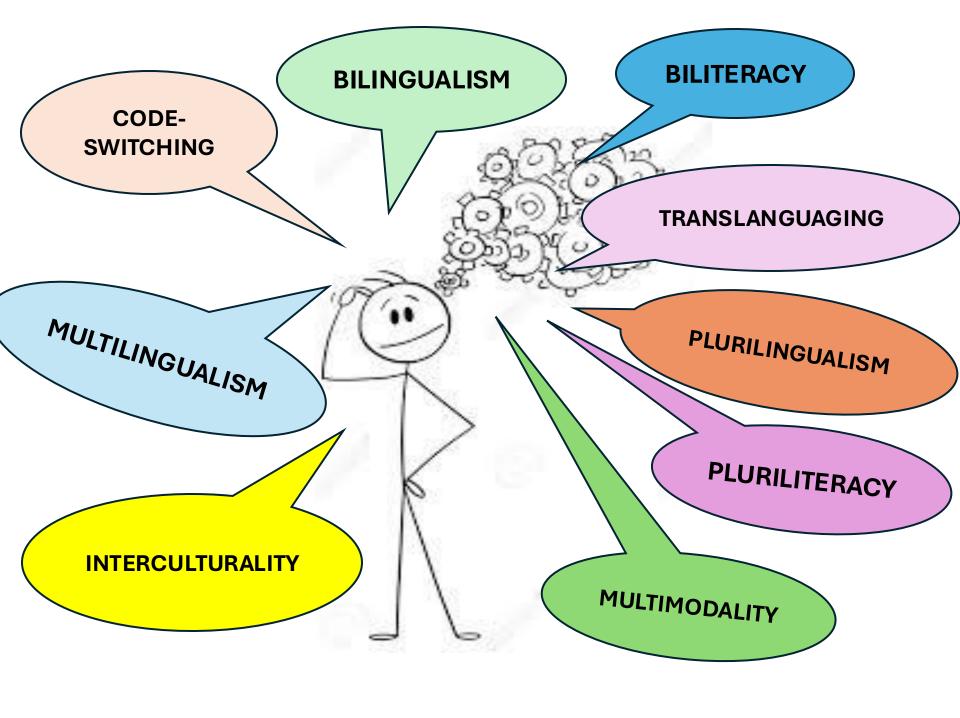




THE PATH TO DEEPER LEARNING: CLIL AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

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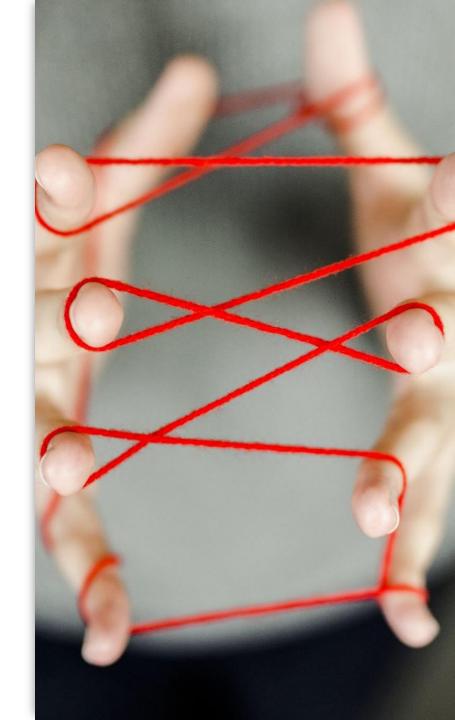


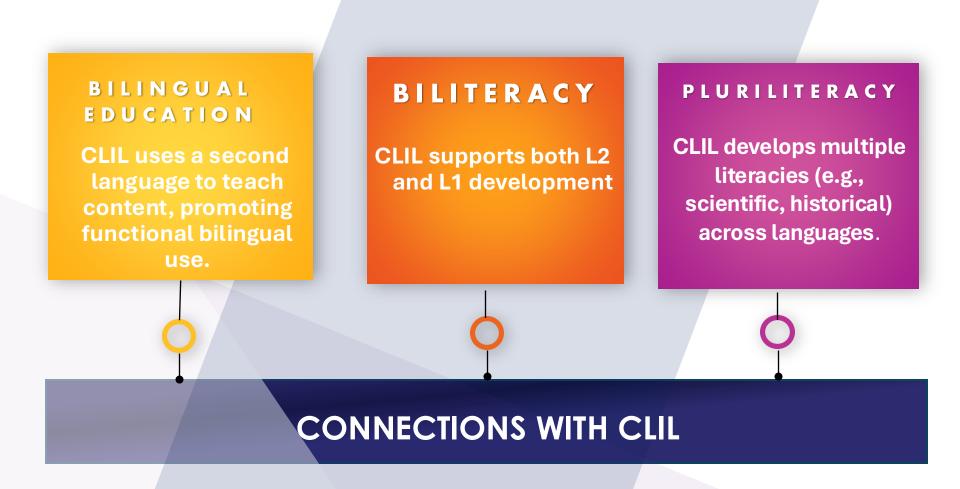
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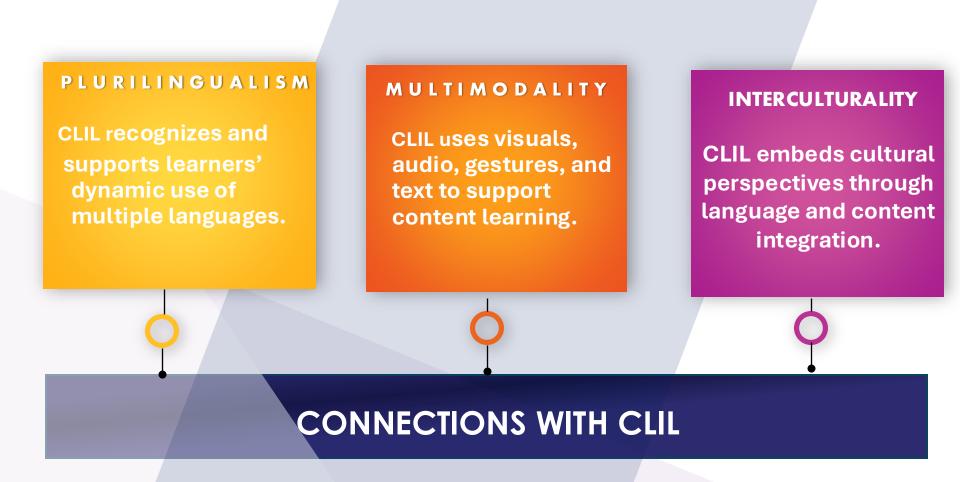
- Multilingualism: Refers to the presence of multiple languages in a society, school, or classroom.
- **Plurilingualism:** Describes how individuals use and move between different languages they know, often blending them in flexible ways.
- **Biliteracy**: The ability to read and write in two languages.
- **Pluriliteracy**: Pluriliteracy is the ability to understand and express meaning through different languages and modes (like text, visuals, or media), especially in school subjects.
- **Translanguaging**: The practice of using all of a person's languages together to make meaning, solve problems, or learn without rigidly separating them.
- Multimodality: Using different modes of communication together — like images, gestures, speech, writing, sound, or movement.



HOW DOES CLIL **CONNECT WITH ALL THESE TERMS?**









WHY CLIL MATTERS



Enhances deeper learning through dual focus



Boosts cognitive and linguistic skills



Promotes real-world communication



Encourages active learning, critical and creative thinking



Fosters intercultural understanding



WHAT CLIL IS

Planning the 4 C's

Scaffolding language and content

Using the language for meaningful purposes

Fostering interaction

Helping students use the language effectively to express and access the subject content

CLIL is adapting

PLANNING FOR THE 4 C's



SUPPORTING LANGUAGE DEMAND Chilla 11/044 Contono

Word banks

Skills	Word	Sentence	Text
Listening	 Pre-teach vocabulary Use visuals Give examples Summarize 		 Using Visuals Enumerate points Give examples Explain Summarize
Speaking	 List with content vocabulary Asking questions 	 Talking frames Substitution tables Sentence starters 	
Reading	Thinking aloud		 Pre-Reading questions Chart to fill Label diagram Cognates
Writing	 Vocabulary list 	• Sentence	 Writing frames

starters

Modeling

PLANNING THE INPUT



How long the input is



How long the paragraphs and sentences in a text are

If the input contains visual support



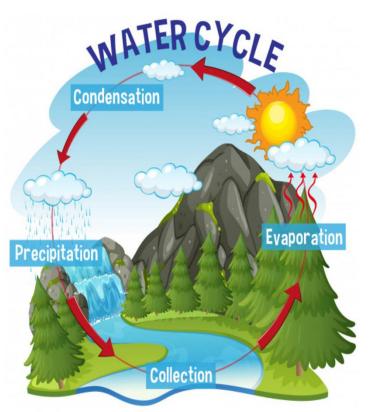
What language functions are needed



What is the specific vocabulary, and which is compatible



PLANNING THE INPUT - EXPLAINING A PROCESS



What language features do students need?

Content specific vocabulary

- Condensation, collection, evaporation
- Verbs: evaporate, condense, form, change into, etc

Content compatible vocabulary

• Water, cloud, rain, river, etc.

CDF: Explain

Verb tense: Present tense; third person

What is the text structure of this text-type?

Sequence

• Connectors: first, then, after that, finally, at the end.

OUTPUT

The water cycle

Evaporation		***	rises	water vapour.
	-	the sun	flows	becoming a liquid.
Condensation		the water	changes into	as rain, hail, sleet or snow.
Precipitation when	the water	shines	warming up the water.	
Percolation		the water	trickles	across the ground into rivers and streams
		the liquid	cools	forming clouds in the sky
Surface run off			falls	through soil and rocks

Condensation occurs when the water vapour cools, forming clouds in the sky.

Precipitation occurs when the water vapour falls as rain, hail, sleet or snow.

Percolation occurs when the liquid trickles through soil and rocks.

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Title Heading

Introduction

The water cycle is also known as the hydrological cycle. There is the same amount of water on the Earth now as there was when the Earth began. The water cycle is how the earth's water recycles itself. The cycle includes precipitation, evaporation, condensation, and transpiration. Earth's water keeps changing from liquid water to vapour and then back again. This cycle happens because of the sun's heat and gravity.

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Subheading

How does the Water Cycle work?

Illustration

First of all, water molecules from lakes, rivers, streams, reservoirs, and the sea get heated up by the sun and then turn into vapour that rises into the air. This process is known as evaporation

Chronological order

Next, these water molecules form into clouds, this is because a process called condensation occurs.

Specific vocabulary

Different paragraphs

When the air and the water cool, they form drops of water which then fall to the earth as rain as precipitations. If they are frozen, they become snow or sleet.

Once the water reaches the ground, it can flow across the land until it reaches rivers, lakes, streams, or the sea. It can also sink into the ground and flow because of gravity through gaps in rock, gravel, and sand.

Now the cycle begins again when water is evaporated once more.

CHECKLIST: EXPLANATION

Features of Explanation Writing	Text
Does it have a title to tell you what the writing is about?	
Is there a general opening statement?	
Is it written in a series of logical steps?	
Do the steps continue until the explanation is complete?	
Is it written in simple present tense?	
Does it use time connectives ? e.g. then, next, after a while, etc.	
Does it use causal connectives ? e.g. because, so, this causes, this results in, therefore etc.	
Are there diagrams or illustrations to help with the explanation? (<i>Optional</i>)	

MATERIAL ADAPTATION

Simplifying complex sentence structures without diluting content.

Highlighting key vocabulary and providing visual or contextual support. Use visuals, diagrams, and graphic organizers to support understanding.

As mudanças de estado físico da água

Na natureza, a água muda constantemente de um estado físico para outro. Isso ocorre quando a água passa por processos de aquecimento ou resfriamento. A seguir, constam alguns exemplos.

- Quando a água líquida é resfriada e passa para o estado sólido (gelo), essa mudança de estado físico é denominada solidificação.
- Ao aquecer o gelo até fazê-lo passar para o estado líquido, a mudança de estado físico que ocorre é denominada fusão.
- Quando a água líquida é aquecida e passa para o estado gasoso (vapor), ocorre a vaporização, que pode ser lenta ou rápida. A vaporização lenta, como acontece com a roupa que seca no varal, recebe o nome de evaporação. A vaporização rápida, com formação de bolhas no interior do líquido, como ocorre com a água em uma panela levada ao fogo, é chamada de ebulição.
- No processo denominado condensação ou liquefação, o vapor de água é resfriado e passa para o estado líquido.
- Além dessas mudanças de estado físico, a água pode passar do estado sólido diretamente para o gasoso ou do estado gasoso para o sólido, sob determinadas condições ambientais. Esses processos são denominados sublimação e ressublimação, respectivamente.

Mudanças de estado físico da água



Ressublimação

Representação esquemática das mudanças de estado da água e suas nomeações.



The states of Matter

Matter has three states. It can be solid, liquid or gas.

Solid

- Has a definite shape.
 If you put a ball in a cup, it won't change the shape.
- Has a definite volume.
 Volume is the amount of space that matter takes up.



Liquid

- It Does NOT have definite shape.
- If you put water in a glass from the tap, it will take the form of the container (glass).
- It has a definite volume.



- Does NOT have definite shape.
- Does NOT have definite volume.





Water can be found in the three states.





Liquid Solid



Changes of state

If we heat ice, it melts and changes into liquid.

Melting

If we heat water, it changes into a gas called water vapour.

Evaporation



Water

Water

vapour

Freezing

If we freeze water, the liquid changes into solid. Condensation

If we cool water vapor,it condenses into liquid.

Important words



Shape: The form of something.

Volume: The amount of space that something takes up.

Heat: Make something hotter.

 $\textbf{Melt:} \ \textbf{To} \ \underline{\textbf{turn}} \ \textbf{from something} \ \underline{\textbf{solid}} \ \textbf{into something} \ \underline{\textbf{liquid}}.$

Freeze: Low the temperature of something below_0°C.

Cool: Make something cooler.

Vhat's an ecosystem?

There are many different types of ecosystems on Earth, for example grasslands, ponds, forests, coasts and cities.



Grasslands are areas with long and short grasses. There aren't many trees and animals like horses, rabbits and mice live there.

Forests are areas covered in trees. They provide oxygen that living things need for respiration. Topical rainforests are hot and humid with a lot of rain. Most of the trees are evergreen, which means they don't lose their leaves. Animals like monkeys, jaquars, frogs and parrots live there. Temperate forests have usually got deciduous trees which lose their leaves in winter. Animals like foxes bears, owls, squirrels and eagles live there.



Ponds are freshwater ecosystems. Some plants grow under the water, like pondweed. Other plants have got just their roots under the water, like water lilies. Animals like frogs, fish, ducks and many types of insects live in ponds. Plants next to the pond provide shelter for frogs and birds.

Coastal ecosystems appear where the sea meets the land. They can be beaches, coral reefs or mangroves. There are a lot of different plants and animals that live there, including fish, turtles and birds. The water isn't very deep so the animals and plants receive a lot of sunlight, which helps them to eat and grow.





An urban ecosystem consists of all the living and non-living things in a town or city. These can include buildings, roads, parks, gardens and rivers or streams. Trees provide shade and make the temperature lower. Animals like foxes, cats, pigeons and rats live there.

Title 🗸



Answer to the title



- Students' will fix their attention to the highlited words.
- Appropriate information



Visuals added 🗸



Clear layout 🕢



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WHAT IS AN ECOSYSTEM?

An ecosystem consists of the interaction of <u>living organisms</u> (plants and animals) and <u>non-living things</u> (water, rocks, soil, and sand, etc.).

Types of ecosystems

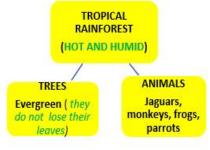
GRASSLANDS: Large areas covered with grasses.

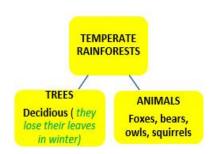
- Not many trees.
- · Animals: rabbit. horses, mice.



FORESTS: a region with a high density of trees.
They provide oxygen for the living things.
They can be divided into:







TASK DESIGN



- Authentic, meaningful tasks



- Focus on language output



Promote cognitive skills

LANGUAGE NEEDED FOR TASKS

• 1. Here are different liquids and solids. Make some predictions about what will happen when you mix or heat them.

CONDITIONALS

- A. PREPOSITIONS
- **B. PAST TENSES**
- C. CONDITIONALS
- D. ADJECTIVES
- **E. COMPARATIVE FORMS**

 2. Look at this painting. Can you describe what you see using more detailed words about size, texture, and feeling?

ADJECTIVES

 3. You can name the symbols on the map — now explain where they are. Use location words to help your partner find them.

PREPOSITIONS

 4. Look at these environments. How are they similar? How are they different? Write about what you notice.

COMPARATIVE FORMS

5. Think back to the match. What movements did you make?
 Describe what you did and how you did it.

PAST TENSES

DEVELOPING COGNITIVE SKILLS: LOTS/HOTS



- How would a plant's growth be affected if it received less sunlight but more water than usual?
- What are the nine planets?
- Do you think renewable energy sources can fully replace fossil fuels in the next 30 years? Why or why not?
- What is a continent? Can you list all seven continents and point to them on a map?



- Sequence the following inventions on the timeline
- Look at the three paintings and tell your partner which colors are the most dominant.
- Read your partner's report on industrial paints. Comment on how clearly it was written.
- Look at the three paintings and tell your partner which colors are the most dominant.



COLLABORATION

CONTENT TEACHERS

- Ideas,
- resources,
- strategies.

CONTEN TEACHERS AND LANGUAGE TEACHERS

- BICS a CALP.
- Focus on language-related aspects that facilitate students' access to subject content.





COMPARING AND CONTRASTING

- > Mammals are vertebrates
- ➤ They have backbone
- ➤ They have lungs
- ➤They are warm blooded
- They have mammary glands to feed their babies
- They give birth to live fully developed babies.
- e.g. Humans, monkeys, dog, mouse, horse, cat, elephant, Whale, dolphins.

- > Fish are vertebrates
- ➤ They have a backbone
- ➤ They are cold blooded
- ➤ They have fins
- ➤ They use gills to breath
- ➤ They live in the water
- ➤ They lay eggs

 e.g., cod, eel, goldfish, trout, salmon, plaice, sharks

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Compare & Contrast

•	and	are similar in
	several ways.	
•	Bothand _ similar	
•	Finally, both and different in several way	
•	First,, whi	le
•	Secondly,, but	·
•	In addition, while	,
•	Finally,, while	}







Canned Food



Contrasting connectives

Although, yet, whereas, however, but, unlike, different from, while

Comparing connectives

Like, similar, as well as, too, both, the same as, similarly





WE ANTICIPATE STUDENTS'
PROBLEMS



WE IDENTIFY THE LANGUAGE NEEDED TO ACCESS THE CONTENT



WE IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGIES



WE PREPARE MEANINGFUL AND COGNITIVELY DEMANDING ACTIVITIES



WE PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT



WE INTEGRATE CONTENT AND LANGUAGE IN OUR LESSONS





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