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improve our own language use in classroom settings. 4 Content Area Variations of Academic Language Given that not all disciplines are alike in their content, thinking, and ways of communicating, Chapter 4 describes variations of language that correspond to the main content areas taught in schools: math, language arts, history, and science. This chapter addresses some of the "shifts" in instruction that have emerged in response to the Common Core State Standards. 5 Facilitating Whole Class Discussions for Content and Language Development This chapter focuses on making whole class discussions more effective for building academic language, content knowledge, and thinking skills. The chapter starts with a rationale for using classroom talk in a variety of settings and offers tips for leading discussions in ways that deepen and extend student thinking, as opposed to just promoting the accumulation of facts. The chapter offers more effective alternatives to common questioning strategies and teacher-controlled formats such as initiation-response-feedback (IRF). The latter half of the chapter focuses on improving academic listening, engaging all students in whole-class communication activities, and building language through simulations and role plays. Examples of Common Core State Standards are used in the activities. 6 Academic Listening and Speaking in Small Groups and Pairs This chapter focuses on building oral academic language, content knowledge, and thinking skills in pairs and small groups. The chapter offers ideas for supporting small group and pair discussions in ways that deepen and extend student thinking, as well as create ideas, as opposed to just regurgitating someone else's knowledge. Examples of Common Core State Standards are used in the activities. 7 Language for Reading Complex Texts Chapter 7 looks at the language of reading, emphasizing the learning of language skills beyond vocabulary to help in comprehending difficult texts, as outlined by the Common Core State Standards. It also includes a section on teaching content area and general academic vocabulary--in context. 8 Language for Creating Complex Texts Chapter 8 provides ways to develop language for the types of academic writing addressed in the Common Core State Standards. It emphasizes a deep analysis of the complex ways in which students must think, organize, fortify, negotiate, and communicate knowledge in a discipline as experts might do. It provides ideas for modeling, scaffolding, and analyzing texts that students will be asked to write. 9 Building Language Development into Lessons and Assessments Chapter 9 introduces ways to formatively and summatively assess ways of using academic language to show learning of Common Core State Standards, as well as hints for planning for instruction based on assessments. It emphasizes the importance of identifying the thinking and language that we want students to learn before we leap into instruction. 10 Concluding Thoughts Chapter 10 offers some final thoughts and next steps for weaving the previous chapters' ideas into daily practice. Appendix A Highly Recommended Resources on Academic Language Appendix B Frequently-Used Academic Words Appendix C Suggestions for Before, During, & After Mini-lectures References About the Author About the Sponsor Index .

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"The introductory pages of the Common Core State Standards call for the following distributions of text: 50% literary/50% information (4th grade); 45% literary/55% information (8th grade); 30% literary/70% information (12th grade). This is a major shift in encouraging teachers to get students understanding and using more academic language as they progress through middle and high school. Many students today, whether they are native English speakers or recent immigrants, need help in understanding and using the language of academic learning. An essential resource for teaching all students, this book explains what

every teacher needs to know about language for supporting reading, writing, and academic learning. Based on theory, research and practice, it includes activities, exercises, and practical strategies for building vocabulary, grammar, and language learning approaches routinely into math, science, history, and language arts lessons. This second edition includes new strategies to address specific standards and answers key questions about reading across content areas, including:--What is academic language and how does it differ by content area?--How can language-building activities support content understanding?--How can students be assisted in using language more effectively?--How can academic language usage be modeled routinely in the classroom?--How can lesson planning and assessment support academic language development? "--
