



TRANSLATION CAN SAVE TIME

Use translation strategically to support understanding.



THE IDEA

Translation can help students quickly grasp the meaning of a new word, especially abstract or subject-specific terms.

It saves time, reduces frustration and allows them to focus on using the word in context.



IN THE CLASSROOM

- Allow strategic use of students' home languages.
- Use translation tools or bilingual resources.
- Check and discuss the meaning.
- Move from translation to examples and context.
- Encourage students to use the word in their own sentences.

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FIND THE MEANING

Use translation for a quick understanding.

photosynthesis

English: photosynthesis

Spanish: fotosíntesis

Arabic: البناء الضوئي

Mandarin: 光合作用



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CHECK AND DISCUSS

Check the meaning together.

What does it mean?
Is it the same in your language?



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MOVE TO CONTEXT

Use examples to deepen understanding.

Plants use **photosynthesis** to make their own food from sunlight.



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USE IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Let students use the word.

Can you explain photosynthesis in your own words?



WHY IT WORKS

- Provides quick access to meaning.
- Reduces cognitive load.
- Helps students engage with new vocabulary.
- Frees up time for deeper learning and use in context.



EAL UPGRADE

Use translation to get started, then move to examples, discussion and independent use.



TRY IT TOMORROW

Choose a key word from your next lesson, find the translation, and plan a follow-up activity.



TEACHER LANGUAGE

"What does this word mean in your language?"
"Is there a similar word?"
"Can you use it in a sentence?"

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