

# Help!

## My Kids Don't All Speak English with Nancy Akhavan

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More nonnative speakers are entering our classrooms than ever before. Some are encountering English for the first time; some may understand written or spoken English but are having difficulty communicating in it; and others may be well on their way to fluency but need guidance in specific language skills. To meet these students' needs while addressing the many varied needs of those who already speak English as their primary language, you will have to think about teaching differently.

Language. It's the medium that we use to hold our lives together, to communicate, to learn, to hope, and to think. Vocabulary knowledge affects long-term achievement. Word learning is one way to begin to close the achievement gap for all students. Nancy helps teachers infuse standards into the classroom offering rich, motivating language experiences for those students who need it the most.

Nancy has experienced what many teachers are facing as they find themselves "drowning" with extra duties, plus the added challenge of ensuring that English Language Learners meet new performance standards.

**Nancy Akhavan** is currently Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership for Middle Schools in Fresno Unified School District. She has worked as a district staff developer, bilingual resource teacher, principal, and elementary school bilingual teacher for the past twenty years. Nancy is passionate about providing a high quality education for all children through purposeful, authentic, connected teaching for all. Nancy also provides training to teacher leaders and administration in systems and culture change, school reform, and classroom-based professional development.

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**Registration Deadline:** Thursday, January 20, 2011.

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