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This guide was designed to help teachers consider the essential nature of communication in the teaching-learning process and to share responsibility for communication across the curriculum. The guide has four sections. The first section examines the role of communication in one teacher's classroom. A discussion of this teacher's belief that learning and communication are inseparable serves as the framework for introducing a model of communication which uses concentric circles to emphasize the interaction and integration of individual capacities, the elements of the communication process, and the audience. Goals for developing communication across the curriculum based on the model are presented. The second section identifies abilities and understandings that students use intuitively as they use language to learn and think in the classroom. The third section explores strategies for incorporating communication across the curriculum. This section suggests that interaction and active construction of meaning through language are important to all learning whether in or out of school. The fourth section discusses how the communication processes and skills used by students flow from the instructional activities in which they are involved and how they can be tailored to students' individual needs and abilities. A "Form for Analyzing Communication Abilities and Understandings Across the Curriculum" is appended to help teachers identify, monitor, and assess the communications skills they use. A bibliography of more than 200 references is included. (JD)

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Foreword

This guide is the result of a 1985 mandate from the Iowa General Assembly, calling for the Department of Education to develop "subject matter committees and committees that cross subject matter lines for coordination of curriculum at all education levels."

This mandate was a response to one of the major recommendations of the Legislature's Excellence in Education Task Force report of 1984, *First in the Nation in Education* (FINE). The Department of Education based its plan for implementing the legislation on recommendations from the report.

In 1986, the first response to the mandate was published in the form of six guides to curriculum development in the areas of arts, foreign language, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. This series focused on vertical articulation of curriculum in the subject matter.

This publication, along with others in this second phase of the effort, focuses on horizontal articulation across subject areas. It is designed to guide faculties and administrators in developing curriculum and improving the use of communication for learning across the curriculum. It is intended to help districts enhance and build upon their current local curriculum.

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Introduction

The responsibilities of teachers who guide the learning of students of different ages in the many disciplines of the modern school curriculum are unique in many ways. Yet, as educators we all share many goals. All of us place primary importance on the development of those in our care. We are concerned about the kind of people they become. We want them to be happy and self-sustaining individuals, able to relate and to share their visions with others.

We are also concerned about their learning, about their development as learners. We want them to find joy in learning, to experience the special enthusiasm that we feel about the areas we have chosen to teach. We want them to control thought, language, and skills of learning so that they can become independent, lifelong learners.

Though we share these goals, we have many differences—differences in the disciplines we teach, in the ages of our students, and in the instructional strategies we use. Yet, even here there is common ground. For all teachers and for all learners, the primary medium of learning is communication—communication as we talk with our students and as they talk with each other, as we write and read together, and as we explore meanings conveyed visually and nonverbally; as we interact with parents; and as we teachers learn and share in communication with our colleagues. Truly, communication is the glue that binds us in education.

This guide is an invitation for all teachers to consider the essential nature of communication in the teaching-learning process and to explore our shared responsibility for communication across the curriculum. To emphasize our shared concern for the horizontal articulation of communication across the curriculum, this guide addresses all teachers jointly, rather than including separate sections or activities for teachers in specific fields or levels. To do this, and to attempt to bring the classroom into the static pages of a printed guide, the guide uses a series of classroom scenarios set in “a classroom in your teaching area and level in a school district in Iowa.” As you read these scenarios, visualize your classroom and think of learning experiences you have used that are similar to the ones described. Share those visions with other teachers, both in your teaching area and across the curriculum, who are also exploring the guide. That sharing will highlight the central place of communication in all teaching. Ideally, teachers about to use this guide will be involved in a staff development activity with a group of colleagues with whom they can share, question, and debate the pertinence of ideas. As an alternative, an individual teacher might seek out at least one other colleague with whom to work through the process.

The guide has four sections. The first section examines the role of communication in the classroom by visiting our teacher’s (T’s) classroom. Discussion of T’s belief that learning and communication are inseparable can help you to examine your own beliefs. That will serve as the framework for introducing a model of communication which uses concentric circles to emphasize the interaction and integration of individual capacities—perceiving, moving, feeling, thinking, creating, using language—and the elements of the communication process—language function, communication mode (oral, written, visual/nonverbal), and audience. The section concludes with goals for developing communication across the curriculum based on the model.

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Communication processes and skills must flow from the instructional activities and be tailored to student needs.

The second section identifies abilities and understandings that students use intuitively as they use language to learn and think in the classroom. An extension of the classroom scenario from the first section shows how students and teachers use communication acts to carry out complex language functions. This section includes a list of communication acts used to carry out language functions; examples of oral, written, and visual communication situations used in and out of school; a list of understandings associated with communication acts; and an outline of interdependent skills that support communicative performance. These lists are used for reference in analyzing communication abilities and understandings required in classroom activities.

In the third section, we return to T's classroom to explore strategies for incorporating communication across the curriculum. This section suggests that interaction and active construction of meaning through language are important to all learning both in and out of school. It shows how teachers can use a combination of incidental and direct instruction to facilitate students' natural abilities to use language for learning. As you read the scenarios, try to relate these strategies to your own teaching. The instructional strategies central to each approach are listed for reference.

The fourth section recognizes that concern for communication by teachers across the curriculum is intended to facilitate learning in their respective areas, not to prescribe it. This means that the communication processes and skills used by groups of students must flow from the instructional activities in which they are involved and be tailored to students' individual abilities and needs. Thus, teachers need a systematic way to identify the communication abilities and understandings required in the learning experiences they use. Further, they need a way to monitor their students' needs and growth. Teachers also need a way to assess whether the communication processes they use most effectively facilitate learning. Finally, teachers need to determine whether there is continuity both for learners at each instructional level and for students as they progress through the school curriculum.

The "Form for Analyzing Communication Abilities and Understandings Across the Curriculum" is designed to help teachers identify, monitor, and assess the communication abilities and understandings they now use. Strategies are discussed for using the form as a planning tool to enhance classroom communication, as a tool for monitoring and diagnosing students' growth, and as a tool for promoting horizontal and vertical articulation of communication across the curriculum. To aid you in using the form, an analysis of the instructional activity from the first section is included. Also, the appendix contains analyses of two more instructional activities which can be used for practice.

The annotated bibliography contains both theoretical and practical sources concerning communication across the curriculum which represent varying instructional levels and curricular areas. Key sources are marked with an asterisk.

Communication: Essential to Learning

Communication in a Classroom

*The Setting: A classroom in your teaching area
and level in a school district in Iowa.*

The students talk excitedly as they notice the objects displayed at stations around the room. Immediately they gather in small groups at their work areas. The teacher (T) notices that the displays have attracted interest and have already caused the students to interact, sharing observations with their peers on the topic discussed the previous day.

When all the students have gathered, T says, "I thought you might like to see the objects we were talking about yesterday. Talk together in your groups to see what you can learn from the objects. Also, talk about the questions that you have."

T observes the students, noting the strategies that individual students use when talking collaboratively to learn. T notices that one group is having trouble interacting. T joins the group after observing that their exploration is restricted by one student who makes definitive statements and criticizes the ideas of others. T uses questions to focus the group's attention and to sustain the contributions offered by other students. In this way, T facilitates the group's progress by providing support, which has been called an instructional scaffold, for their use of dialogue strategies. T then moves away, but continues to monitor the group's interaction.

After a period of animated discussion, T suggests that the groups attempt to conclude their exploration together in two or three minutes. Next, T suggests that students use their learning logs to record their discoveries and questions.

T encourages two students who ask if they can use drawings or diagrams to record ideas. As the students work individually, T also uses a personal journal to record ideas that were overheard during the group interactions. This list of ideas will be used to guide the subsequent large-group discussion. T also records observations concerning students' facility in using collaborative talk, drawing, and writing to learn. These observations will be useful in supporting students' future growth in communication processes.

When the students have had time to complete their logs, T suggests that they share their observations and questions with a partner who was not in their original group. Again, T observes as partners share their logs and discuss what they have learned.

T offers support to a pair of students who appear to be criticizing each other's observations, rather than exploring them. T is interested to note that many of the students have used visual expression in their logs as a way to record their observations.

T concludes the lesson by eliciting and listing "discoveries" and "questions" from the group. Because they have had time to form and try out ideas collaboratively through talk, writing, and visual expression, all students appear confident to share and to express uncertainty about their conclusions. T provides the students with a collection of books, pictures, tapes, and disks related to their questions. Students are encouraged to use their learning logs to record new information. Jointly, they plan to use the next few lessons to explore their questions.

The teacher facilitates the group's progress by providing an instructional scaffold.

A Teacher's Beliefs about Communication and Learning

The classroom situation just described could represent any curricular area and any grade level, K-12. The teacher who guided this learning experience held a number of beliefs, implicitly or explicitly, about communication and learning. Examining these beliefs can help teachers consider their own views about the role of language and communication in teaching and learning.

1. Learning requires the active construction of meaning; that is, the learner must create a personal understanding of experience.
2. Learning is communicating since it involves the interpretation and creation of meaning by the student, not the transference of knowledge from teacher to student.
3. Language and thinking are basic to all communication and, thus, to learning across the curriculum.
4. The interactive communication processes of composing and comprehending through oral, written, and visual modes are inherent in all subject areas.
5. Blending these alternative ways of representing understandings enhances learning since students engaged in speaking, listening, writing, reading, viewing, and visual expression are active creators of meaning.
6. Communication processes and skills are best learned holistically in real situations; that is, students learn language best as they learn through language.
7. All teachers share responsibility for the development of communication processes and skills.
8. Students enter school as effective language users, yet growth in communication processes is lifelong. Increased communicative competence involves facility to use language and thought to meet an expanding variety of situational demands.
9. Collaborative learning activities can facilitate students' learning, as well as supporting their growth in the processes of learning and communicating.
10. Support of peers or the provision of an instructional scaffold by the teacher can often permit students to do what they could not do alone.

All teachers share responsibility for the development of communication processes and skills.

A Model of Communication: Developing Communication Across the Curriculum

Learning and communication are inseparable. Thus, an understanding of the nature of communication is essential for all teachers. Diagram 1 is a model of communication which encompasses the principles stated above. It can serve as a guide for teachers across the curriculum as they attempt to support students' growth in the processes of communication essential to learning.

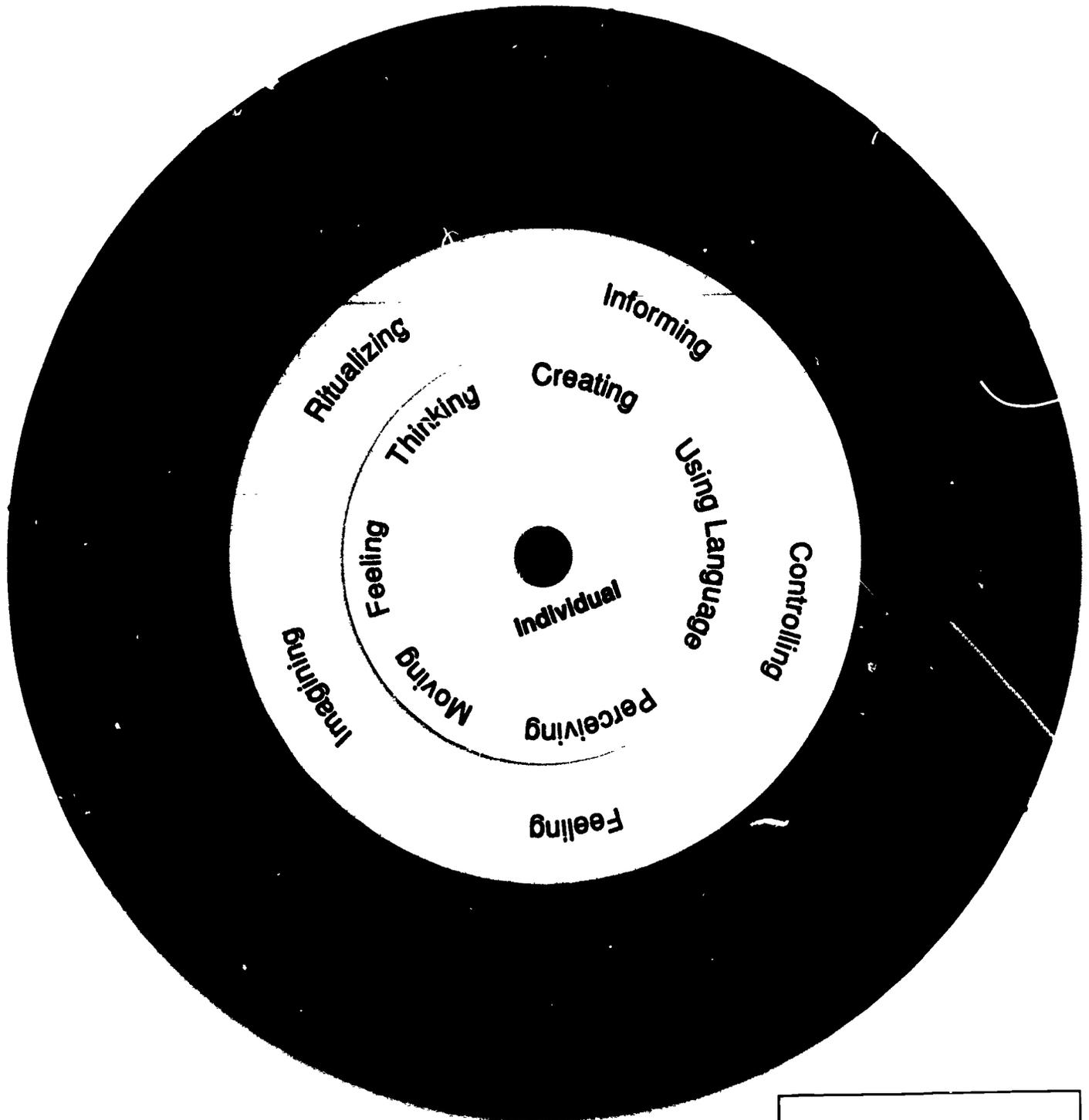
In the model, the inner circle represents the basic capacities each individual possesses. The three outer circles represent the elements of the communication process: language function, communication mode, and audience. When the outer circles are rotated, they offer the possible communication situations people encounter lifelong. Only the outer circle, audience, is dependent on age level. As students mature socially and emotionally, their ability to communicate with larger and more impersonal audiences can be expected to develop.

Concentric circles are used in this model for three reasons: (1) to show that the components within each element are integrated; (2) to show that the three elements are integrated within any communicative act; and (3) to show that growth in individual

Diagram 1

Model of Communication

Interaction of Individual Capacities, Language Functions, Communication Modes, and Audiences



Key

- Orange - Individual Capacities
- Green - Language Functions
- Blue - Communication Modes
- Purple - Audiences

capacities and in elements of the communication process is global and continuous, not linear and sequential.

For example, in the classroom situation described earlier, students used all of their individual capacities in concert as they explored and shared understandings about the objects. At different times in the lesson, different combinations of language functions were used. (See Diagram 1.) Students used the rituals of group process to interact (ritualizing) as they speculated about the objects (imagining), attempted to form ideas and share them with others or to seek clarification (informing), or attempted to persuade others of their viewpoints (controlling).

Personal feelings were conveyed not only as students related observations to personal experience, but as they resolved difficulties in communication with the support of peers or teacher (feeling). These communicative functions were carried out through the integration of composing and comprehending processes through oral, written, and visual modes and with audiences ranging from self to a small, known group. When composing, students were conceptualizing and presenting their messages, often needing to pause to reflect or to revise their message to clarify their intended meaning or to take account of their audience. In presentation of messages, students used personal thought, oral expression, nonverbal expression, and graphic representation (drawing, writing, etc.). Similarly, when comprehending, students created or re-created messages by giving attention, perceiving symbols and responding to them, interpreting them to shape meaning and attach personal significance, and evaluating and applying the derived message. Developing these communicative competencies is a continuous process, dependent on the interplay of elements in particular communication contexts. Such skills are not developed in a prescribed sequence, nor in isolation.

A teacher who understands the central role of communication in learning and who understands the interactive nature of the communication process will be most adept at facilitating learning through language. The purpose of this guide is to expand teachers' understanding of communication processes and of the goals for developing communication across the curriculum, which are listed below. A more complete description of the concepts and skills necessary to achieve these goals is included in the next section. It is followed by discussion of instructional strategies for guiding growth in communication. The final section includes steps to help all teachers, K-12, analyze and extend the communication abilities which support learning in their fields.

A teacher must understand the central role of communication in learning.

Goals for Developing Communication Across the Curriculum

A teacher concerned with communication across the curriculum helps students to:

- use the interactive processes of comprehending and composing to interpret and present understandings through oral, written, and visual/nonverbal modes.
- use language and thinking processes singly or in collaboration with others to construct personally meaningful understandings of concepts and skills.
- use the specialized communication processes and skills of individual fields of study.
- value the importance of communication in all human endeavors
- develop the ability to vary communication processes and skills according to function (imagining, feeling, controlling, informing, ritualizing), audience, and mode.

Communication Abilities and Understandings

The ability to communicate is developed in process, drawing on the innate human capacities each individual possesses.

Communication involves an interactive complex of processes. The abilities that facilitate communication develop holistically over time. In most communication acts these abilities are used intuitively, rather than consciously. Consider, for example, the variety of skills and associated concepts involved in the simple greeting of a friend. The sender must perceive the other person, respond to feelings that create a desire to acknowledge and be acknowledged, use thinking and language capacities to create a specific greeting, and transmit it by using verbal, gestural, facial, or tonal signals. (See Diagram 1.) This communication act integrates a full range of individual capacities, combines at least the ritualizing and feeling functions of language, and uses the oral and visual/nonverbal modes. It is expressed by the sender and is comprehended by the receiver instantaneously. Clearly, neither the composer nor the comprehender of this message consciously orchestrates the many understandings and skills used. Yet, both in some way "know" the processes and strategies involved. For communication to occur, both composer and comprehender must cooperatively engage in the construction of shared meaning. This is true whether the communication involves personal thought (where the intended audience is oneself), face-to-face dialogue, or written communication shared over space and time.

The complexity of language and language learning is evident when it is recognized that each communication act differs depending on nuances in the combination of language functions, modes, and audiences involved. The ability to communicate is more wondrous when one considers that even an infant is able to carry out a communication act such as a greeting.

An ability as complex as communication is not learned, nor should it be taught, as a sequence of specific concepts and skills. The language user does not analyze each communication situation and consciously apply a sequence of concepts and skills. Not only would the time required inhibit the flow of communication, but the demands on cognitive functioning would be overwhelming. Rather, ability to communicate is developed in process, drawing on the innate human capacities each individual possesses. Facility with language is developed as meanings are negotiated through interaction in natural learning situations in and out of school. Growth is often supported by more mature language users who help the novice convey his or her meaning intentions and understand the messages of others. In this way, each person intuitively develops the facility to compose and comprehend messages for a range of functions in diverse situations.

Concurrently, understandings that govern communication processes are internalized. These internalized understandings may, at times, be raised to a conscious level and utilized in shaping or interpreting particular messages. Conscious thought about the form

of communication might result from difficulty by either the sender or the receiver in constructing an intended meaning, perhaps due to lack of clarity about the subject or because of differences between the sender and receiver in age, status, or familiarity. Response to communication which is particularly effective or unusual might also cause conscious attention (e.g., a pun, an ad, a description).

As students mature, they must continue to develop facility in the language of life outside of school and the language of schooling. Students must continue to grow in proficiency in general communication abilities and in variations used in specific disciplines or subject areas. Consider, for example, the complexity of communication strategies required in an interview to gain information or to seek employment, in the use of specialized notation systems (mathematical, musical, scientific), or in "reading" a textbook, a painting, a diagram, or a blueprint. Each of these situations requires the extension and adaptation of abilities appropriate to the context. The fact that communication acts vary to fit specific situations makes language learning a lifelong process. It also makes support for the development of communication the responsibility of teachers across the curriculum.

To integrate communication across the curriculum, K-12, all teachers need to understand the communication processes used in learning and thinking. This section will help teachers identify communication acts which students use both in and out of school to carry out language functions. It also includes a list of associated understandings and supporting skills that underlie these abilities.

Communication Acts Used in Five Language Functions

During the last 20 years a number of language researchers (Britton, 1970, 1975; Halliday, 1973, 1975, 1978; Kinneavy, 1971; Moffett, 1968; Tough, 1976, 1977, 1979; Wells, 1973, 1975, 1981, 1986; Wood, 1977a, 1977b, 1981) have explored the functions for which preschoolers, school-aged students, and adults use language in oral, written, and visual/nonverbal modes. Most researchers recognize a number of broad functions which children develop before school-entry age. They list a variety of communication acts that are used to carry out each function depending on the particular intention and situation. Language users develop these functional nuances as the communication situations in which they engage, both in and out of school, become more diverse.

Table 1 is a list of exemplary communication acts used in the five language functions found in the Model of Communication (Diagram 1). This list is based primarily on the descriptions of Halliday (1975), Wells (1973, 1975), and Tough (1977, 1979).

In using the list, it should be remembered that most communication acts fulfill more than one function. For example, a communication act such as "agreeing" can involve the controlling, feeling, and informing functions.

Table 1
Communication Acts Used by Composer and Comprehender in
Five Functions of Language

Controlling function

Monitoring actions (own, others)
 Seeking another's attention
 Wanting
 Requesting
 Offering
 Agreeing
 Permitting
 Commanding, directing
 Accepting direction
 Refusing, rejecting
 Planning, formulating
 Suggesting
 Collaborating
 Stating conditions

Controlling

Arguing
 Asserting
 Questioning
 Intending
 Promising
 Bargaining
 Warning
 Threatening
 Prohibiting
 Justifying
 Seeking justification
 Evading
 Criticizing

Feeling function

Vicarious experiencing of events, feelings
 (real or imagined)
 Reliving past events, feelings
 Empathizing
 Expressing endearment
 Exclamation
 Approving
 Disapproving
 Agreeing
 Disagreeing
 Apologizing, expressing regret
 Blaming
 Narrating, telling stories (real or imagined)

Expressing state or attitude
 Questioning state or attitude
 Encouraging
 Challenging
 Congratulating
 Commiserating
 Rejecting
 Expressing conditions
 Justifying
 Seeking justification
 Evading
 Taunting

Imagining function

Creating situations, events, persons (real or
 imagined)
 Projecting self into situations, events, feel-
 ings (real or imagined)
 Reflecting on experiences
 Describing sensory impressions, feelings
 from verbal, visual, or sensory input

Anticipating or predicting events, details,
 sequence, causal relationships
 Associating ideas
 Wondering, questioning, speculating
 Anticipating problems and solutions
 Taking different perspectives

Table 1, cont.

Ritualizing function

Greeting
Addressing
Bidding farewell
Initiating, changing, ending topic
Checking
Filling silences

Taking/giving turns

Seeking recognition
Recognizing, acknowledging procedural or conventional elements of a communication situation (e.g., rules of parliamentary procedure, conventions of a letter)

Informing function

Labelling, naming
Pointing out, identifying
Making statements
Describing
Classifying
Narrating, telling stories
Reporting
Concluding
Generalizing
Theorizing, hypothesizing
Explaining
Justifying
Agreeing
Identifying problems

Questioning

Responding
Wondering, speculating
Anticipating, predicting
Reflecting
Relating causally, associating
Affirming
Denying
Verifying
Rejecting
Acknowledging
Arguing
Collaborating

The following classroom interaction illustrates how varying communication acts are used to carry out the five language functions. It shows how one communication act integrates multiple language functions. This interaction might have occurred in the classroom described in the previous section when the teacher (T) interacted with the group of students whose exploration of objects was impeded by the definitive and critical statements of one member. The teacher is labelled T; students are labelled A, B, and C. Language functions are abbreviated CONT (Controlling), FEEL (Feeling), IMAG (Imagining), RIT (Ritualizing), and INF (Informing).

Dialogue	Communication Acts/Functions
T: How is your group coming?	Questioning (INF, CONT)
A: I've got it all figured out, but they don't get it.	Asserting, explaining, identifying problems (CONT, INF, FEEL)
B: Who says you know it all?	Challenging (FEEL, INF, CONT)
C: It would help if you'd both listen.	Suggesting, arguing, disapproving (CONT, INF, FEEL)
T: C, tell me what you've discovered.	Addressing, affirming, directing, questioning (RIT, CONT, INF)
C: Well, I think that this is used with this.	Speculating, describing (INF, IMAG)
A: No, it isn't!	Rejecting, criticizing (INF, CONT)
B: Yeah! And then this could be used this way.	Agreeing, collaborating, describing, speculating (CONT, FEEL, INF, IMAG)
T: (to C and B) Tell us more about why you think that.	Questioning, directing, giving turns (INF, CONT, RIT)
A: Well, it looks like this would move when this does.	Speculating, predicting (INF, IMAG)
T: Those seem like useful observations. Why don't the three of you continue talking. I'll check back later.	Affirming, directing, promising (INF, CONT)

Teachers can use Table 1 to identify the range of communication acts and functions which they and their students use in daily classroom interactions.

Uses of Oral, Written, and Visual Communication

Growth in communicative competence involves an ability to form and comprehend messages to fulfill a range of functions in a variety of communication situations through varying modes and with varying audiences. Table 2 contains a list of oral, written, and visual communication situations used both in and out of school. Teachers should use this chart to identify the uses of communication they commonly employ in class and to identify uses of communication which could be used to more actively involve students in learning. Teachers should compare this list to Table 1 to identify the functions of language and the communication acts typically associated with each of these uses. This comparison will enhance awareness of the communication abilities that students need to develop.

Table 2
**Examples of Oral, Written, and Visual Communication
 Used In and Out of School**

A. Oral Communication (Speaking, Listening)

1. Conversation
2. Discussion
3. Greeting/social interaction
4. Introduction
5. Interview
6. Debate
7. Dramatization
8. Public speaking
9. Reading prose, poetry, plays
10. Mass media
11. Directions
12. Reports
13. Announcements, messages, explanations
14. Personal stories, jokes
- 15.
- 16.

C. Visual Communication (Expressing visually/nonverbally, Viewing)

1. Facial expression
2. Gesture
3. Pantomime
4. Eye contact
5. Clothing
6. Color
7. Movement
8. Sign language
9. Visual arts
10. Electronic media
11. Signs, diagrams, graphs, tables, trademarks
12. Artifacts
- 13.
- 14.

B. Written Communication (Writing, Reading)

1. Journals/personal learning logs
2. Personal narratives
3. Letters
4. Reports
5. Fiction—prose, poetry, plays
6. Nonfiction—autobiography, biography, editorial, essay, history
7. Directions
8. Announcements, messages, explanations
9. Minutes
10. Forms—creating, filling in, interpreting
11. Signs, labels, diagrams, graphs, tables
12. Notes
13. Outlines—to organize or to remember
- 14.
- 15.

Source: Iowa Department of Education. *A Guide to Curriculum Development in Language Arts*. Des Moines, IA: Iowa Department of Education, 1986, page 13.

Understandings Associated with Communication Acts

People learn language while using language to communicate and to learn. They also intuitively learn about language by using it. As students mature linguistically and cognitively, they grow in ability to think consciously about language and communication—they develop what is called metalinguistic awareness.

While most communication acts are carried out nonconsciously, awareness of communication can, at times, facilitate the shaping or interpretation of a message to fit a particular intention.

Table 3 lists understandings associated with communication acts which students come to “know” and use.

While guiding growth in communication processes and skills may seem challenging to many teachers, it is really a natural part of effective instruction.

Performance Skills Which Facilitate Communication

Children enter school as competent language users. They have developed the ability to use language for a variety of functions with different audiences. Young children freely communicate through literacy, whether they yet write or read in the traditional sense. Their ability to perform these acts demonstrates their competence in a number of interdependent communication skills which develop naturally through use. These abilities provide the base for continued refinement of performance skills which facilitate communication. This refinement will occur best through meaningful communication in a supportive environment, not through formal instruction on isolated skills. This suggests that all teachers need to support the extension of the many oral, written, and visual/nonverbal performance skills that facilitate learning and communication. This does not mean that teachers in various subject matter areas should add myriad lists of specific communication skills to their instructional goals. Effective integration of communication across the curriculum will not result from isolated drill on mechanics of language use.

Instead, it requires that teachers who are aware of the nature of communication processes and skills support students in reaching their communicative goals. Table 4 contains a list of communicative performance skills. It shows skills common to all communication acts along with performance skills used specifically in the oral, written, or visual modes. The skills are interdependent, that is, factors in one area affect factors in other areas. For example, the relationship with audience affects the style of language (formal or informal), the word choice (semantics), and the patterns of expression used (syntax).

This list of performance skills should be used with the list of communication acts used to carry out language functions (Table 1), the list of common uses of communication (Table 2), and with the understandings about language use (Table 3). When used with the “Model of Communication” (Diagram 1), these tables provide a broad framework of communication which teachers can use to recognize students’ linguistic abilities and support growth.

While guiding growth in communication processes and skills may seem challenging to many teachers, it is really a natural part of effective instruction. The next section outlines strategies for incorporating communication processes, understandings, and skills across the curriculum, K-12.

Table 3
Understandings Associated with Communication Acts

1. A language is a system of symbols, verbal and nonverbal, which is created and used by a group of people.
2. Language is used to think, to learn, and to communicate.
3. Language is used for varying communicative functions: controlling, feeling, imagining, ritualizing, and informing.
4. Language functions are carried out through communication acts, that is, through verbal (oral or written) and nonverbal/visual exchanges used to fulfill specific communicative intentions with specific audiences.
5. Most communicative acts involve more than one language function, although there may be a predominant function.
6. The same idea or meaning can be represented symbolically in varying ways: oral, written, and visual/nonverbal language, including mime, creative drama, literature, theatre, journalism, debate; visual arts; sculpture; dance; music; architecture; and electronic media.
7. The features of the medium of communication affect the message and its interpretation.
8. Communication acts are varied by the composer to fit intention, mode, audience, and situation. The comprehender uses these factors to interpret the intended meaning.
9. Communication requires that composer and comprehender cooperatively engage in the construction of shared meaning.
10. Most communicative acts are performed intuitively; however, a mature language user can consciously construct and interpret messages using understandings about language and communication processes.
11. All communication processes share common features: use of thinking skills to conceptualize and interpret messages; use of symbols to represent ideas; and the relationship of composer, comprehender, and subject.
12. Many uses of communication require use of specialized communication skills, including study in various subject areas and various career choices.

Table 4
Interdependent Skills Which Support Communication

Thinking: attending, concentrating, perceiving, observing, comparing, understanding logical relationships, relating sequentially or categorically, classifying, interpreting, synthesizing, summarizing, sensing problems, asking questions, creating hypotheses, predicting outcomes, drawing inferences, drawing conclusions, generalizing, testing validity, identifying assumptions, judging based on evidence or criteria, detecting fallacies in reasoning, discriminating between opinion and fact, planning, making decisions, speculating, anticipating, imagining, generating new ideas, elaborating, appreciating, remembering, reflecting

Communication: the interactive process of composing and comprehending meanings
composing: the recursive process of conceptualizing and conveying a message which often involves incubation and revision as a message is shaped to fit intended purpose, audience, and situation
comprehending: the re-creation of a message by giving attention, perceiving symbols and responding to them, interpreting to shape meaning and attach personal significance, and evaluating and applying the derived message

Discoursing Skills: message formulation/interpretation sensitive to function, subject, and sender-receiver relationship

Communicative Functions: the intended purpose(s) of a communication act, including controlling, expressing feelings, imagining, ritualizing, and informing
controlling: attempts to influence others or respond to the control language of others
feeling: expression of feelings or response to the feelings of others
imagining: attempts to relive or prelive an experience, real or vicarious; to project; or to wonder or to respond to imagining of others
ritualizing: attempts to initiate or maintain social interactions or to carry out social/ritualistic conventions or to respond to ritualizing acts of others
informing: attempts to conceptualize, convey, or seek information or to respond to such attempts by others

Audience: the intended receiver(s) of a communication act, including self as the first audience, those in direct, face-to-face interaction, or an inferred audience

Flexibility: varying features used to communicate messages in—
language: selection of the linguistic system used to communicate (e.g., English, Spanish, mathematical symbols, computer language)
dialect: systematic variations in language used by a group of persons (e.g., ethnic, geographic, political, occupational)
register: style differences suited to situation or use (formal, informal, intimate)
mode: the communication channel(s) used—thought, oral (speaking, listening, nonverbal expression), written (reading, writing), and visual (graphic, non-alphabetic)

Table 4, cont.

Fluency: spontaneity or rapidity in forming or reforming messages, including conceptualizing or creating ideas; and fluidity with syntax, meanings, and expression

Feedback and Self-Monitoring Skills: interpreting and responding to the form and effect of elements of communication both in self-communication and in interaction with others; ability to vary messages based on perceived response, either anticipated or received

Confidence: ease and assurance in communication

Oral,* Written, and Visual Performance Skills:

	Oral	Written	Visual
Semantics: Meanings and meaning relationships of			
Words	X	X	X
Signs and symbols			X
Nonverbal language	X		
Visual elements		X	X
Syntax: Patterns for arranging and combining			
Sentences and clauses	X	X	
Coordinating	X	X	
Subordinating	X	X	
Embedding	X	X	
Design elements			X
Unity (size, intensity of color, centering, nonconformity)			X
Balance (symmetry, contrast of light and dark)			X
Rhythm (repetition)			X
Phonemics			
Vowels and consonants	X		
Intonation (patterns of pitch, stress, pause)	X		
Nonverbal			
Body movement (gesture and body posture and orientation)	X		
Facial expression and eye contact	X		
Use of personal space	X		
Vocal cues (volume, tone, rate, etc.)	X		

* Note that the oral mode is defined to include speaking, listening, and nonverbal expression and their interpretation.

Table 4, cont.

	Oral	Written	Visual
Graphemics			
Spelling		X	
Handwriting		X	
Capitalization		X	
Punctuation			
Format conventions (typical and specialized page arrangements, margins, indentation and paragraphing, titling, figure or numeric representation, underlining, bold or italic print, etc.)		X	X
Visual elements (line, color, shape, texture)		X	X
Locational Skills			
Library skills		X	
Reference sources		X	
Within book aids (title page, table of contents, index, chapter organization, print, headings, etc.)		X	X
Scanning and skimming		X	X
Bibliographic skills			
Bibliographic form to locate and cite sources		X	X
Electronic databases		X	X
Technologic media			
Awareness of the communication elements various media use	X	X	X
Use of media elements to compose and comprehend messages	X	X	X
Sensitivity to the effects of the medium used to convey a message	X	X	X

Strategies for Incorporating Communication

Learning to Communicate: Communicating to Learn

Learning and knowing require the use of oral, written, and visual/nonverbal symbols to represent experiences and ideas.

By manipulating symbols, learners actively construct understandings and make meanings real and personal. Therefore, effective communication is essential to instruction in all curricular areas at all levels. The quality of learning and teaching depends on the quality of classroom communication. Thus, all teachers need to develop strategies for using talking, listening, writing, reading, and communicating visually to learn.

Teachers who effectively support students' use of language for learning need to recognize that interaction in learning is characteristic both of young children and of older students in natural settings. Students are innately social beings who collaborate to learn and to carry out tasks. Observing playground activities at an elementary school, middle-schoolers building a rocket, or high school aged students fixing a car attests to this. Unfortunately, in many schools the environment has somehow become one that precludes or punishes these natural learning processes and instead emphasizes silence, competition, and display of transmitted knowledge to the teacher. As teachers, we need to create an environment that supports students' natural desire to explore and to know, while also using instructional strategies which are effective in supporting the use of communication to learn. Wells (1986) expressed this point beautifully in *The Meaning Makers: Children Learning Language and Using Language to Learn*. He concluded:

We are meaning makers—every one of us: children, parents, and teachers. To try to make sense, to construct stories, and to share them with others in speech and in writing is an essential part of being human. For those of us who are more knowledgeable and more mature—parents and teachers—the responsibility is clear: to interact with those in our care in such a way as to foster and enrich their meaning making (p. 222).

The stories that learners must construct are their individual understandings of situations, events, or sets of facts. This "knowledge cannot be transmitted. It has to be constructed afresh by each individual knower on the basis of what is already known and by means of strategies developed over the whole of that individual's life, both outside and inside the classroom" (Wells, p. 218). Wells has demonstrated "that the best way in which adults can help them to learn is by giving them evidence, guidance, and encouragement" (p. 215). He called this the guided reinvention of knowledge, "in which the teacher aims to facilitate learning rather than to direct it" (p. 219).

This section outlines procedures teachers can use to facilitate the use of language for learning across the curriculum. It will explore strategies such as those used by our teacher, T, to guide growth in communication abilities necessary both for in-school use and for lifelong learning. The students in that classroom may have seemed unusually adept in the use of communication and group-learning processes. Their teacher had used a combi-

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nation of incidental and direct instructional approaches to facilitate the students' natural ability to use language for learning. A closer look at these strategies and their implementation in one classroom will help teachers in all curricular areas and at all instructional levels to identify ways to enhance communicative competence.

Principles of Learning and Teaching

A number of principles of learning provide the foundation for effective instructional practices. It is helpful to consider these principles in relation to the development of communication processes and skills. Among those most central to guiding growth in using language for learning are:

1. Communication processes, like many understandings, attitudes, and skills, are learned spontaneously through use in a supportive environment in which learners are assisted in reaching their goals.
2. Communication processes are best learned in real-use situations so that the context for learning and using these abilities is similar. Often this in-context teaching will be incidental; that is, it will occur as guidance and support are given indirectly at the teachable moment. When a more generalized need for a communication process or skill is recognized by learners, a direct, in-context skill-teaching lesson or unit may also be used.
3. Learning can be facilitated by supporting communication processes which the learner is not yet able to use independently. A more mature language user or collaborating peers provide a support system, or what has been called an instructional scaffold, to permit use of an ability which the learner cannot yet carry out independently (Applebee and Langer, 1983; Bruner, 1975, 1978; Cazden, 1979, 1983; Lehr, 1985; Searle, 1984). Through this in-context support, the learner is able both to achieve his or her intended purpose and gradually to internalize the communication process or skill being used.
4. Ownership by the learner for the use of processes or skills is critical in both incidental and direct instruction. To have true ownership, the learner must value the goal or the end to which the process or skill is a means. Ownership for isolated skills, as ends in themselves, is difficult to achieve.
5. When supporting the use of communication processes and skills for learning, it can be helpful to guide students to recall and apply understandings and abilities which they have used previously. Examining models which are relevant to the student can also provide a basis for discovery.
6. Learning of complex processes and skills, such as those involved in communication, is not uniform nor steady. As a student attempts to use a new level of ability, previously mastered skills may cause difficulty. Similarly, the context of use may affect a student's level of performance. Such "errors" must be viewed as signs of growth, not as failures. They can be indicators of the leading edge of a student's growth, and thus, indicate where support can best be given.
7. Feedback on the effectiveness of communication processes enhances learning, particularly if the learner collaborates in self-evaluation and if the focus is kept on the purpose for the communication, not on the skills used to reach it.
8. For communication processes to become automatic, they must be used regularly in varying contexts.
9. In developing communication processes and skills across the curriculum, it is best to use the least formal and direct instructional approach possible to meet students' immediate needs.

These principles of learning were evident in the classroom described initially. The teacher expected the students to learn about the objects being explored and to grow in their ability to learn through communicating in various modes.

Incidental teaching and learning were provided for, both in the grouping of the students and in the encouragement and support the teacher gave for their use of communication in all modes. Students were grouped so that each cluster had a mix of abilities in the functions and modes of language which were to be used. Also, the teacher carefully monitored both the observations which the students were making and the communication processes they were utilizing. In this way, an instructional scaffold could be provided for needed communication skills. By providing incidental instruction, the teacher was able to facilitate use of and growth in communication without detracting from the main purpose for the lesson. In fact, this support was critical to the students' success in meeting their goals. These same principles of learning provided the foundation when direct instruction in a communication process or skill was used to facilitate students' use of language for learning. A more complete examination of the instructional strategies which characterize these two approaches, incidental and direct, in-context instruction, will facilitate their use.

Using Incidental Instruction

Instructional Strategies

Incidental instruction is in-context instruction that takes advantage of the teachable moment. A real-use situation creates the need for an understanding, process, or skill. Learning is embedded in the use situation and does not overshadow it. Several instructional strategies are central to effective incidental instruction. They are:

1. Incidental instruction is highly individualized. It focuses on the immediate need of an individual or a group as they use a communication process or skill to learn.
2. When a need is identified, the teacher's role is to facilitate the student's achievement of his or her primary goal, while at the same time, guiding growth in the incidental ability.
3. Guidance and support in the communication process or skill are kept incidental to the purpose for using it.
4. Support in use of the skill is provided at the teachable moment; that is, the moment when the learner perceives the need for the skill or can be guided to recognize ownership.
5. The intended learning outcomes of incidental teaching are limited to the immediate level of need for the skill and to the developmental level of the learners.
6. The teacher must select the incidental teaching strategy best suited to the learners and the situation. Two types of incidental teaching strategies are:
 - a. providing an instructional scaffold to permit the student to use the process or skill to meet the immediate need without conscious awareness focused on its use; and
 - b. guiding student(s) to state understandings or procedural guidelines to follow in the use of a communication process or skill to meet their goal in a particular situation without overshadowing or interfering with the ongoing activity.

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Using Instructional Scaffolding

The decision as to which incidental teaching strategy to use in a given situation is based on the teacher's judgment of the primary needs of the student(s). For example, when T recognized that the group of students described earlier was having difficulty exploring ideas because of the actions of one student, it appeared best initially to collaborate with the group sharing to guide and support the students who were using language effectively to inform and to question. (See p. 7 and p. 16.) Without calling any attention to the communication itself, T was able to model effective dialogue strategies and to encourage and support their use by the group. By addressing the student who was attempting to share ideas, by listening carefully, and by seeking to know more, T modelled effective discussion strategies for the students. This provided the necessary instructional scaffold to permit them to continue sharing and exploring their observations of the objects.

Instructional scaffolding, which can be used in either individual or group-oriented instruction, was successful because of T's preparation. As Applebee and Langer (1983) suggest, a teacher using instructional scaffolding "must a) determine the difficulties that a new task is likely to pose for particular students, b) select strategies that can be used to overcome the specific difficulties anticipated, and c) structure the activity as a whole to make those strategies explicit (through questioning and modelling) at appropriate places in the task sequence" (p. 169).

In discussing instructional scaffolding, Applebee and Langer did not distinguish among types of incidental instruction based on the degree of conscious focus on the process or skill, itself. Therefore, their last strategy may be more appropriate to the second type of incidental teaching, guiding students to state procedural guidelines to follow. Anticipating students' needs, planning strategies that can be used to support them, and modelling are features of instructional scaffolding which T used in supporting students' use of collaborative talk. However, questioning to make strategies explicit would lead to the second type of incidental teaching, described below. In practice these two incidental teaching strategies will blend naturally.

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Guiding Students to State Procedural Guidelines

Had providing an instructional scaffold not been effective, T could have used the second major approach to guide incidental learning. This involves guiding students to recognize the need for the process or skill; to discover how to use it by recalling prerequisite skills or examining models; and to state and apply procedural guidelines concerning using the process or skill in a particular situation without interrupting the ongoing activity.

Let's pick up the classroom scenario to see how this approach is used. Notice how T guides recognition of the need and discovery of effective strategies to use in a discussion to share information without taking students' attention away from the ongoing discussion. (Recall that the teacher is labelled T; students are labelled A, B, and C.) T has interacted with the group as described earlier. However, as T continues to monitor the group, student A soon begins to domineer and criticize again. T returns to the group. The dialogue that takes place is in the left column, while the instructional strategies that T is attempting are in the right column.

Dialogue

- T: What new observations have you shared since I joined you last?
- A: I keep trying to tell them, but they don't listen.
- B: Guess who's not listening!
- C: I tried to tell them about what I noticed.
- T: It seems that you are having difficulty. Can you help to figure out what the problem is?
- C: Well, instead of telling each other what we saw, we're arguing.
- T: Do you all agree with that? (Students nod.) O.K., let's see if you can figure out what will help. Let's first see if you agree on why you are talking together.
- A: Well, those objects were pretty interesting to look at.
- T: Do you suppose you all discovered the same things?
- B: I didn't notice what C said.
- T: So if you want to share your information, what do you need to be able to do?
- C: We need to let one person tell something they noticed and then other people talk about that, and then the next person can tell something.
- T: If you are going to have a discussion to share your ideas, that is one guideline that can help. A, can you think of another guideline that we've used before?
- A: Not to argue.
- T: What can you do if you disagree or don't understand?
- A: Well, you could ask them to explain.
- T: Yes, what else could you do?
- C: Like I said, we should take turns.
- T: So when you continue with your discussion, you've said that you want to take turns sharing, listen to each other's ideas, question if you don't understand, explain more if someone asks you, and not criticize. Will you try to follow those ideas and I'll check back with you later to see what observations and questions you have ready to share with the class.

Instructional Strategies

- Exploring students' perception of their progress
- Eliciting recognition and personal ownership of the problem
- Seeking personal commitment to the problem and its solution
Building commitment to the activity for which the skill is used
- Enhancing need for the skill
- Formalizing their ownership for the activity and the skill
- Recognizing recall of a previously used skill and modelling use of questions to explore ideas in a discussion
- Eliciting recall of other previously used abilities
- Formalizing students' statement of procedural guidelines for the process to be used and seeking their commitment to try them
- Offering encouragement and continued support; reinforcing commitment to the purpose for the activity

In this interaction, T used several strategies that are important to incidental learning. First, the focus of attention was kept on the communication process that was being used within the particular activity (discussion to share observations). The focus was limited to the specific needs which the students demonstrated at that time. In this way, students were able to recognize the need for the skill and establish ownership. Further, since the focus was limited to their immediate needs, T was able to guide discovery without interrupting the ongoing activity.

A second important strategy was involving the students in discovering how to carry out a discussion, rather than "telling" them what to do. T knew that the students had engaged in discussions before, both in and out of school. Thus, they could use their experience as a basis to state guidelines for an effective discussion. T used strategies to make these procedures conscious and applicable to this communication situation. T also effectively modelled the communication acts that are essential in a discussion to share and understand. T listened carefully to students' suggestions, asked questions to clarify, and summarized understandings. (See Table 1.)

Finally, T immediately prepared the students to apply (practice) what they had discovered in a real-use situation for which they had a commitment. T also offered support and encouragement, while making the students' responsibility to the other class members clear. The outcome of this discussion mattered.

In this situation, T was able to use the students' interest in the objects to establish recognition and ownership for their need to discuss more effectively. Also, T was able to draw on students' experience as a basis for recalling prerequisite abilities.

T was also able to model the skill while interacting with the students; that is, T was able to use discussion to learn about discussing. In attempting to facilitate use of other communication skills through incidental teaching techniques, a teacher might need to consider other techniques to build awareness of the need for a communication process or skill. Other bases for discovery might be needed, such as familiar examples (models) of the process or skill which students could examine. The decision as to which techniques to use depends on the nature of the skill or process being used, the students' awareness of the process or skill, their present level of ability with it, and the teacher's judgment concerning the primary goal for a specific student at that time.

Individualizing Incidental Instruction

Individualization is essential to both types of incidental instruction. In this classroom interaction T needed to be prepared to support students who chose to use visuals to record observations in their learning logs. Choice of visual elements and words (semantics), design elements (syntax), and use of visual elements (graphemics) are performance skills which support communication through use of visuals to inform. (See Table 4.) In this situation T might interact differently with at least five different types of students:

1. **The student who is not ready to focus on a particular process or skill.**
T observes a student who is struggling to clarify and compose his or her intended meaning. Even though this student is also having difficulty with aspects of visual/graphemic representation, T gives attention to the thinking and composing abilities necessary for making meaning. This student is not ready initially to give attention to the presentational aspects of visual communication. T guides the student to defer concern for these matters, at least until a personally satisfying meaning has been drafted.

2. The student who is capable with guidance and support.

T observes a student who expresses concern about his or her drawing while drafting. T knows from experience that the student is able to communicate meanings visually with an instructional scaffold. T first asks the student to summarize the ideas he or she is trying to convey. Next, T asks the student to describe one or two techniques that can help the audience understand. In this way, T provides a scaffold for the activity.

The student is guided to clarify the intended meaning and then to think about how to communicate it most effectively. T suggests that the student first complete a draft and then find a partner to share with in revising. When the student is ready to revise, T encourages the student to let the partner tell what he or she understands from the visual. This feedback permits the composer to check whether the intended meaning has been communicated. It provides the student with a basis to revise design elements and builds confidence in use of visual communication. After sharing between the partners, T reinforces the student's internalization of the communication processes involved by having him or her serve as a responder for another student.

3. The student who is capable, but unsure.

From previous classroom interactions, T knows that this student is able to communicate meanings through visuals. When the student expresses worry, T asks him or her to explain what things are important to think about in using a visual to inform others (i.e., to state procedural guidelines to follow). The student identifies three elements: thinking about what to include in the diagram to show important ideas, using colors, and selecting captions to clarify meaning and capture attention. T responds positively and encourages the student in undertaking the process.

4. The student who is capable of using the process or skill, but does not.

Building awareness of the importance of the process or skill is critical for this student. This requires that the student, first, value the reason for communicating. Being sure that students do have real purposes and real audiences is essential.

With such a student, T serves as responder to the draft or selects a student who can effectively communicate his or her understanding of the meaning expressed. Letting the student know which aspects of the intended meaning the audience received and which were misunderstood helps the student recognize the need to clarify the way in which the ideas are presented. T then asks the student to summarize plans for editing, using questioning strategies that highlight the communication processes and skills that are important in this use of visuals.

5. The student who is able to move beyond the usual level of performance in the communication process or skill.

Here T needs to judge the importance of an increased level of proficiency in the process or skill at this time. The student's interest, the amount of use made of the skill, and the ways in which the student might otherwise use this instructional time are all factors. If T observes a student with an unusual ability to combine elements of visual and verbal communication to inform, this student might be given additional opportunities to use this mode of communication in group projects or might serve as a helper to other students. Alternatively, T might decide to encourage this student to explore other ways to communicate information in order to broaden his or her abilities.

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Using Direct, In-Context Instruction

When to Use Direct Instruction

At times, teachers may find that incidental teaching techniques are not the best choice for developing communication processes or skills that students need for learning. Then, an in-context, direct lesson or unit may be planned to develop specific communication abilities. An in-context lesson is a lesson taught within an ongoing activity to develop a process or skill which is necessary for successful completion of the activity. An in-context unit is a series of lessons designed to develop a process or skill required to carry out a planned learning activity.

A direct instructional approach is most often chosen when one or more of the following conditions exist.

1. **Many students have a similar type and level of need for growth in a communication process or skill.**

A math teacher who notices that many students fail to remember specifics in orally presented problems uses direct instruction to help the students discover strategies for identifying and remembering information and for translating that information into the algorithm necessary to solve the problem.

2. **The communication process or skill has general application in the curricular area; that is, students will need to use the skill many times in the future.**

A science teacher who plans to have students use learning logs to record observations from experiments throughout the year introduces this skill through direct instruction to enhance both effectiveness and efficiency of instruction. Further, the direct lesson or unit provides a base for later incidental teaching needed to meet individual needs.

3. **The communication process or skill is important in this curricular area, both for schooling and in uses outside of school.**

A social studies teacher who makes frequent use of discussion groups determines that a direct lesson or unit on this communication skill is an important learning outcome because of its frequent classroom use and because of its importance in a democratic society. Similarly, a vocational education teacher uses direct instruction to develop interviewing skills before their use to gather information on specific careers, knowing that use of interviewing strategies is vital in job seeking and in most careers.

Teacher judgment is required in determining whether to use a direct lesson in the context of the ongoing activity or to use a unit which is scheduled either before the anticipated use or along with it. Earlier it was suggested that teachers use the least formal and direct instructional approach possible to effectively meet students' needs. Following this principle, a teacher will select an in-context lesson when the students' needs are specific to a given application and when the students' level of ability is close to the level that is needed. A unit is used when needs are broader or when the teacher wants to demonstrate the generalized application of the process or skill. It is important to recognize that the in-context lesson is a diversion from the instructional experience within which it is taught. If more than one or two such lessons are needed at one time to meet students' anticipated or observed communication needs, then a unit approach is probably warranted.

Timing of an in-context lesson or unit is important. Ownership is enhanced if the instruction can be scheduled after the need has become apparent to the students. Similarly,

if application can immediately follow instruction, internalization of learning will be enhanced. When an in-context lesson is to be used, it is best to involve the students in recognizing their needs and then provide instruction. When a unit is needed, scheduling may present a challenge. An elementary teacher in a self-contained classroom often can time instruction so that a unit on the communication process which is needed for a content area activity can be taught as part of language arts, while the curricular activity for which it is needed continues. The two units can then merge when students make use of the skill. Departmentalized elementary, middle-school, and secondary teachers may be able to split an instructional time block so that the two units are taught concurrently. If that is not possible, it may be necessary to preview an upcoming activity in order to create ownership for a communication process or skill, carry out the unit to develop the skill, and then initiate the activity for which the skill is needed.

Instructional Strategies

Several instructional strategies are important to both the direct, in-context lesson and unit.

1. Student ownership for the process or skill must be developed. This is best accomplished if students are using the skill either directly or through simulation, for example, role-playing use of an interview to seek information before actually conducting the interview.
2. Instruction in communication processes and skills must focus on entire processes or identifiable parts within them, not on isolated subskills. In preparing to give reports to inform others, attention is given in a unit or lesson to preparing the audience to listen, but not given to articulation skills.
3. Students should be guided to discover how to carry out a process or skill by engaging in the process, responding to models, and applying prior abilities. Real, whole-language experiences involving oral, written, and visual communication are used to guide discovery.
4. Students are helped if they are guided to state generalizations or guidelines which they wish to follow. These guidelines serve as a basis for application and for self-evaluation.
5. Following direct instruction on a communication process or skill, incidental teaching techniques are used to guide application and to promote internalization.

Using a Direct, In-Context Lesson

These principles of direct instruction can be illustrated by returning to the classroom example described earlier. T plans to involve the students in a series of learning activities that will require use of visuals to record and share information. In previous experiences in which visuals have been used as a source of information, T has observed that students often fail to notice details. They also fail to relate the information which is presented in labels or captions to information presented visually. T decides that a direct, in-context lesson will help students in composing visuals to inform and in comprehending the information in the visuals their peers develop. In order to increase ownership, T initiates the lesson when the students have decided to create visuals but have not yet begun to draft them. Objectives for the lesson include awareness that the same information can be presented verbally and visually; awareness that sometimes the audience is aided by use of visuals and words together; ability to decide when to use visuals alone, words alone, or visuals and words together; ability to select and create visual elements and to design them to convey an intended meaning; ability

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to create labels or captions which help to focus attention and clarify meaning; and ability to interpret meaning from a visual/verbal display.

In preparing for the lesson, T selects three visuals related to the topic the students are working on, but is careful not to select ones that are on the same question that any student has selected. One of these visuals lacks clarity in visual presentation, one has an effective visual presentation but is poorly labelled, and the third is effective both in visual and verbal presentation.

T begins the lesson by recalling that students have talked about using visuals in sharing their information. T asks students to talk in pairs to list times when they have used visuals as a source of information. After a few minutes, T asks the students to share. Included in their composite list are ads, pictures in books, directions for games or equipment, signs, and labels. T points out that in many of these examples visuals and words are combined to inform and asks students to talk about why this is done. Their ideas include that it is a way of getting attention, that there is a need to see what you are reading about, and the fact that some information can be expressed more clearly through both visuals and words than just one mode.

T then asks the students if they can think of a time when they have had difficulty understanding a sign or picture. Several students cite directions for games and information in textbooks. T then asks what problems they think they may face in working on their visuals or in learning from the visuals others have made. Problems include deciding what to include in the visual, what labels to use, and how to know what is important in "reading" someone else's visual.

T suggests that students look at some visuals to see if they can develop guidelines for how to read information presented both visually and verbally. T notes that this will help them to have ideas about how to compose an effective visual to inform others.

T first presents the visual that effectively presents information through both modes. Students are asked to talk in pairs about what they can learn from this visual and how the author was able to convey that meaning. After partners have had time to form ideas, T begins discussion. Students notice that the visual is clearly presented, that color is used to make the object look real, and that the visual indicates the size of the object. T asks them to identify important information that is not presented visually. Students mention names of parts, but are quick to note that the captions tell that. T then guides the students to examine the two less-effective visuals. After students identify their strengths and weaknesses, T asks what they think the creator of the first visual did that the others did not. As students offer ideas, T lists them for later reference. Their generalizations follow.

1. Decide what information you want to give your audience.
2. Think about how a visual could help the audience understand.
3. Prepare a draft of the visual, trying to clearly include the important information.
4. Think about a caption or title to get the audience's attention. Think about how words could be used to label or explain parts of the visual and add them.
5. Check your draft to see if it includes the information your audience needs and if it is easy to understand.
6. Make any changes you decide are helpful and then make a final copy if you need to.

T concludes the lesson by having the students look at the information they have gathered and list parts they think can best be presented with a visual. They plan to begin work on the visuals in the next lesson. T will encourage students to refer to their list of guidelines for creating visuals as they work. Incidental teaching techniques will foster internalization of these concepts and abilities.

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Using a Direct, In-Context Unit

T uses a direct, in-context unit to develop students' ability in a communication process or skill less frequently than incidental instruction or an in-context lesson. One occasion when T used a unit approach was in introducing the use of learning logs. A learning log is an account of progress, record of activity, description of observed changes, expression of responses, or collection of ideas which is kept on a systematic basis. Sometimes called content journals, learning logs have been used successfully in all areas of the curriculum.

T knew that the students had not previously kept learning logs, although they were familiar with the use of personal journals. Because T planned to make regular use of learning logs, it seemed appropriate to involve the students in a unit to explore the purpose of such logs and to develop strategies for their use before an activity in which students would use logs to record observations.

T knew that it was important for the students to be exposed to the use of logs before such a unit in order to develop ownership for learning more about their use. Therefore, T guided the students to keep a class log of their progress in achieving a class goal. Daily entries were dictated by the group during the first week. At the end of the week, each student was given a looseleaf notebook containing the first week's entries and several blank pages. Class dictation continued during the second week. Students were also encouraged to add personal observations in their own logs about their individual progress toward the goal. This built awareness of the function of logs and gave students a basis to identify skill needs. This experience also led the students to suggest that they could keep individual learning logs to record their discoveries about the objects they were examining in the experience described earlier.

When this use of logs was suggested, T initiated the direct, in-context skill-teaching unit on the use of learning logs. To crystallize ownership, T guided the group to talk about how having individual records of their observations could be useful as a source of information as their exploration progressed. Students recognized the value of a log as a basis for discovering features or patterns that might be missed if they were not recorded. T then asked the students if it made any difference what type of entries they made if the logs were to be used to discover relationships. Students were encouraged to consider whether the class log would be useful for that purpose. This led students to decide to explore the characteristics they would want their logs to have since they were to be used as a basis for discovering relationships. T suggested that students examine the features of learning logs kept by others.

To guide discovery of characteristics of effective logs, T provided the class with a variety of logs. Students were encouraged to add to the collection. Included were logs of scientific experiments, growth cycles, journeys, ideas for personal writing, and progress in mastering a new skill. Some included specific details, while others recorded personal feelings. Some included labelled diagrams and samples. Some contained specific numeric data, while others contained only general amounts.

In examining the logs, the students were encouraged to consider why they thought the person had prepared it. This activity led them to list two broad purposes for logs: to keep an accurate and detailed account of an experience to provide a basis for drawing conclusions, and to keep a personal record to help one recall an experience. The students classified the logs into these two types.

Next, T asked the students to work in pairs to discover the features that made each type of log effective for its purpose. Students listed the following characteristics of a log that was to be used as evidence for drawing conclusions.

1. A log is kept for a specific purpose. You should decide what the purpose of the log is to be before you start.

Sometimes called content journals, learning logs have been used successfully in all areas of the curriculum.

2. Entries should be made regularly.
3. Detailed information which fits the purpose for the log is included.
4. Diagrams, pictures, or samples are included when they help to record information.

For a log which is to serve as a personal record, the following characteristics were listed.

1. The log is kept so that the person can remember the experience or can keep a list of ideas.
2. Entries can be made daily or whenever something special happens.
3. Include things that you want to remember, the way things looked, and how you felt about things. Pictures can help you remember.

T next asked students if they thought it was possible for a person to keep both kinds of logs about the same experience. For practice in keeping logs before using them in the planned activity, the students decided to keep both types of logs for an activity of their choosing for the next few days. Time was provided each day for the students to prepare their entries and to share them with a partner. They used the characteristics the class had identified to create and respond to the logs. During this time, T used incidental teaching techniques to help students refine their use of logging skills.

When the students were ready to begin examining the objects to find relationships, T guided them to identify the type of log they should keep. As daily entries were made, T continued to provide an instructional scaffold for students who needed support with the skill. Gradually, as students became more independent in their use of learning logs to record observations, this support was withdrawn.

To help students recognize that they had developed a useful learning tool, T guided them to discuss the value of their logs in successfully completing the activity. Students also were encouraged to list other activities, both in and out of school, in which logs could be useful. They considered the type of log they would want to keep for each purpose. In later weeks, T encouraged use of learning logs whenever it seemed appropriate in order to encourage students to value their use.

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Making Communication Work in Your Classroom

Throughout this guide we have followed T, a representative of the many effective teachers at all levels and in all teaching areas who know the excitement of collaborating with students in learning. Such teachers know that if students are to become independent, lifelong learners, they must be supported in their use of oral, written, and visual communication to carry out a full range of language functions with diverse audiences. These teachers follow the four principles which Wells (1986) suggested that adults use to facilitate language development:

- To treat what the child has to say as worthy of careful attention.
- To do one's best to understand what he or she means.
- To take the child's meaning as the basis for what one says next.
- In selecting and encoding one's own message, to take account of the child's ability to understand—that is, to construct an appropriate interpretation. (p. 218)

Wells was concerned with providing an environment at home and at school that would facilitate children's ability to make meaning through language. His principles apply to the respect and support which students of all ages deserve as they learn to communicate and communicate to learn across the curriculum. As all teachers become more aware of the

central place which communication processes have in learning across the curriculum, they will develop facility in the use of strategies to collaborate with students in learning. As teachers begin this journey, additional examples of techniques for integrating language across the curriculum may be helpful. Selected sources are grouped around the central themes in this section: language across the curriculum, incidental and direct instruction, and instructional scaffolding. Annotations for each citation are included in the main bibliography.

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Analyzing the Infusion of Communication

Strategies for Analyzing the Use of Communication Abilities and Understandings

Effective use of communication processes and skills is essential to learning and interaction in all curricular areas. Communication across the curriculum depends on each teacher's awareness of and commitment to the development of communication processes. Strategies for incorporating communication across the curriculum were recommended in the previous section. In order to effectively utilize those strategies, individual teachers need a systematic way to identify the communication abilities and understandings required in the learning experiences they now use. Teachers also need a systematic way to monitor their students' communication abilities and needs in order to provide for growth. Finally, teachers need a way to assess whether the communication processes they now use in instructional activities most effectively facilitate learning in their specific curricular areas.

Teachers can use the "Form for Analyzing Communication Abilities and Understandings Across the Curriculum" (Diagram 2) to identify, monitor, and assess the communication abilities and understandings used now in student learning experiences during a given curricular segment. This analysis can be for a time segment (week, month, quarter, semester) or for an instructional segment (a learning activity, a lesson, a unit within a course, a course). The following steps should be used when completing Diagram 2.

1. In the first column, briefly describe the learning experience that is to be analyzed.
2. In the second column, identify the communication processes and skills required in the learning experience. Diagram 1 and Table 1 can be used to identify the individual capacities, the language functions and communication acts through which they are carried out, the communication mode(s), and the audience(s) involved in the learning experience.
3. In the third column, list the communication abilities and understandings that students use successfully (observed) and the skills that need support (needed) in order to enhance communicative effectiveness. Tables 1 through 4 can be used to identify communication abilities and understandings needed in a learning experience.
4. In column four, list extensions in the use of integrated communication processes and skills (functions, modes, and audiences) that can enhance learning. Diagram 1 and Table 2 can be used to identify potential uses of oral, written, and visual communication.

Teachers need a systematic way to identify, monitor, and assess communication abilities and understandings.

Diagram 2
Blank Form

Form for Analyzing Communication Abilities

Teacher _____

Level _____

Directions: Briefly describe the learning experiences used in Column 1. In Column 2, use Diagram 1 and Table 1 to identify Individual Capacities, Language Functions and Communication Acts, Mode(s), and Audience(s).

Column 1
Brief Description of Learning Experience

Column 2
**Individual Capacities, Language Functions and
Communication Acts, Communication Mode(s),
and Audience(s)**

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and Understandings Across the Curriculum

Course/Area/Unit _____

Dates or Time Span _____

Use Tables 1 through 4 to identify observed and needed communication abilities and understandings in Column 3. List extensions to enhance learning through communication in Column 4.

Column 3		Column 4
Communication Abilities and Understandings		Extensions to Enhance Learning
Observed	Needed	through Communication

Diagram 3
T's Entry for Scenario on Pages 7 and 16

Form for Analyzing Communication Abilities

Teacher T
Level Any

Directions: Briefly describe the learning experiences used in Column 1. In Column 2, use Diagram 1 and Table 1 to identify Individual Capacities, Language Functions and Communication Acts, Mode(s), and Audience(s).

Column 1
Brief Description of Learning Experience

Small-group examination of objects as a basis for questioning and discovery.

Column 2
Individual Capacities, Language Functions and Communication Acts, Communication Mode(s), and Audience(s)

Use perceiving, manipulating, thinking, talking, feeling, wondering.
Labelling, describing, questioning, agreeing, disagreeing, wondering, collaborating, addressing, giving and taking turns.
Oral mode.
Small group.

and Understandings Across the Curriculum

Course/Area/Unit Any

Dates or Time Span x/xx/xx

Use Tables 1 through 4 to identify observed and needed communication abilities and understandings in Column 3. List extensions to enhance learning through communication in Column 4.

Column 3		Column 4
Communication Abilities and Understandings Observed	Needed	Extensions to Enhance Learning through Communication
Ability to notice properties.	Difficulty in seeking and giving turns.	Use of learning logs to record individual observations and questions after peer interaction (written and visual modes).
Ability to describe properties.	Difficulty sharing perspectives.	Oral interaction to share written and visual logs.
Ability to associate properties.	Difficulty questioning another's ideas without criticizing.	Whole-group listing of discoveries and questions.
Ability to question own observations.		Planning for further study.
Willingness to explore.		
Confidence to share.		
Awareness of roles in communication.		

Teachers can use the analysis form to determine the range of communication abilities and understandings which students are required to use in their instructional programs. Examination of entries in columns 1 and 2 over a time span or an instructional segment can be compared to Diagram 1 and Table 1 to determine whether the range of communication functions, modes, and audiences being used is appropriate to the learning outcomes in the curricular field and to students' growth in using communication to learn.

The communication analysis form also provides teachers with a tool for monitoring students' abilities and needs (columns 2 and 3). It can be used either to anticipate and prepare for skill needs in a planned activity or to analyze an instructional experience which has just been completed. Diagram 3 shows the entry that T made while planning for the activity in which students were to share their observations of objects. (See p. 7 and p. 16.) Anticipation of the language competencies that were required for this activity prepared T to observe the students' communication processes as they interacted. This observation permitted T to identify both the abilities that students used successfully and those abilities for which they were likely to need support (column 3). By anticipating skill needs, T was able to successfully use incidental teaching strategies to support learning through communication during the activity. However, when analysis of a planned experience indicated that students' communication needs could not easily be supported through incidental instruction, T used direct instruction, as was described in the strategies section. (See pp. 30-34.) The communication analysis form can also be used as a planning guide to enhance integration of communication across the curriculum (column 4). In planning for the learning experience shown in Diagram 3, T initially only planned to have students share their observations orally in small groups. However, before the lesson T used the "Model of Communication" to assess these plans. T decided that learning would be enhanced if students recorded observations in their learning logs and shared those observations before the class discussion (column 4). These extensions integrated the visual and written modes, extended the audience, and built confidence for the class discussion. When these extensions were identified, T used another copy of the form to list them as learning experiences (column 1) and analyzed them, as well.

Concern for communication by teachers across the curriculum is intended to facilitate learning in each curricular area, not to prescribe it. This means that the communication processes and skills used by groups of students in specific curricular areas must grow from the instructional activities in which they are involved. They must be tailored to students' individual abilities and needs. Therefore, the sequence of communication processes and skills can only be determined by the teacher(s) who are in direct interaction with a group of students. The imposition of a predetermined sequence of communication skills would interfere both with instructional outcomes of specific curricular areas and with effective language learning. By systematically analyzing the communication processes being used, teachers will be prepared to monitor their students' progress and to meet their needs. In fact, systematic use of the analysis form will provide an anecdotal record of the communication experiences and abilities for a group of students. It can also be used for individual students in the group.

Initially, use of the form will require conscious analysis and reference to Diagram 1 and Tables 1-4. Soon, however, the nature of the language functions and the communication acts that are used to carry them out will be internalized so that this becomes a natural way of thinking about the teaching-learning process and of monitoring students' progress in using language to learn. To facilitate use of the form for analyzing communication abilities, the appendix contains two additional scenarios and their accompanying analyses. The first (Diagrams 4 and 5) is for T's use of learning logs and small-group sharing prior to whole-class discussion, which was described earlier (p. 7). The second (Diagrams 6 and 7) involves an

instructional experience common to many curricular areas and teaching levels—use of a guest speaker. Teachers are encouraged to use these scenarios for practice by reading the scenario, completing the form to analyze communication abilities and understandings involved, and comparing their analyses to the ones provided. It will be helpful if teachers can discuss their analyses with colleagues before comparing them to the analyses provided. Additional directions are contained in the appendix.

After this initial practice with the form, teachers should begin analysis of the communication abilities required in learning experiences from their own classrooms. At first, it will help to focus on a single learning activity within a lesson, rather than on a lesson or unit. Also, in early uses to monitor student progress, it will be helpful to focus on a single student or small group of students rather than on the whole class. The scope of the instructional segment and the number of students to be analyzed can be extended as teachers learn to use the form.

Using the Communication Analysis Form to Promote Articulation of Communication

The communication analysis form can be used by either one teacher or by a group of teachers to infuse communication across the curriculum. It can be a means to ensure that at each level and in each instructional area students are provided experiences with diverse functions of language, with differing modes of communication, and with diverse audiences so that they continually grow in the use of communication processes needed for learning. Teachers in similar teaching areas and levels can share results of their communication analyses. Such a compilation can provide a basis for building vertical and horizontal articulation of communication processes and skills. Special attention can be given to communication skills unique to specific subject-matter areas and to careers in those fields. For example, if a group of teachers determines that specific communication processes are needed for learning activities in their subject-matter area, they can jointly plan how and at which levels to develop those abilities. Examples include ability to read directions or diagrams in vocational education classes or to interpret word problems in mathematics.

The communication analysis form also provides teachers with a tool for monitoring students' abilities and needs.

Using Analysis to Assess Horizontal Articulation

Horizontal articulation of communication across the curriculum is a concern for teachers at all levels. Whether students at a given level spend much of their instructional time under the guidance of one teacher in a self-contained classroom or whether their instruction is provided by a team of subject-matter specialists, there should be continuity in expectations and experiences throughout a day and a year. Such continuity can only be achieved if teachers are aware of their own expectations and if they coordinate those expectations with colleagues at the same level. To achieve horizontal articulation, teachers at each instructional level within a program should analyze the communication abilities and understandings they use during selected time periods. After each teacher has analyzed his or her instructional experiences, results should be compiled. Teachers can then assess this compilation to determine whether their expectations are reasonably compatible. They can also use Diagram 1 and Table 1 to determine whether students are experiencing the range of language functions and communication acts, integration of language modes, and diversity in audiences necessary to facilitate learning. As teachers share ideas for using communication for learning, they will grow in ability to integrate communication across the curriculum and to support its use.

Using Analysis to Assess Vertical Articulation

Students should experience continuity in program experiences and expectations as they move from the preschool-primary through the middle school/junior high and secondary levels. Analysis of communication can serve as a tool to promote vertical articulation throughout the curriculum. Teachers can share and discuss their compiled results both by subject-matter groupings or departments and as a total faculty. This sharing can be used to identify the need to augment the use of communication processes at specific levels, can facilitate coordination of learning expectations at all levels, and can be a vehicle for sharing instructional strategies. Such dialogue will lead to the realization by the total faculty of common goals and the interdependence of all subject areas. It will also highlight the central place of communication in learning across the curriculum.

Using this Guide and the Communication Analysis Form to Infuse Communication

Table 5 outlines the steps described earlier for use of the communication analysis form to identify communication abilities required in the ongoing learning experiences which a teacher uses, to monitor students' progress, and to enhance the range and effectiveness of communication processes and skills utilized. Steps 1-8 can be carried out by a teacher individually or in collaboration with colleagues. Steps 9 and 10, which focus on horizontal and vertical articulation of communication across the curriculum, require interaction of teachers who share responsibility for the learning of groups of students.

Although Steps 1-8 can be carried out by one teacher, there is much to be gained through collaboration among teachers all concerned with enhancing uses of communication to learn across the curriculum. As a group of teachers discuss the learning experiences in which they involve students and the nature of the communication abilities and understandings involved, new understanding of the learning process and of the strengths of the present curriculum will emerge. Similarly, as teachers discuss abilities which students possess and their perceived needs, skill in diagnosis will result. As teachers share ideas for enhancing learning through language, new life will be given to the curriculum and to those who create it. Just as a theme of this guide has been that students learn best by interacting, so, too, are their teachers empowered as they work collaboratively.

Table 5
Steps for Using this Guide and
the Communication Analysis Form

1. Identify and describe the curricular segment to be analyzed (learning activity, lesson, unit, etc.) in column 1.
2. Prior to scheduling the target learning experience, use Diagram 1 and Table 1 to identify the communication processes to be used (column 2).
3. In column 3, identify abilities and understandings that you anticipate students possess (observed) and abilities that you anticipate will require instructional support (needed).
4. For anticipated needs, determine which approach you think will best support your instructional objectives and enhance growth in communication to learn (incidental; direct, in-context lesson; direct, in-context unit) and plan for that instructional approach using guidelines in the strategies section.
5. Identify and plan for extensions to enhance learning through communication. Diagram 1 and Table 2 can be used to identify potential uses of oral, written, and visual communication.
6. During and after instruction, use columns 2 and 3 of the form to monitor uses of communication and to provide for additional needs that emerge through use of incidental teaching strategies and subsequent direct instruction.
7. After the learning experience, use column 4 to record extensions to enhance learning through communication for use when the learning experience is taught again.
8. To consider the range of communication situations with which students have had experience, and to monitor their progress in the use of communication processes and skills, review a series of mapping forms for the group.
9. To improve horizontal articulation of communication across the curriculum, share results of analyses of communication abilities with other teachers at your level, especially those who work with the same group(s) of students.
10. To improve vertical articulation of growth in communication, share results of analyses with teachers who share responsibility for your teaching area(s) at other instructional levels and with the total faculty who share responsibility for students over time.

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Appendix

APPENDIX

Practice in Use of the 'Form for Analyzing Communication Abilities and Understandings Across the Curriculum'

To integrate communication processes and skills more effectively into their instructional programs, teachers need to become proficient in identifying the communication abilities and understandings required in the learning experiences they use. They also need to be able to anticipate, monitor, and support students' growing communication abilities. The "Form for Analyzing Communication Abilities and Understandings Across the Curriculum" is a tool for such analysis.

Since concern for uses of communication may be new to some teachers, use of the form may require practice. This appendix provides analyses of the communication processes and skills required in two classroom learning experiences that could occur in any curricular area and at any level. The first is for a communication situation described earlier—T's use of learning logs and small-group sharing before class discussion. Because of its familiarity, it will be useful for beginning practice. The second situation involves use of a guest speaker.

To be most effective, it is important to follow the procedures outlined here step by step. At certain points, teachers are encouraged to discuss their responses with a colleague who is also using this guide before comparing them to the analyses provided. This sharing will aid understanding of the nature of the interactive model of communication which is the foundation for this guide. It will also facilitate internalization of the analysis process.

Analyzing Students' Abilities in Using Learning Logs and Small-Group Sharing

- 1. To re-familiarize yourself with the learning experience, reread the scenario, p. 7. Next, reread pp.25-28, which describe T's attempts to meet individual needs in use of logs through incidental instruction. Also, review pp.31-34, showing how students' needs in use of logs were met through direct instruction.**
- 2. Use Diagram 4 to analyze the communication abilities and understandings required of T's students in their use of learning logs. Complete steps 1-7 in Table 5, "Steps for Using this Guide and the Communication Analysis Form," which is reprinted here for your convenience. This will require reference to the scenario descriptions.**
- 3. If possible, share your responses with a colleague. Discuss similarities and differences in your interpretations of the abilities required (column 2), the abilities T's students demonstrated (column 3, observed), the abilities for which they needed instructional support (column 3, needed), and the extensions that T planned (column 4).**
- 4. Compare your analysis with the one provided in Diagram 5. If possible, discuss similarities and differences with a colleague. As you compare results, remember that interpretation is necessary in analyzing communication abilities. Therefore, your form need not replicate Diagram 5 exactly. Rather, consider whether you were able to identify the main language functions and communication acts used to carry them out. Also, consider whether you listed at least key abilities that T's students used successfully, as well as abilities that some or all of the students needed in order to use learning logs more successfully. If your analysis is greatly different from Diagram 5, it would be useful to reread the scenarios and review Diagram 1 and Tables 1-4 to identify causes for differences before going on to practice with the learning experience involving a guest speaker.**

Analyzing Students' Abilities in Gaining Information from a Guest Speaker

The following classroom situation is included to provide additional practice with the analysis form. It involves T's use of a guest speaker to answer students' questions concerning the objects they examined. Read the scenario and then follow Steps 1-7 in Table 5 using Diagram 6 to record your analysis. Again, discussion with a colleague is encouraged before and after comparison with the analysis provided in Diagram 7.

Communication in a Classroom: A Visit by a Guest Speaker

The Setting: A classroom in your teaching area and level in a school district in Iowa.

The students enter the room and help one another find their places at work areas around the room where the objects they have been learning about are again displayed. They exhibit both anticipation and hesitancy as they notice that the guest speaker they have planned for is waiting at the side of the room.

T waits until everyone is ready and then suggests that students find the questions the class has prepared before meeting their guest. When students have their materials ready, T introduces the guest and encourages students to begin asking their questions. T is prepared to observe the interaction and to support students in their use of questioning strategies and of comprehension skills necessary for interpreting the information they receive.

Immediately, T notices that students seem reluctant to begin the questioning. Various students use facial signals and gestures to cue others to go first. T moves to one group, picks up an object that these students had differing ideas about, and says, "It might help to begin with the questions we had about how this was used. A, will you remind us of the ideas that your group had?"

As A begins, T stays nearby to assure the student of support. After A's brief explanation, T says, "Now, remind me what your questions were."

Students in the group respond by posing two or three questions they had discussed. Because they perceive their audience to be T and their classmates, rather than the guest, they share freely. To include the rest of the class, T asks which other groups had the same questions. T then addresses the first question to the guest and, following the response, encourages different students to recall the remaining questions in the series. Their guest responds to each in turn, demonstrating and elaborating when it appears that students want greater detail.

When this series of questions is finished, T asks the students if they think they will be able to remember all they have learned so far. Students' facial expressions show doubt. T asks, "What do you think we could do to help us remember and to be sure we understand?"

T is pleased when one student suggests sharing what they heard with a partner, a strategy they have used recently as an aid to understanding and memory. T repeats the questions already considered, and encourages partners to share their interpretations. When talk subsides T asks for volunteers to share with the class. After each response T elicits elaboration by other students and the guest.

To promote confidence in their ability to question a guest speaker to gain information, T identifies the group that will question next, asking them if they want a minute or two

to prepare their questions. T notices that students refer to their lists and determine who will ask which question.

Following the guest's responses to the second set of questions, T asks if the students are ready for the next group. When the students suggest time to review what they learned before going on, T is aware that the instructional scaffold provided initially has supported the students' use of strategies for comprehension and recall.

As students continue to question the guest, T observes that they become less tied to their predetermined list of questions, and more able to use follow-up questions either to clarify a point or to query an issue not previously identified. When all of the students have had an opportunity to pose their questions, T encourages them to thank their guest.

To explore the effects of recent instruction about the uses of various kinds of logs for recording information, T asks what the students think the best way to deal with the information they have gained would be. T is interested to observe that many students suggest using learning logs to record the information they gathered so that they have or future reference.

Analyzing Your Use of Communication Across the Curriculum

When you have completed the practice exercises, you are ready to analyze your own uses of communication for learning following the 10 steps suggested in Table 5 and suggestions contained in the section on infusing communication across the curriculum. To facilitate use of the analysis form, an additional blank copy is provided. Feel free to duplicate this form.

Table 5
Steps for Using this Guide and
the Communication Analysis Form
reprinted from page 45

1. Identify and describe the curricular segment to be analyzed (learning activity, lesson, unit, etc.) in column 1.
2. Prior to scheduling the target learning experience, use Diagram 1 and Table 1 to identify the communication processes to be used (column 2).
3. In column 3, identify abilities and understandings that you anticipate students possess (observed) and abilities that you anticipate will require instructional support (needed).
4. For anticipated needs, determine which approach you think will best support your instructional objectives and enhance growth in communication to learn (incidental; direct, in-context lesson; direct, in-context unit) and plan for that instructional approach using guidelines in the strategies section.
5. Identify and plan for extensions to enhance learning through communication. Diagram 1 and Table 2 can be used to identify potential uses of oral, written, and visual communication.
6. During and after instruction, use columns 2 and 3 of the form to monitor uses of communication and to provide for additional needs that emerge through use of incidental teaching strategies and subsequent direct instruction.
7. After the learning experience, use column 4 to record extensions to enhance learning through communication for use when the learning experience is taught again.
8. To consider the range of communication situations with which students have had experience, and to monitor their progress in the use of communication processes and skills, review a series of mapping forms for the group.
9. To improve horizontal articulation of communication across the curriculum, share results of analyses of communication abilities with other teachers at your level, especially those who work with the same group(s) of students.
10. To improve vertical articulation of growth in communication, share results of analyses with teachers who share responsibility for your teaching area(s) at other instructional levels and with the total faculty who share responsibility for students over time.

Diagram 4
Blank Form for Scenario on Page 7

Form for Analyzing Communication Abilities

Teacher _____

Level _____

Directions: Briefly describe the learning experiences used in Column 1. In Column 2, use Diagram 1 and Table 1 to identify Individual Capacities, Language Functions and Communication Acts, Mode(s), and Audience(s).

Column 1
Brief Description of Learning Experience

Column 2
**Individual Capacities, Language Functions and
Communication Acts, Communication Mode(s),
and Audience(s)**

Diagram 5
T's Entry for Scenario on Page 7

Form for Analyzing Communication Abilities

Teacher T
Level Any

Directions: Briefly describe the learning experiences used in Column 1. In Column 2, use Diagram 1 and Table 1 to identify Individual Capacities, Language Functions and Communication Acts, Mode(s), and Audience(s).

Column 1
Brief Description of Learning Experience

Use of learning logs with diagrams and captions to record observations and questions after small-group examination and discussion of object.

Column 2
Individual Capacities, Language Functions and Communication Acts, Communication Mode(s), and Audience(s)

Use visualization, thinking, and language to conceptualize observations, identify relationships, and form questions. Use motor skills to record ideas in writing and through visuals.
Informing, imagining, feeling, controlling, ritualizing.
Making statements, describing, labelling, associating, concluding, wondering, questioning, reflecting, recalling, monitoring own actions, using conventions of recording in learning logs and in visuals.
Written and visual modes.
Self.

and Understandings Across the Curriculum

Course/Area/Unit Any

Dates or Time Span x/xx/xx

Use Tables 1 through 4 to identify observed and needed communication abilities and understandings in Column 3. List extensions to enhance learning through communication in Column 4.

<p>Column 3 Communication Abilities and Understandings Observed</p>	<p>Column 3 Communication Abilities and Understandings Needed</p>	<p>Column 4 Extensions to Enhance Learning through Communication</p>
<p>Ability to recall observed features and perceive relationships.</p> <p>Ability to conceptualize ideas.</p> <p>Recognizes that the same information can be presented in the oral, written, and visual modes.</p> <p>Recognizes value of visuals to record information</p> <p>Ability to use a log to record observations and questions.</p> <p>Ability to use skills of writing and visual presentation to convey an intended message or to comprehend meaning from another's message.</p> <p>Ability to provide feedback concerning a peer's draft.</p> <p>Ability to accept and consider a peer's suggestions when revising and editing.</p>	<p>Difficulty stating a perceived generalization verbally.</p> <p>Ability to defer attention to editing and proofreading until message is drafted.</p> <p>Ability to select colors to clarify intended meaning.</p> <p>Ability to select captions to clarify meaning and capture attention.</p> <p>Ability to anticipate audience needs in preparing a written or visual message.</p> <p>Ability to relate information presented in labels and captions to information presented visually.</p> <p>Ability to decide when to use visuals, words, or both to convey a message.</p>	<p>Opportunity to share written and visual drafts with a partner while composing entries in learning logs.</p> <p>Sharing entries with a new partner in preparation for listing of conclusions and questions by the whole class.</p>

Diagram 6
Blank Form for Scenario on Pages 73-74

Form for Analyzing Communication Abilities

Teacher _____

Level _____

Directions: Briefly describe the learning experiences used in Column 1. In Column 2, use Diagram 1 and Table 1 to identify Individual Capacities, Language Functions and Communication Acts, Mode(s), and Audience(s).

Column 1
Brief Description of Learning Experience

Column 2
**Individual Capacities, Language Functions and
Communication Acts, Communication Mode(s),
and Audience(s)**

Diagram 7
Completed Entry for Scenario on Pages 73-74

Form for Analyzing Communication Abilities

Teacher _____

Level _____

Directions: Briefly describe the learning experiences used in Column 1. In Column 2, use Diagram 1 and Table 1 to identify Individual Capacities, Language Functions and Communication Acts, Mode(s), and Audience(s).

Column 1
Brief Description of Learning Experience

Column 2
Individual Capacities, Language Functions and Communication Acts, Communication Mode(s), and Audience(s)

Questioning a guest speaker to gain information and comprehending information received.

Use of memory, reading, and language to recall and pose questions. Use of listening, thinking, and talking to interpret responses and formulate additional questions.

Feeling, controlling, ritualizing, informing, imagining. Monitoring own and others' actions, expressing anticipation and hesitancy, greeting, seeking another's attention, directing, explaining, questioning, acknowledging, concluding, reflecting, collaborating, describing, clarifying, speculating, thanking, planning.

Oral, written, and visual/nonverbal modes.
Self, partners, small known group, and unknown individual.

and Understandings Across the Curriculum

Course/Area/Unit _____

Dates or Time Span _____

Use Tables 1 through 4 to identify observed and needed communication abilities and understandings in Column 3. List extensions to enhance learning through communication in Column 4.

Column 3		Column 4
Communication Abilities and Understandings Observed	Needed	Extensions to Enhance Learning through Communication
Ability to direct own and others' actions in class routines.	Lack of confidence in addressing unknown adult.	Use of learning logs to record information for future reference.
Ability to greet unknown adult.	Ability to pose questions to unknown adult without support or rehearsal.	
Use of nonverbal signals to seek attention and direct peers.		
Ability to recall questions with help of visual support.		
Ability to state questions confidently to known audience.		
Recognition of need for memory aids.		
Ability to suggest and use talk with a partner to interpret and recall information.		
Ability to summarize information.		
Ability to organize group questioning.		
Ability to thank guest.		
Identification of writing in learning logs as a way to retain information for future use.		

Form for Analyzing Communication Abilities

Teacher _____

Level _____

Directions: Briefly describe the learning experiences used in Column 1. In Column 2, use Diagram 1 and Table 1 to identify Individual Capacities, Language Functions and Communication Acts, Mode(s), and Audience(s).

Column 1
Brief Description of Learning Experience

Column 2
**Individual Capacities, Language Functions and
Communication Acts, Communication Mode(s),
and Audience(s)**

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