ in many ways
Compare and contrast
Compare and contrast.

## Comparar y contrastar

Por Heather Skibbins
(Tune: Where is Thumbkin)
¿Como son similar?
¿Como son similar?
Son igual,
Son igual,
Tienen algo en común,
Tienen algo en común, Comparar,
Comparar.
¿Como son diferente?
¿Como son diferente?
Único,
Único,
Se distingan mucho,
Se distingan mucho,
Contrastar,
Contrastar.

## Key Standards

## Common Core

$\checkmark$ Language Arts Reading Literature\#9: Compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in stories (First Grade). For Kindergarten, "with prompting and support".
$\checkmark$ Language Arts Reading Informational Text \#9: Identify basic similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic (First Grade). For Kindergarten, "with prompting and support."
$\checkmark$ Language Arts Speaking and Listening \#5: Add drawings and visual displays to descriptions when appropriate to clarify ideas.

## English Language Development

$\checkmark$ ELD II.C.6. Connecting ideas. Combine clauses to make connections between and to join ideas.
$\checkmark$ ELD II.A. 2. Understanding cohesion. Apply understanding of how ideas, events or reasons are linked using a variety of connecting words or phrases.

## Sequencing/ Secuencia

## Summary

Flow charts (diagrama de flujo) and timelines (línea de eventos) are visual representatives of a sequence of events, actions or a multi-step process. They foster logical and sequential thinking, and display for students the order in which something happens.


## Inherent Academic Language

| English | Spanish |
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| Flow chart | Diagrama de flujo; mapa de secuencia |
| Timeline | Linea de tiempo |
| Sequence | Secuencia |
| First | Primero |
| Second | Segundo |
| Third | Tercero |
| Then | Luego, Entonces |
| At first | Al principio |
| Next | Después |
| In the beginning | En el principio |
| In the end | Al final |
| Initially | Inicialmente |
| Previously | Anteriormente |
| Since, given that | Puesto que, como |
| Subsequently | Desde que |
| Finally | Finalmente |
| Following | Después de |
| Then | Más tarde |
| Before | Antes de |
| Sequence | Secuencia |
| Order, put in order | Orden |
| Process | Proceso |
| Change | Cambio |
| In order for... | Para que |
| Developed into | Se desarrolló en |
| Grew from | Creció de |
| Last weeklyear... yesterday... | La semana pasada...ayer |
| Cycle | Ciclo |
| Chronological | Cronológico |
| Left to right | De la izquierda a la derecha |
| Step | Un paso |
| In the past | En el pasado |
| Now, currently | Recount, retell |
| Patterns | Ahora, actualmente |
|  | Aor la mañana |
|  | Allegar |
|  | Un día |
|  | Por la tarde |
|  | Al pasar los dias |
|  | Al paso del tiempo |
|  | Más adelante |
| La próxima semana |  |
|  | Aoy en dia |

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## Grammatical Aspects

- Past tense/present tense/future tense: was/is/will be
- Adverb clauses, signal words showing chronological order
- Subordinate conjunctives, adverbs of time, relative clauses, prepositional phrases


## Scaffolds

|  | From simple to complex |
| :---: | :---: |
| Prompts/questions | Show me/tell me the first thing that happened. <br> Now show me what came next. What was the last thing that happened? <br> Put the events in the order they happened. <br> Explain the events in the order they happened. <br> Describe what happened from start to finish. <br> What was the process that resulted in this final outcome? |
| Indicaciones y preguntas | Muéstrame / díme lo primero que pasó. <br> Ahora muéstrame lo que vino después. ¿Cuál fue la última cosa que sucedió? <br> Ponga los eventos en el orden en que ocurrieron. <br> Explica los eventos en el orden en que ocurrieron. <br> Describa lo que pasó de principio a fin. <br> ¿Cuál fue el proceso que dio lugar a este resultado final? |
| Sentence Frames | $\qquad$ was/were $\qquad$ <br> First $\qquad$ Then $\qquad$ . Next $\qquad$ Finally $\qquad$ <br> In the beginning, $\qquad$ It was followed by $\qquad$ . Over time, $\qquad$ occurred. Eventually it led to $\qquad$ $\qquad$ In order for $\qquad$ to occur, $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ had to happen. |
| Ejemplos de frases | Al principio, $\qquad$ . Luego $\qquad$ . Más tarde $\qquad$ Después $\qquad$ Por último , $\qquad$ <br> Al principio, $\qquad$ . Después de $\qquad$ Hacia el final $\qquad$ El cuento se terminó cuando $\qquad$ . |

## Sequencing Chants

## Sequencing Cadence

Adapted from Shelly Connery
Sequencing is really fun, From beginning to the conclusion.

Events are important, but not so fast! Remember First, Then, Next, and Last.

Sequencing is really fun, From beginning to the conclusion.

If you want to get fancy you could try, Initially, Subsequently and By and By.

## La secuencia dicen

Por Anna Herrera y Heather Skibbins (tune of Los Pollitos Dicen)

En el principio
Primero, primero, primero
Por la mañana, Inicialmente.

El segundo viene, Luego y entonces, Los eventos siguen, Después y mas tarde.

Finalmente, Concluyamos, Damos la despedida, Decimos adiós.

## Key Standards

## Common Core Standards:

$\checkmark$ Language Arts Reading \#2: Retell stories, including key details.
$\checkmark$ Language Arts Reading \#3: Identify and describe characters, settings and major events in a story, using key details. (For informational text: Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas or pieces of information in a text).
$\checkmark$ Language Arts Writing \#3: Using a combination of drawing, dictating and writing (K) or write narratives (1) that narrate events in the order in which they occurred. First grade adds "...use temporal words to signal event order..."
$\checkmark$ Language Arts Speaking and Listening \#4: Describe people, places, things and events with relevant details. (First Grade adds "...expressing ideas and feelings clearly").
$\checkmark$ Language Arts Speaking and Listening \#5: (In presentations) Add drawings or other visual displays to descriptions to provide additional details.

## English Language Development:

$\checkmark$ ELD I.C.9: Presenting. Plan and deliver brief oral presentation (e.g., retelling a story, recounting an experience).
$\checkmark$ ELD I.C.12. Selecting language resources. Retell texts and recount experiences using key words.
$\checkmark$ ELD II.A.1. Understanding text structure. Apply understanding of how texts are organized to present ideas (e.g., how a story is organized sequentially) to composing texts.
$\checkmark$ ELD II. A.2. Understanding cohesion. Apply understanding of how ideas or events are linked throughout a text using a variety of connecting words or phrases (e.g., after that, first/second/third).
$\checkmark$ ELD II.A.3b. Using verbs and verb phrases. Use a growing number of verb tenses to convey time (e.g., simple past tense for retelling).
$\checkmark$ ELD II.B.5. Modifying to add details. Expand sentences with prepositional phrases to provide details (e.g., time, manner, place, cause).

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## Quantification / Cuantificación

## Summary

Quantification is the act of counting and measuring based on observation. It is fundamental as a math concept and a foundation for scientific method and social science data gathering. A useful graphic organizer for quantification is the Column Chart (a vertical form of a bar graph) which enables children to see and conceptualize the relative number of items next to each other. Data is presented in columns, with the category names underneath the columns, and numbers listed from low to high along the vertical axis.

## Graphic Organizers



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## Inherent Academic Language

| English | Spanish |
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| Quantity | La cantidad |
| Count | Contar |
| How many, how much | ¿Cuántos? |
| More than, less than, equal to | Más de, menos de, igual a |
| Most, least | El mayor número, El menor número, el |
| Numbers | mínimo |
| Sum, total | Los números |
| Altogether | La suma, la total |
| In contrast, but, only | Juntos |
| Data | A diferencia de, en contraste con, pero, sino, |
| Classify | solamente, solo |
| Category names | Los datos |
|  | Clasificar |
|  | Nombres de las categorías |

## Grammatical Aspects

- Counting system, cardinal and ordinal numbers, comparative adjectives and adjective phrases.

Scaffolds

|  | From simple to complex |
| :---: | :---: |
| Prompts/questions | How many $\qquad$ are there? <br> Which are there more of? Which are there the least of? <br> Are there more $\qquad$ than blank? |
| Indicaciones y preguntas | ¿Cuántas/os $\qquad$ hay? <br> ¿Cuál tiene más? <br> ¿Cúal tiene la menor cantidad? <br> Hay más $\qquad$ que $\qquad$ ? |
| Sentence Frames | There are more $\qquad$ than $\qquad$ There are $\qquad$ number of $\qquad$ , but only $\qquad$ number of Altogether, there are $\qquad$ . |
| Ejemplos de frases | La mayoría de los estudiantes están interesados en $\qquad$ Más estudiantes quieren aprender sobre $\qquad$ que Sólo unos pocos estudiantes están interesados en $\qquad$ |

## Quantification Chants

## Quantification Chant

By Heather Skibbins
(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)
Count, count, count them up, How many are there?
Altogether there are $\qquad$ (teach/st.
holds up amount of fingers- changes each time)
The total is the sum.

Compare, compare, compare numbers, Quantify the data,
More than, less than, equal to, We know quantities.

## Canto de cuantificación

Por Heather Skibbins
(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)
Cuenta, cuenta, cuenta las, ¿Cuantas cosas hay?
En total hay $\qquad$ (teach/st. holds up amount of fingers- changes each time) La suma es el total.

Compara, compara, compara los números, Cuantifica los datos, Mas que, menos que, o igual, Sabemos las cantidades.

## Key Standards

## Common Core Math:

$\checkmark$ Math.4.OA.A: Interpret a multiplication equation as a comparison, e.g., interpret $35=5$ $\times 7$ as a statement that 35 is 5 times as many as 7 and 7 times as many as 5 . Represent verbal statements of multiplicative comparisons as multiplication equations.
$\checkmark$ Math.4.OA.A.2: Multiply or divide to solve word problems involving multiplicative comparison, e.g., by using drawings and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem, distinguishing multiplicative comparison from additive comparison.
$\checkmark$ Math.4.NBT.A.1: Recognize that in a multi-digit whole number, a digit in one place represents ten times what it represents in the place to its right.
$\checkmark$ Math.4.NBT.A.3: Use place value understanding to round multi-digit whole numbers to any place.
$\checkmark$ Math.4.NT.C.7: Compare two decimals to hundredths by reasoning about their size. Recognize that comparisons are valid only when the two decimals refer to the same whole. Record the results of comparisons with the symbols >, =, or <, and justify the conclusions, e.g., by using a visual model.
$\checkmark$ Math.4.MD.A.1: Know relative sizes of measurement units within one system of units including km, m, cm; kg, g; lb, oz.; l, ml; hr, min, sec. Within a single system of measurement, express measurements in a larger unit in terms of a smaller unit. Record measurement equivalents in a two-column table.
$\checkmark$ Math.4.MD.B.4: Make a line plot to display a data set of measurements in fractions of a unit ( $1 / 2,1 / 4,1 / 8$ ). Solve problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions by using information presented in line plots.
$\checkmark$ Math.4.G.A.1: Draw points, lines, line segments, rays, angles (right, acute, obtuse), and perpendicular and parallel lines. Identify these in two-dimensional figures.

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$\checkmark$ Math.4.G.A.2: Classify two-dimensional figures based on the presence or absence of parallel or perpendicular lines, or the presence or absence of angles of a specified size. Recognize right triangles as a category, and identify right triangles.
$\checkmark$ Math.5.OA.B.3: Generate two numerical patterns using two given rules. Identify apparent relationships between corresponding terms. Form ordered pairs consisting of corresponding terms from the two patterns, and graph the ordered pairs on a coordinate plane.
$\checkmark$ Math.5.NBT.A: Recognize that in a multi-digit number, a digit in one place represents 10 times as much as it represents in the place to its right and $1 / 10$ of what it represents in the place to its left.
$\checkmark$ Math.5.NF.B.5.A: Comparing the size of a product to the size of one factor on the basis of the size of the other factor, without performing the indicated multiplication.
$\checkmark$ Math.5.NF.B.5.B: Explaining why multiplying a given number by a fraction greater than 1 results in a product greater than the given number (recognizing multiplication by whole numbers greater than 1 as a familiar case); explaining why multiplying a given number by a fraction less than 1 results in a product smaller than the given number; and relating the principle of fraction equivalence $a / b=(n \times a) /(n \times b)$ to the effect of multiplying a/b by 1 .

## English Language Development:

$\checkmark$ ELD I.C.9: Presenting. Plan and deliver brief oral presentation (e.g., retelling a story, recounting an experience).
$\checkmark$ ELD II. A.2. Understanding cohesion. Apply understanding of how ideas or events are linked throughout a text using a variety of connecting words or phrases (e.g., after that, first/second/third).
$\checkmark$ ELD II.A.3b. Using verbs and verb phrases. Use a growing number of verb tenses to convey time (e.g., simple past tense for retelling).
$\checkmark$ ELD II.B.5. Modifying to add details. Expand sentences with prepositional phrases to provide details (e.g., time, manner, place, cause).

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## Classification \& Categorization/ Clasificación y categorización

## Summary

Graphic organizers for classification and categorization enable students to visualize how objects or ideas can be grouped according to main characteristics. It involves defining the category and the characteristics or rules that govern what belongs to that category. A Classification Tree shows the relationships between a whole and its parts (or branches), can illustrate the connection between things (or events) with a common parentage, or show subgroups within a category. The categorical grid classifies things by shared attributes. It can be used to examine different aspects (columns) of a thing, animal, event or concept (the row), as well as to focus on the key concept (the column) with a set of examples represented by the rows.

## Graphic Organizers



| Animal | Habitat | Food | Body Temp. | Interesting Facts |
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## Note-Taking Tools

Categorical Matrix

T-Graph


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## Inherent Academic Language

| English | Spanish |
| :--- | :--- |
| Parts | Las partes |
| Categories, categorize | Las categorías, categorizar/clasificar |
| Classification | La clasificación |
| Type, form, mode | El tipo, la forma, el modo |
| Features, traits, qualities | Los rasgos, las cualidades |
| Belong, belongs to | Pertenecer, pertenece a |
| Fits into | Encaja con |
| Group, grouped together | Agrupar |
| Similar properties | Propiedades similares |
| Sort | Ordenar |
| Comprised of | Constar de |
| Used for, made with | Es usado para, hecho de |
| Is/is not | Es, no es |
| Characteristics | Características |
| Relationship |  |

## Grammatical Aspects

- Nouns, adjectives, connecting phrases


## Scaffolds

|  | From simple to complex |
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| Prompts/questions | In which category do each of these belong? Show me. Is $\qquad$ an example of $\qquad$ or of $\qquad$ How do you know? To which group does $\qquad$ belong? Why? Which of these items belong together? |
| Indicaciones y preguntas | ¿En cuál categoría pertenece cada uno de éstos? Muéstrame. ¿Es $\qquad$ un ejemplo de $\qquad$ o de $\qquad$ ¿¿Cómo lo sabes? ¿A cuál grupo pertenece $\qquad$ ? ¿Por qué? ¿Cuál de estos artículos pertenecen juntos? |
| Sentence Frame | $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ belong together because they are both $\qquad$ <br> I know that $\qquad$ is a $\qquad$ because it has $\qquad$ $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ are both types of $\qquad$ $\qquad$ consists of $\qquad$ $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ are types of $\qquad$ because they $\qquad$ |
| Ejemplos de frases | $\qquad$ $y$ $\qquad$ pertenecen al mismo grupo porque $\qquad$ <br> Yo sé que $\qquad$ es $\qquad$ porque $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $y$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ se clasifica como $\qquad$ <br> $y \quad$ son tipos de $\qquad$ porque ambos tienen $\qquad$ |

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## Categorization \& Classification Chants

## Categorize \& Classify

By Patricia Montes Pate

(Tune: Oh, Susanna)

How to categorize and classify, Are important thinking skills.
Group by attributes and qualities, Characteristics, features, and traits.

Similar properties.
They mean so much to me.
As we sort and group the objects
To fit them into categories.

Sometimes color, size, and shape are key Is it a mammal, bird, or fish?
Are the numbers odd or even? Is it a noun, verb, or adjective?

Similar properties.
They mean so much to me.
As we sort and group the objects
To fit them into categories.

## Key Standards

## Common Core

$\checkmark$ Language 5: Sort common objects into categories to gain a sense of the concepts the categories represent. Define words by category and by one or two key attributes.
$\checkmark$ Writing 2: Link ideas within categories of information using words and phrases (e.g., another, for example, also, because).
$\checkmark$ Math: Classify shapes by properties of their lines and angles.

## English Language Development:

$\checkmark$ ELD I.C.9: Presenting. Plan and deliver brief oral presentation (e.g., retelling a story, recounting an experience).
$\checkmark$ ELD I.C.12. Selecting language resources. Retell texts and recount experiences using key words.
$\checkmark$ ELD II.A.1. Understanding text structure. Apply understanding of how texts are organized to present ideas (e.g., how a story is organized sequentially) to composing texts.
$\checkmark$ ELD II. A.2. Understanding cohesion. Apply understanding of how ideas or events are linked throughout a text using a variety of connecting words or phrases (e.g., after that, first/second/third).
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$\checkmark$ ELD II.B. 4 Using nouns and noun phrases Expand noun phrases in a variety of ways to enrich meaning and add detail.
$\checkmark$ ELD II.B.5. Modifying to add details. Expand sentences with prepositional phrases to provide details (e.g., time, manner, place, cause).

## Cause and Effect / Causa-efecto

## Summary

Cause and effect describe the relationship between events where the second event is understood as a consequence of the first. A cause is the reason, or the "why" something happens. An effect is what happens as a result of the cause. When students are figuring out causes and effects, they are investigating the relationship between two or more events. The question, "What happened?" probes for understanding the effect. The question, "Why did it happen?" probes to understand the cause. Sometimes the relationship is clear, but many times students will have difficulty understanding causality.

The Cause and Effect graphic organizer is simply a box (or set of boxes) linked with an arrow (or set of arrows) between the Cause and the Effect to show directionality.
Graphic organizers for Cause and Effect include variations on the Reciprocal Flow Chart. It is reciprocal because it illuminates the causal relationship between something that has happened and its impacts. It both works from the "effect" side and seeks to explain the cause, AND from the "cause" side and explains the results. The double arrow makes this explicit. There may be multiple causes and multiple effects.

A Cause and Effect graphic organizer must either be tailored to the specific content, task or text a student is using - or they need to learn to customize and add boxes as needed to the graphic organizer and leave some boxes blank. They should be told "You don't need to fill in all of the boxes, and you may need to add some boxes." As students learn to use the Cause and Effect graphic organizer, they can begin to create their own. In real life, causes come before effects. But sometimes, an author or storyteller may begin with an effect and work backwards to find the causes. Students should be taught they can begin the graphic organizer with either the cause or the effect.


| Note-Taking Tools |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| One-Way Flow $\square$ 7 $\square$ | V Multi-Directional Flow |

## Inherent Academic Language

| English | Spanish |
| :--- | :--- |
| Because | Porque |
| Since | Desde, como, porque |
| So | Entonces, así |
| As a consequence | En consecuencia, como |
| If $\overline{\text { Caused }}$, | consecuencia |
| Consequently | Si |
| As a result entonces |  |
| As a result of | Causado/a, Causar, producir |
| Due to | Consiguiente, entonces |
| Effects | Como resultado, Consecuentemente |
| Contributing factors | Por consecuencia de, A |
| Contributed towards | consecuencia |
|  | Debido a, como resultado de |
|  | Efecto, efectuar |
|  | Los factores que contribuyen |
|  | Contribuir a, Contribuido/a |

## Grammatical Aspects

- Nouns, conjunctions, connecting phrases, transitional conjunctions
- Dependent clauses
- Adverbs, adverb clauses
- Use of the comma

Notes: It can be tricky to students to learn some of the phrases in cause and effect. You talk about the cause OF something, but the reason FOR it. You cause something to happen, but it results in something happening. Effect and affect are commonly confused both verbally and in writing.

Because cause and effect indicates order, some of the vocabulary and language structures related to sequencing become important. For example: First, initial, additional, another, furthermore, additionally, in addition, moreover, finally, lastly.

## Scaffolds

|  | From Simple to Complex |
| :---: | :---: |
| Prompts and Questions | What were the causes of $\qquad$ ? <br> Why did $\qquad$ happen? <br> What were some of the contributing factors that resulted in $\qquad$ ? <br> What were the effects of $\qquad$ ? <br> What happened as a result of $\qquad$ ? <br> Tell me why $\qquad$ (or "Explain why $\qquad$ .") <br> How did affect ? |
| Indicaciones y preguntas | ¿Cuáles fueron las causas de que $\square$ <br> ¿Por qué sucedió $\qquad$ ? <br> ¿Cuáles fueron algunos de los factores que dieron lugar a que $\qquad$ <br> ¿Cuáles fueron los efectos de $\qquad$ ? <br> ¿Qué sucedió como resultado de $\qquad$ ? <br> Dime por qué $\qquad$ (o Explique por qué .) $\qquad$ <br> ¿Cómo afectó $\qquad$ a ? |
| Sentence Frames | Because $\qquad$ happened. <br> If $\qquad$ then $\qquad$ $\qquad$ caused $\qquad$ $\qquad$ so $\qquad$ <br> Since $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> As a result of $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> Due to the fact that $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ contributed to $\qquad$ $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ were both factors that resulted in $\qquad$ |
| Ejemplos de frases | Si yo $\qquad$ , entonces $\qquad$ <br> Por $\qquad$ yo puedo $\qquad$ $\qquad$ causa $\qquad$ . $\qquad$ efecto $\qquad$ <br> causa/hace $\qquad$ que $\qquad$ <br> Nosotros/ Yo puedo $\qquad$ para $\qquad$ $\qquad$ lleva a $\qquad$ que $\qquad$ $\qquad$ es causado por $\qquad$ . |

## Cause \& Effect Chants

## Cause and Effect Chant

By Heather Skibbins
(Tune: Ants Go Marching)
When something happens it has a result hurrah, hurrah
The cause comes first and then the effect hurrah, hurrah
Actions result in consequence, It always needs to make some sense, In order to understand what happened, You must, know the cause, BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

## Canto de causa y efecto

Por Heather Skibbins
(Tune: Ants Go Marching)
Un resulto viene de un acción - hurra, hurra
La causa primero después el efecto- hurra, hurra
Acciones tienen reacciones,
Hay que tener precauciones,
Para entender lo que paso,
Debes saber la causa, BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

## Sample Content Standards

## Common Core:

$\checkmark$ Language Arts Reading Literature \#3: Describe characters in a story and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.
$\checkmark$ Language Arts Speaking and Listening \#5: Describe the overall structure (including cause/effect) in a text or part of a text
$\checkmark$ Language Arts Writing \#1: Write opinion pieces in which they connect opinion and reasons using linking words and phrases such as because, therefore, since.

## California History-Social Studies Content Standards:

$\checkmark$ 4.2 Students describe the social, political, cultural and economic life and interactions among people of California from pre-Columbian societies to the Spanish mission and Mexican rancho periods. Describe the effects of the Mexican War for Independence on Alta California, including its effects on the territorial boundaries of North America.
$\checkmark$ 4.3 Analyze the effects of the Gold Rush on settlements, daily life, politics, and the physical environment.
$\checkmark$ 4.4 Understand the story and lasting influence of the Pony Express, Overland Mail Service, Western Union and transcontinental railroad. Explain how the Gold Rush transformed the economy of California. Discuss the effects of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, and World War II on California.
$\checkmark$ 5.3 Students describe the cooperation and conflict that exited among the American Indians and between the Indian nations and the new settlers. Examine the conflicts before the Revolutionary War. Explain the influence and achievements of significant leaders of the time.
$\checkmark$ 5.5-6 Students explain the causes, the course and the consequences of the American Revolution.

## English Language Development:

$\checkmark$ ELD I.C.9: Presenting. Plan and deliver brief oral presentation (e.g., retelling a story, recounting an experience).
$\checkmark$ ELD I.C.12. Selecting language resources. Retell texts and recount experiences using key words.
$\checkmark$ ELD II.A.1. Understanding text structure. Apply understanding of how texts are organized to present ideas (e.g., how a story is organized sequentially) to composing texts.
$\checkmark$ ELD II. A.2. Understanding cohesion. Apply understanding of how ideas or events are linked throughout a text using a variety of connecting words or phrases (e.g., after that, first/second/third).
$\checkmark$ ELD II.A.3b. Using verbs and verb phrases. Use a growing number of verb tenses to convey time (e.g., simple past tense for retelling).
$\checkmark$ ELD II.B.5. Modifying to add details. Expand sentences with prepositional phrases to provide details (e.g., time, manner, place, cause).

## Opinion/Persuasion / Opinión/Persuasión

## Summary

Stating one's opinion and crafting a persuasive statement is to be able to talk about and write about one's ideas, thoughts or feelings about something and give reasons for it. It is also about using language to persuade others. Opinion writing is one of the basic writing types in the Common Core English Language Arts standards, beginning in the primary grades with students being able to state an opinion and provide reasons and conclusions, as well as to be able to identify an author's point of view and how the author constructs an argument. The Common Core prioritizes opinion/argument as a writing type, and starts children off on their academic journey expecting them to be able to express an idea or opinion and to be able to give reasons - growing over the years into skills of persuasion, argumentation, and analytical review. It is about crafting a logical and well-reasoned argument supported with evidence - and about having a voice, being heard, defending one's thoughts and actions, convincing others, and making change in the world.

Graphic Organizers
Opinion: Reason Map


Position: Argument Map

|  |  | Audience |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Position |  |
| Argument \#1: | Arguement \#2: | Argument \#3: |
| Evidence | Evidence | Evidence |
| Conclusion |  |  |


| Note-Taking Tools |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| T-Graph | Boxes \& Bullets |  |
|  |  |  |

Inherent Academic Language

| English |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Think | Pensar |
| Feel | Sentir |
| Opinion | Opinión |
| Idea | Idea |
| Reasons | Razones |
| Evidence | Evidencia |
| Conclusion | Conclusión |
| Belief/believe | Creencia, Creer |
| Support | Apoyo |
| Advantages/disadvantages | Ventaja/Desventaja |
| Defend | Defender |
| Rationale | Razón Fundamental |
| Point of view | Punto de vista |
| Position | Posición |
| Justify | Justificación |
| Convince | Convencer |
| Should/should not | Debería/No Debería |
| Must | Tiene que |
| Ought to | Debe |
| Furthermore | Además |
| Moreover | Por otra parte |
| Clearly | Claramente |
| Explain | Explica |
| Example(s) | Ejemplos |
| Agree/disagree | Estar de acuerdo/No estar de acuerdo |
| Persuade | Persuadir |
| Argue | Argumentar |
| Because | Porque |
| The reason for that | La razón por lo cual |
| In order that | Para que |
| Despite the fact that | A pesar del hecho de que |
| Although | Aúnque |
| Even though | Aúnque |
| Whereas | Mientras |
| But | Pero |
| On the contrary | Al contrario |
| Even if | Aún si |
| Whether or not | Independiente de si... |
|  |  |

## Grammatical Aspects

- Dependent clauses, relative clauses, connecting words, subordinating conjunctions, use of commas and colons/semi-colons, adverb openers, prepositional phrases.


## SEAL

## Scaffolds

|  | From simple to complex |
| :---: | :---: |
| Prompts/questions Examples | State your opinion and give reasons What is your opinion? <br> Which do you think is preferable? <br> What is your point of view about...... |
| Indicaciones y preguntas | Expresa tu opinión y da las razones ¿Cúal es tu opinión? <br> ¿Cúal piensas es perferible? <br> ¿Cúal es tu punto de vista sobre...? |
| Sentence Frames Examples | I like $\qquad$ because $\qquad$ <br> I think $\qquad$ for the following reasons: $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ <br> and $\qquad$ . <br> In my opinion, $\qquad$ <br> The advantage of $\qquad$ outweighs the disadvantages because $\qquad$ <br> My opinion is $\qquad$ <br> Some people say.... this makes sense because........ <br> I disagree because. $\qquad$ |
| Ejemplos de frases | Me gusta $\qquad$ porque $\qquad$ <br> Creo que $\qquad$ por los siguentes razones: $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $y$ $\qquad$ <br> En mi opinión, $\qquad$ <br> La ventaja de $\qquad$ vale mas que las desventajas porque $\qquad$ . |

## Opinion \& Persuasion Chants

## Tell Us Your Opinion

By Patricia Montes Pate
Tell us your opinion,
Your thoughts, ideas,
\& feelings.
Tell us your opinion,
And start like this,
I think,
I feel,
I believe,
In my opinion,
Tell us your opinion,
Your thoughts, ideas,
And feelings.

## Argument Rap

By Patricia Montes Pate
Now here's a little something
That I need to say,
To convince and persuade you
Each and every day.
To craft a well-reasoned
Argument,
You must support it
With evidence.

Share your logic,
Position, your point of view, And support it with the facts You Know are true.

Tell us now the reason,
The reason,
For your opinion.
Tell us now the reason,
And use phrases like this,
I disagree because...
I think $\qquad$ for the following reasons:
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ .

Tell us now the reason, For your opinion.

For example,
For instance, As evidenced by, Should be used with the details you supply.

For these reasons, As you can see, Without a doubt, Create conclusions worth thinking about.

So convince them,
Cite sources,
Keep audience in mind,
This argument rap is one of a kind.

Key Standards

## Common Core:

$\checkmark$ Writing Standards: (1) Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure.

## English Language Development:

$\checkmark$ ELD I.C.9: Presenting. Plan and deliver brief oral presentation (e.g., retelling a story, recounting an experience).
$\checkmark$ ELD I.C.11: Supporting opinions. Support opinions or persuade others by expressing appropriate/accurate reasons using textual evidence.
$\checkmark$ ELD I.C.12. Selecting language resources. Retell texts and recount experiences using key words.
$\checkmark$ ELD II.A.1. Understanding text structure. Apply understanding of how texts are organized to present ideas (e.g., how a story is organized sequentially) to composing texts.
$\checkmark$ ELD II. A.2. Understanding cohesion. Apply understanding of how ideas or events are linked throughout a text using a variety of connecting words or phrases (e.g., after that, first/second/third).
$\checkmark$ ELD II.B. 4 Using nouns and noun phrases Expand noun phrases in a variety of ways to enrich meaning and add detail.

## SEAL NOTE-TAKING TASK CARDS

| Description (red) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Boxes \& Bullets <br> Web |
| The $\qquad$ is/can/has $\qquad$ <br> The $\qquad$ is/can/has/ $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ <br> The characteristics of $\qquad$ are $\qquad$ (and $\qquad$ .) $\qquad$ can be defined by its $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ -. | Is characterized by Consists of contains Characteristics Attributes Components Aspects Qualities exhibits |

## Compare \& Contrast

(pink)


T-Chart


Boxes \& Bullets

.
.
$\qquad$ is $\qquad$
$\qquad$ is not $\qquad$ .

Both $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ are/have/can $\qquad$ .
$\qquad$ is $\qquad$ . By comparison, $\qquad$ is
$\qquad$ .

Both $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ are/have $\qquad$ . However, they differ in that $\qquad$ is/has $\qquad$ , but $\qquad$ does not.
Whereas $\qquad$ is $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ is $\qquad$ .
While $\qquad$ share and $\qquad$ are similar in that they , a key distinction is $\qquad$ .
is
but However,

## Categorization \& Classification

 (blue)

| Opinion/Persuasion (purple) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boxes \& Bullets $\square$ | T-Chart |  |
|  | I like $\qquad$ because $\qquad$ <br> My opinion is $\qquad$ <br> I think $\qquad$ for the following reasons: $\qquad$ _, $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ <br> In my opinion, $\qquad$ - <br> The advantage of $\qquad$ outweighs the disadvantages because $\qquad$ <br> Some people say $\qquad$ . This makes sense because... $\qquad$ |  | Point of view Rationale Justify Furthermore Persuade Despite the fact that Whereas Even though On the contrary Whether or not |

Sequencing
(orange)

| Cause \& Effect (green) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| One-Way Flow | Reciprocal Flow $\square$ $\square$ |
| $\qquad$ happened because $\qquad$ <br> If $\qquad$ then . $\qquad$ <br> As a result of $\qquad$ $\qquad$ occurred. Due to the fact that $\qquad$ $\qquad$ occurred. $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ contributed to $\qquad$ . $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ were both factors that contributed to $\qquad$ | As a consequence As a result Due to Contributing factors Consequently Effects Caused Because |

## Quantification

 (brown)| Table | Graph |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
| There are more $\qquad$ than $\qquad$ <br> There are $\qquad$ number of $\qquad$ but only $\qquad$ number of $\qquad$ We collecting data on $\qquad$ (\#), of which $\qquad$ were $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ were $\qquad$ All in all, we found that $\qquad$ . | Quantity Altogether In sum Data Classify Most Least |

## SEAL TARJECTAS PARA TOMAR NOTAS EN TAREAS

| Descripción (rojo) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Tabla  Tabla en <br> forma T  <br>     <br>     | Red $\square$ |
| El/La $\qquad$ es/puede/tiene $\qquad$ <br> El/La $\qquad$ es/puede/tiene/ $\qquad$ y $\qquad$ <br> Las características de $\qquad$ son $\qquad$ (y $\qquad$ <br> EI/La $\qquad$ puede ser definido por su(s) $\qquad$ y $\qquad$ | Se caracteriza por <br> Consiste en contiene <br> Características <br> Atributos <br> Componentes <br> Aspectos <br> Cualidades <br> Exhibe |


| Comparar \& Contrastar (rosado) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Tabla en forma T | Diagrama Venn |
| $\qquad$ es $\qquad$ $\qquad$ no es $\qquad$ . <br> Tanto $\qquad$ como $\qquad$ son/tienen/pueden $\qquad$ - $\qquad$ es $\qquad$ . En comparación, $\qquad$ es $\qquad$ <br> Tanto $\qquad$ como $\qquad$ son/tienen $\qquad$ Sin embargo, se diferencian en que $\qquad$ es/tiene $\qquad$ pero $\qquad$ no. <br> Mientras que $\qquad$ es $\qquad$ $\qquad$ es $\qquad$ . <br> Aunque $\qquad$ $y$ $\qquad$ se parecen en que comparten , una distinción clave es $\qquad$ | Ambos <br> Similitud <br> Diferencia <br> Distinción <br> Mientras que <br> Diferencias entre <br> Tienen en común <br> Comparar/contrastar <br> En contraposición a <br> Por otro lado |



| Opinión/Persuasión (morado) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Tabla en for $\square$ | Red |
| Me gusta $\qquad$ porque $\qquad$ <br> Mi opinión es $\qquad$ <br> Creo que $\qquad$ por las siguientes razones: $\qquad$ $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> En mi opinión, $\qquad$ - <br> La ventaja de $\qquad$ supera las desventajas porque $\qquad$ <br> Algunas personas dicen $\qquad$ . Esto tiene sentido porque... Yo no estoy de acuerdo porque... | Punto de vista Justificación Justificar Además Persuadir <br> A pesar de que Mientras que Aunque <br> Por el contrario Ya sea o no |


| Secuencia (anaranjado) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Linea de tiempo <br> Diagrama de Flujo | Ciclo <br> Cima del cuento |
| $\qquad$ fue el primero. $\qquad$ fue el segundo.... <br> Primero $\qquad$ . Luego $\qquad$ . Después $\qquad$ <br> Finalmente, $\qquad$ <br> Inicialmente, $\qquad$ . Le siguió $\qquad$ . Con el tiempo, se produjo $\qquad$ . Finalmente, dio lugar a $\qquad$ . <br> De modo que $\qquad$ ocurriera, tuvo que pasar $\qquad$ y $\qquad$ | Secuencia <br> Línea de tiempo <br> Anteriormente <br> Posteriormente <br> Después <br> Actualmente <br> Se desarrolló en <br> Creció a partir de <br> Dado que |


| Causa \& Efecto (verde) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Flujo de una sola dirección | Flujo recíproco |
| $\qquad$ ocurrió porque $\qquad$ <br> Si $\qquad$ , entonces $\qquad$ Como consecuencia de $\qquad$ , pasó $\qquad$ <br> Debido al hecho que $\qquad$ $\qquad$ ocurrió. $\qquad$ y $\qquad$ contribuyeron a $\qquad$ - $\qquad$ $y$ $\qquad$ fueron factores que contribuyeron a $\qquad$ . | Como consecuencia <br> Como resultado <br> Debido a <br> Factores que contribuyen <br> En consecuencia <br> Efectos <br> A causa de <br> Porque |


|  | Cuantificación <br> (café) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |

# Graphic Organizers \& Note-Taking / Organizadores gráficos y tomar notas ( $4^{\text {th }}-6^{\text {th }}$ Grade) 

CCSS: RL1, RL2, RL 3, RI 1, RI 2, RI 3, RI 8, W1, W2, W3, SL2, SL6, L5

## Alignment \& Articulation

| PreK $-\mathbf{3}^{\text {rd }}$ | $\mathbf{4}^{\text {th }}-\mathbf{6}^{\text {th }}$ |
| :---: | :--- |
| "Teacher-Directed" | "Teacher-Directed" \& "Student-Selected" |
| - Students are accustomed to using |  |
| graphic organizers to promote analytic |  |
| thought and academic language "into, |  |
| through, and beyond" the unit. |  |$\quad$| - In grades 4-6, the teacher continues to |
| :--- |
| select and utilize graphic organizers as a |
| visual support for organizing and talking |
| about the new content. |

## Summary

Graphic organizers are a visual representation of thinking and processing knowledge. While a wide range of visuals are important for supporting a student's comprehension of content, graphic organizers are a specific type of visual map or diagram that display relationships between facts, concepts or ideas - guiding and organizing thinking. Graphic organizers are, in fact, sometimes referred to as a "map" because they "map out" thinking in a visual manner. There are many similar names for graphic organizers including: knowledge maps, concept maps, cognitive organizers, advance organizers, or concept diagrams.

Research tells us that the human brain is a pattern seeker, and that visual input is a key mechanism for learning. For all students, graphic organizers help to organize information and scaffold more sophisticated conceptual and analytic thinking by providing a VISUAL display of connections, patterns, and the relationships between information. When a graphic organizer is used regularly, across academic content areas and purposes, students come to associate that visual pattern with thought processes and language systems. Research reviews have concluded that using graphic organizers improves student performance in the following areas: (see table on following page)

## Benefits of Graphic Organizers



For visual learners and English Learners, graphic organizers are particularly important to support comprehension because the relationships among ideas and information are visually displayed and therefore not language-dependent. This lessens the cognitive load for students. For students in bilingual programs, who are learning academic content in one language and also learning a second language, the graphic organizers are vehicles that bridge across the two languages, greatly enhancing the transfer of knowledge into two different language systems.

In SEAL classrooms, the use of graphic organizers begins in preschool, where they are used for simple classification, categorization, description, and quantification. Those same graphic organizers are used in subsequent grades along with additional graphic organizers that support the same higher-order thinking skills, in addition to those used for compare \& contrast, sequencing, cause \& effect, and opinion \& persuasion. While the information that is presented and analyzed through the use of the graphic organizers becomes more complex, student's capacity to use them for analysis grows deeper. Though there are numerous graphic organizers, SEAL has selected just a few that are connected to the selected key analytical skills and major academic language functions. These graphic organizers are used all the way through high school, college and into professional work.

## SEAL

The graphic organizers introduced in Module II are linked to key language functions as shown in the table below：

| Language Function | Graphic Organizers and <br> Note－Taking Tools | Grammatical Aspects |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Description | －Web／Bubble Chart <br> －T－chart $\square^{\square}$ <br> －Tree Map <br> －Categorical Matrix／Table 回， <br> －Boxes \＆Bullets | －Nouns，pronouns，adjectives，adjective phrases，articles，nominalization， conjunctions，connecting phrases <br> －The verb＂to be＂using common nouns and adjectives <br> －The verb＂to have＂using common nouns and adjectives |
| Compare \＆ Contrast | －Venn Diagram <br> －Categorical Matrix 回 <br> －Double Bubble <br> －T－Chart ${ }^{\text {Q }}$ <br> －Boxes \＆Bullets | －Adjectives，conjunctions <br> －Comparative adjectives <br> －Superlatives <br> －Adverbs |
| Classification \＆ Categorization | －Categorical Matrix $\boldsymbol{Q}^{2}$ <br> －Classification Tree <br> －T－Chart $\square$ <br> －Boxes \＆Bullets <br> －Web | －Nouns，adjectives，connecting phrases |
| Sequencing | －Flow Chart 回， <br> －Timeline <br> －Story Map <br> －Cycle <br> －Story Mountain | －Past tense／present tense／future tense： was／is／will be <br> －Adverb clauses，signal words showing chronological order <br> －Subordinate conjunctives，adverbs of time，relative clauses，prepositional phrases |
| Quantification | －Column Chart $\square$ <br> －Bar Graph <br> －Table 8 | －Counting system，cardinal and ordinal numbers，comparative adjectives and adjective phrases |
| Cause and Effect | －One－Way Flow <br> －Reciprocal Flow Chart 回， | －Coordinating conjunctions，transitional phrases，adjectives indicating order， adverb clauses，commas，verbs |
| Opinion \＆ Persuasion | －Opinion：Reason Map <br> －Position：Argument Map回 <br> －Boxes \＆Bullets <br> －T－Chart <br> －Web | －Dependent clauses，relative clauses <br> －Connecting words，subordinating conjunctions <br> －Use of commas，colons，semi－colons <br> －Adverb openers，prepositional phrases |

See Tools \＆Templates section for details on specific graphic organizers \＆note－taking tools linked to key language and cognitive functions．

## Implementation

Note: For readability throughout the rest of the description, the term "graphic organizer" is intended to connote either prepared graphic organizers or note-taking tools.

## How should graphic organizers be chosen and used?

Because graphic organizers are such powerful, flexible tools, teachers have many options when considering their use.

## - Teacher Directed vs. Student Selected

Graphic organizers can either be chosen by the teacher and used in a directed activity led by the teacher, or they can be selected by the student to meet the needs of a particular task.

## - Student Groupings

Graphic organizers can be used with the whole class, in small groups - either teacherled or collaboratively, or independently.

## What is the intended purpose or desired outcome?

Many factors must be taken into consideration when determining when and how to implement the use of graphic organizers \& note-taking tools in the classroom. Graphic organizers can (and should) be applied across the curriculum to enhance comprehension, to structure thinking and to analyze subject matter content. The more they are used, the more proficient students become in organizing information, and in being able to use analytical language. Graphic organizers can be used at various points in a teaching process. In planning a unit, think about when and how you will use graphic organizers:
> Purpose: To access students' background knowledge and as a means of formative assessment
A teacher can use a graphic organizer before presenting new information as a structure for accessing students' prior knowledge. For example, a simple web or bubble map can capture what students know about a new topic. This becomes a "warm up" for students, getting them thinking about the topic, and is also a means of assessment for the teacher to know the level of student knowledge or misperceptions. Similarly, a T Chart can be used to capture "what we know" and "what we want to know" about a topic to be studied. This also provides an opportunity for students to set their purpose for learning, serving to motivate and engage them in the learning process.

## > Purpose: To organize information and concepts throughout the learning process

- Presenting New Information: Graphic organizers are powerful as a means of or accompaniment to the teacher presenting new content. For example, as the teacher describes something new, she can place visuals or words around a Web, making the connections visual for students. Draw and Labels can incorporate graphic organizers such as timelines and graphs.
- Synthesizing and Making Meaning: Graphic organizers can also be used at key points and pauses in the presentation of new information or during research to allow students to process or organize the information they have just heard or read.
Some examples include:
(1) as students recall a story, perhaps from the Narrative, the information can be put into a story-map or flow-chart;
(2) the teacher could ask students the similarities and differences between the motives of the missionaries versus the explorers in the study of Early California - using a Venn Diagram to chart their responses;
(3) during a Mini-Lecture, students can record learning in their Academic Process Journals using various graphic organizers; or
(4) while engaging in Research Rotations, students can use note-taking tools as a way to synthesize and draw conclusions
- Preparing for Effective Expression: Graphic organizers are a powerful bridge to writing and to oral presentation, helping students organize their thoughts and plan how to communicate those thoughts. This can be modeled by the teacher, and then become an independent or small group activity. For example, students can plan out a piece of writing using story-map templates or a Categorical Matrix.


## > Purpose: To develop sophisticated academic language and higher-order thinking skills

Be intentional about teaching the language and meeting the language demands. Graphic organizers combine a focus on conceptual, analytic thinking and a scaffold to conceptual, analytic talk. Review the vocabulary and language structures associated with each graphic organizer and its language function. Select the inherent academic vocabulary you want students to learn, and the range of language structures you want to scaffold them into. Post a template of the graphic organizer, and post the key vocabulary and language forms associated with it. Model that language intentionally as you present the graphic organizer and talk about the information contained within the graphic organizer.

Use sketches and Picture File Cards to support comprehension as you place information in the graphic organizer. Remember to insert plentiful choral responses and Think-Pair-Shares as you develop the graphic organizer with the students - giving them the opportunity to use the language. Select a range of sentence frames to offer to your students as starters for Think-Pair-Shares. In responding to and amplifying student comments, use the more sophisticated vocabulary and language structures to repeat back their thoughts - remembering your role as language coach.

## Critical Aspects of Graphic Organizers

$\checkmark$ Teach the function of the graphic organizer and the analytic language that students will need in order to discuss it.
$\checkmark$ Populate the graphic organizer with the students. This will help them process and synthesize their learning.
$\checkmark$ Keep the graphic organizers organized. Lines and arrows should be visible. Text should be inside designated areas.
$\checkmark$ Use color coding to chunk information. This will help students process information.
$\checkmark$ Record key words or phrases, rather than whole sentences. Students will use this information to develop their analytic language and for their own effective expression through oral presentations and/or writing. This opportunity is lost if students are simply repeating or copying prewritten sentences.
$\checkmark$ Sketch! Sketching provides a non-linguistic representation for our brain and is critical for language learners.

