5 Keys to Using Tech with ELLs



	KEY	ASK YOURSELF	DOES THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY
Convright © Spidlitz Education All rights reserved	Language Development	Does it promote language development for students at all proficiency levels?	 Adapt text as needed (native language, simplification, visuals, video, etc) Support tracking print and choral response Enhance comprehensible input & output Enable language support during peer collaboration
	Funds of Knowledge	Does it leverage prior knowledge and build necessary background?	 Leverage students' funds of knowledge Enable peer collaboration for content support Provide tools for students to acquire necessary background knowledge Connect students with knowledge communities beyond the classroom
	Cultural Responsiveness	Is it culturally responsive?	 Open space for celebrating a variety of cultures Honor students' knowledge and experiences and stories Provide opportunities for multiple perspectives
	Student-Centered Approach	Will it facilitate a student- centered approach?	 Move students toward active discovery Allow student choice & voice Actively involve students in higher order thinking
	Authentic Language Use	Is it able to promote authentic language use?	 Engage students in opportunities for receiving compelling input (reading & listening) Offer a compelling reason to use the target language Empower students to receive and contribute to global funds of knowledge

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