



HYPOTHESISE BEFORE YOU EXPERIMENT

Teach the language for a scientific hypothesis.



THE IDEA

A hypothesis is a possible answer before you test.

EAL learners often know the idea but need the language to explain it.

Simple sentence frames help them make clear predictions.



IN THE CLASSROOM

- Pre-teach key phrases.
- Show examples from your subject.
- Use a simple sentence frame.
- Give time to practise.
- Use it in speaking and writing.

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TEACH
THE LANGUAGE

Use a simple frame.

*I think ...
I predict ...
My hypothesis is ...
I expect ...
If ... then ...*

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SHOW
EXAMPLES

Use it in context.

Hypothesis:

*If plants get more light,
then they will grow taller.*



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PRACTISE
AND APPLY

Let students try it.

Give a simple investigation question.

*My hypothesis is ...
I predict ...
If ... then ...*



WHY IT WORKS

- Helps students express scientific ideas.
- Builds academic language.
- Supports clear, logical thinking.
- Useful in every subject.



EAL UPGRADE

Create a hypothesis phrase bank with simple sentence frames.



TRY IT TOMORROW

Give a simple question. Ask students to write a hypothesis using one of the sentence frames.



TEACHER LANGUAGE

*"What do you think will happen?"
"What is your hypothesis?"
"Can you explain your prediction?"
"If ... then ... what might you see?"*