

Introduction video

One of the barriers that ELLs face is the academic language, because we believe that socially they function very well.

One challenge that ELLs face in the classroom is a language barrier between home and school. When the parents only speak Spanish, they cannot help their children when it comes to content vocabulary and things of that nature.

Last year I only had one ELL in my classroom. and in was very difficult for her to open up because nobody else understood what she was saying. So she wouldn't speak up, and she was very introverted.

One challenge ELLs faced in my classroom was their accent. They didn't want to speak out loud in front of the class. On paper they were really smart but in the front of their peers they shut down and didn't want to participate.

They feel overwhelmed.

All kids really want to fit in. The business of fitting in and acculturating is really important. This is, however, the case for all students.

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