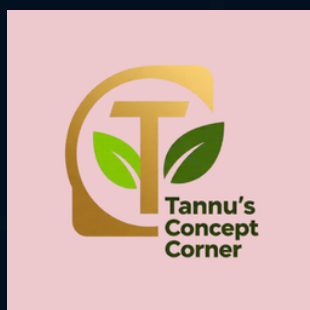


Designing a Powerful Language Unit

Explore how IB Key Concepts, Language Tenets, Learning Progressions, and Language Concepts all connect to create rich, inquiry-based language learning.



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IB Key Concepts are like THE MAP

***Are you using IB Key Concepts to guide
your language learning destination?***

***These big ideas are more than buzzwords—
they help frame deeper inquiry. Which ones
anchor your unit?***



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Language Concepts are - WHAT WE PACK.

***What 'language tools' are your students
carrying with them?***

***Language is multi-modal, purposeful, and
shaped by identity. Are you choosing the right
concepts to support authentic expression?***



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Inquiry Learning Progressions – THE PATHWAYS

***How do your learners grow as inquirers
across grade levels?***

***Planning with progressions means supporting
all learners, wherever they are. Do you scaffold
voice, vocabulary, and interpretation
effectively?***



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Language Tenets – THE COMPASS

Do your language experiences reflect inclusion, identity, and real-world use?

The tenets remind us to honor culture, context, and voice. Is your unit grounded in values, not just outcomes?



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A Powerful Language Unit – The Destination

***What does a powerful language unit
look like in your classroom?***

***It's where students construct meaning, share
perspectives, and act through language. Are
you ready to lead the journey?***



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Total PICTURE

The Key Concepts

Language Unit

The Map



Language Concepts

Change

Form

Connection

Function



What we pack



Learning Progression

Language Tenets

Pathway

Values



Mapping Literacy concepts to IB Specified concepts

*Which IB key concept most effectively
guides meaningful discussions in your
literacy lessons?*

This mapping fosters transfer, critical thinking, and intentional planning across all strands of language learning.



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FORM- **What is it Like?**

Language is structured, multimodal, dynamic, & symbolic (oral, written, visual)

Additional Language Concepts

Genre, Text Structure, Thesis, Sentence Structure, Organisation, Literary Devices, Voice, Style, Tone, Mood, Structure of language, grammar, text types, multimodal elements

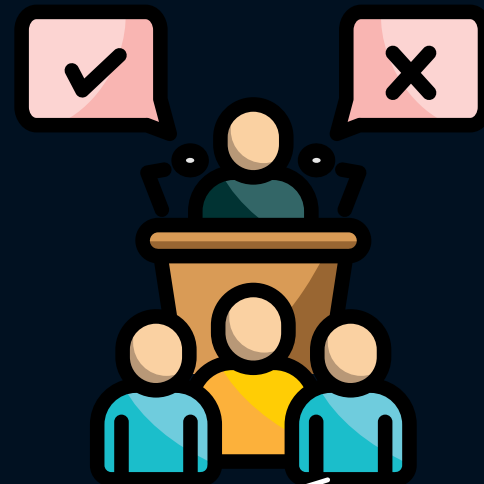


FUNCTION- **How does it work ?**

Language as a purposeful tool for expression and communication, adaptable to audience

Additional Language Concepts

Author, Purpose of communication, audience adaptation, language use's Craft, Purpose, Literary Devices, Audience Awareness, Persuasive Techniques, Oracy Elements (Pitch, Volume, Rhythm), Syntax, Word Choice



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CAUSATION-

Why is the way it is ?

Language is contextual, shaped by culture, history and identity.

Additional Language Concepts

Cause/Effect, Motivation, Conflict, Resolution, Author's Intent, Reasoning, Logic, Bias, Language evolution, historical and cultural influences



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CHANGE- *How is it changing?*

Language is flexible and affected by tools & context. It evolves with technology, culture, and use

Additional Language Concepts

Plot Development, Character Growth, Revisions (Writing Process), Evolution of Ideas, Reflection, Language development, evolution, new media influence



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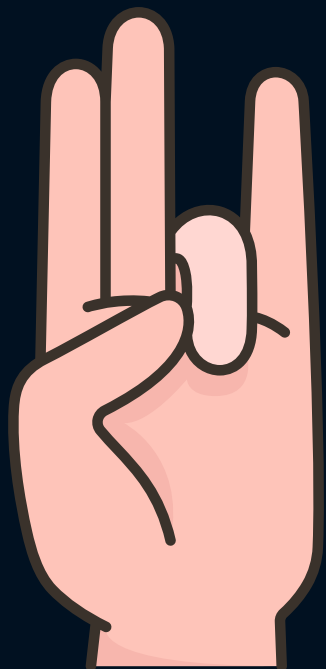
CONNECTION-

How is it linked to other things?

Language connects ideas, subjects, culture and people.

Additional Language Concepts

Relationships, Point of View, Cultural Perspective, Context, Connotation, Themes, Response, Language across subjects, multilingualism, cross-cultural literacy



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PERSPECTIVE-

What are the points of view?

Language reflects identity, voice, and interpretation. It is about valuing linguistic diversity.

Additional Language Concepts

Voice, Dialect, Mood, Narrator, Identity, voice, inclusion, interpretation, Bias, Ethos/Pathos/Logos, Critical Stance, Evaluation, Literary Criticism.



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RESPONSIBILITY- **What is our obligation?**

**Language carries ethical power; it must be
used respectfully**

Additional Language Concepts

**Ethical communication,
representation, Credibility, Judgment,
Bias, Validity, Evidence, Currency,
Representation, Ethical Use of
Information**



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TEACH BEYOND SKILLS- THINK LITERACY THROUGH CONCEPTS

***Literacy is more than skill -
it is thinking in Action.***



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