



SIOP Quick Guide

What is SIOP?

The **SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol)** Model enhances outcomes for English Learners (ELs) by making academic content accessible and fostering language development. It provides a structured framework for lesson planning and delivery, based on core principles such as embedding language goals, enhancing understanding through various methods, and promoting student engagement.

Core Principles

- Integrates language and content goals.
- Uses modeling, visuals, and scaffolding for understanding.
- Encourages engagement in all language skills.
- Focuses on explicit vocabulary teaching.
- Supports student self-reflection.

8 SIOP Components

- Lesson Preparation - Set clear goals and select appropriate materials.
- Building Background - Connect new ideas to prior knowledge and vocabulary.
- Comprehensible Input - Use clear speech and visuals; adjust for learner levels.
- Strategies - Teach cognitive strategies and provide scaffolds.
- Interaction - Foster structured dialogues and academic discourse.
- Practice & Application - Use engaging activities for skill application.
- Lesson Delivery - Maintain clear objectives and high engagement.
- Review & Assessment - Provide feedback and use formative assessments.

Why It Works

The SIOP Model creates equitable learning environments, supports content mastery and English proficiency, and aligns with differentiation and culturally responsive teaching, benefiting all students.

Reference: Echevarria, J., Vogt, M. E., & Short, D. J. (2008). The SIOP model: Sheltered instruction observation protocol. Center for Applied Linguistics. [Another common publication, sometimes used for older references]