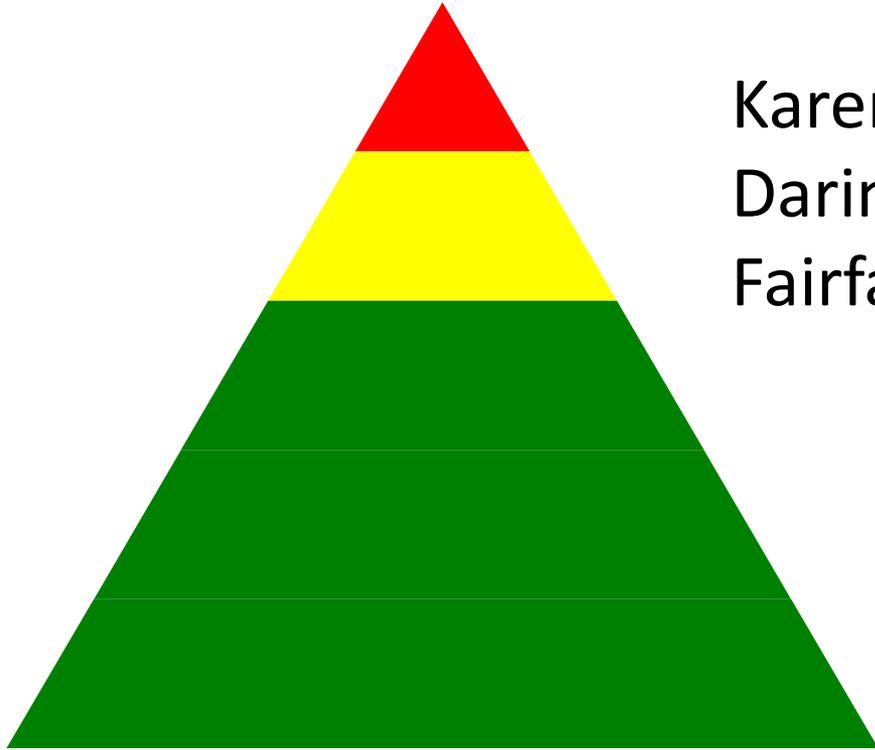
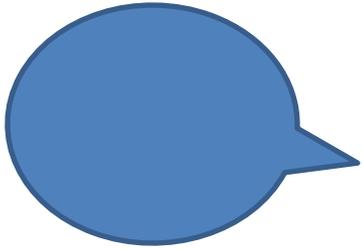


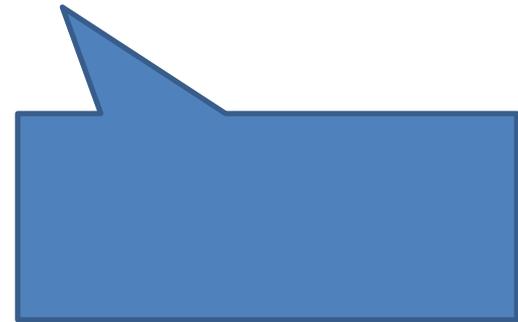
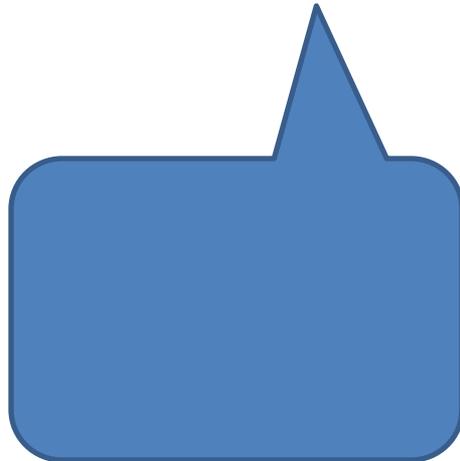
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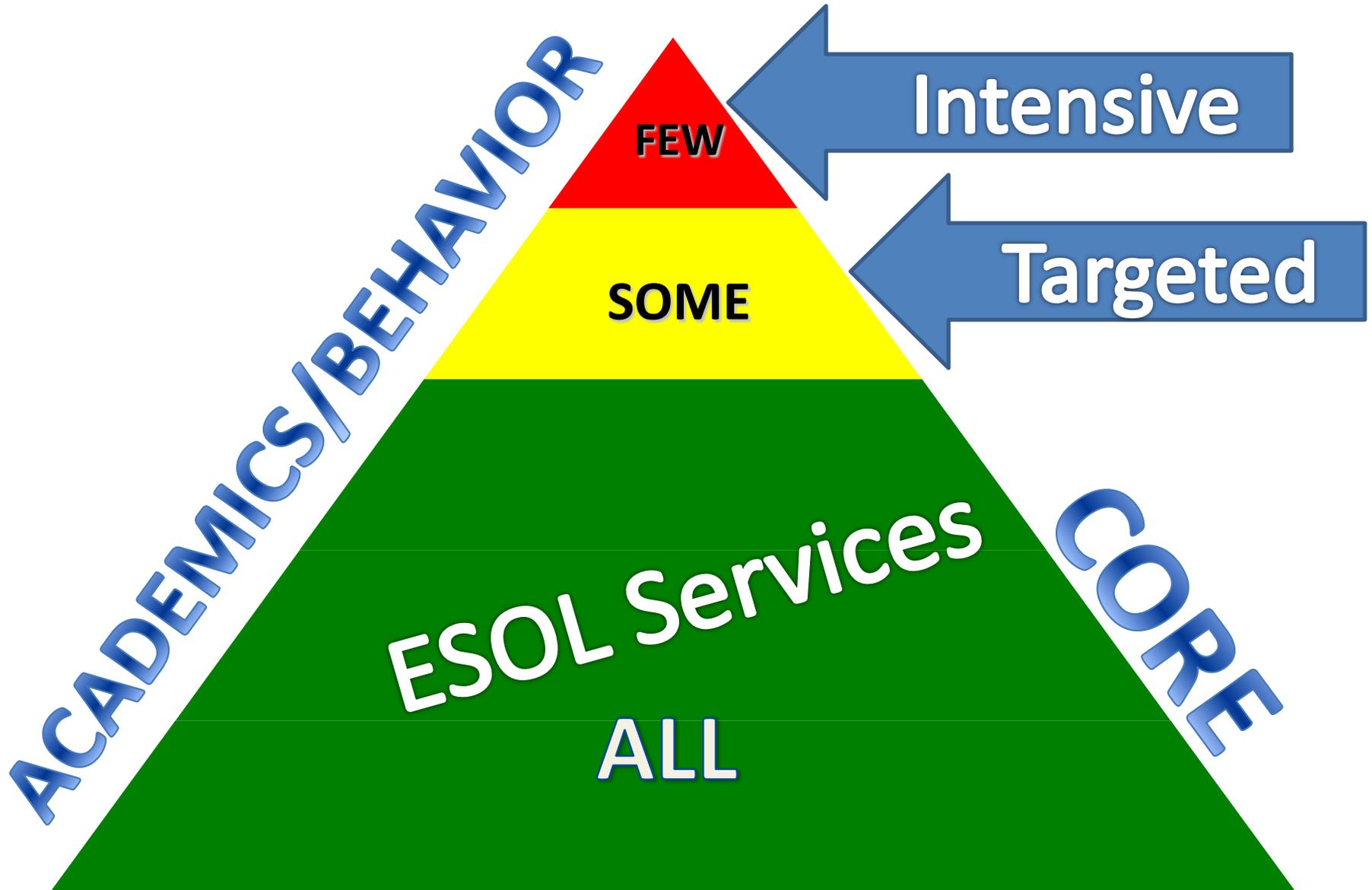
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# Outcomes

- Explore key considerations in RTI2
- Use WIDA test data to analyze progress in English Language development and inform instruction and universal screening
- Explore considerations in a multi-tiered system of support for English Learners

# What is RTI2?



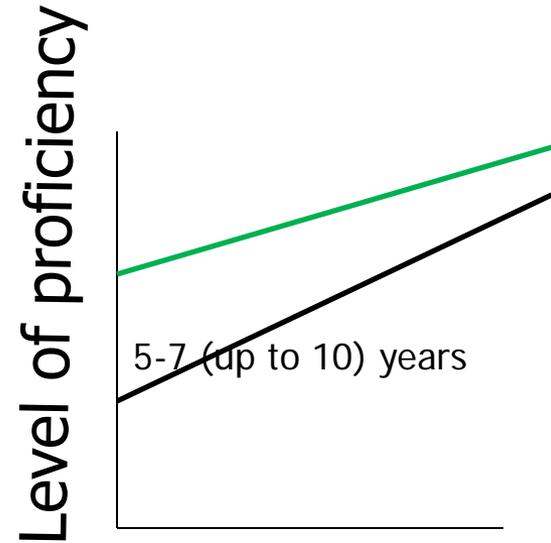
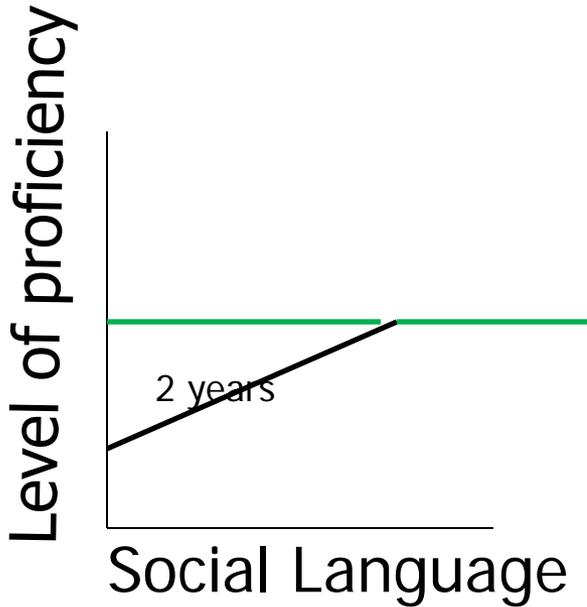
# RTI2 Team in Action

- “The focus of solution-seeking teams should be to identify and build on student strengths and resources when supporting them in the areas in which they may experience challenges in school.”
- WIDA Consortium, 2013. “RtI2: Developing a Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Approach to Response to Instruction & Intervention (RtI2) for English Language Learners”.



# Time Required to Achieve Age-Appropriate Proficiency

Native English Speakers:   
English Language Learners: 



Academic Language

Cummins, J. (1991)

Collier, V.P. (1995)

# Key Considerations: WIDA's Seven Integral Factors

Learning  
Environment  
Factors

Academic  
Achievement/  
Instructional  
Factors

Oral  
Language/  
Literacy  
Factors

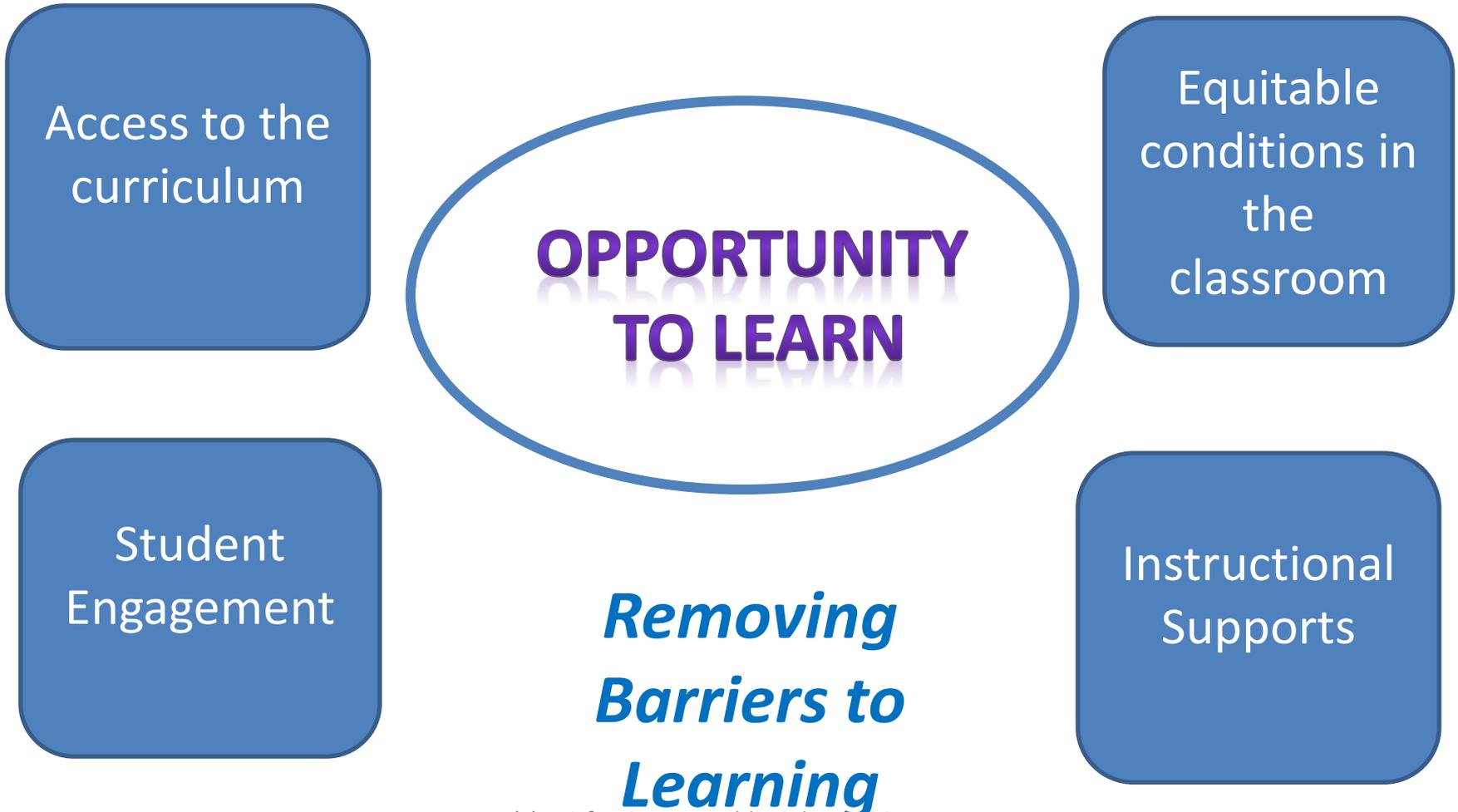
Personal and  
Family Factors

Physical and  
Psychological  
Factors

Previous  
Schooling  
Factors

Cross Cultural  
Factors

# Tier 1 Instruction



# Tier 1 Instruction

*Integrated  
language and  
content  
objectives*

Equitable  
conditions in  
the  
classroom

**OPPORTUNITY  
TO LEARN**

Student  
Engagement

Instructional  
Supports

***Removing  
Barriers to  
Learning***

# Tier 1 Instruction

*Integrated language and content objectives*

Equitable conditions in the classroom

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*Learning tasks connect to student interests and background*

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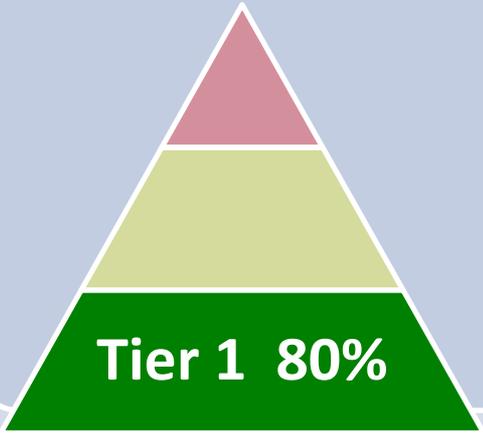
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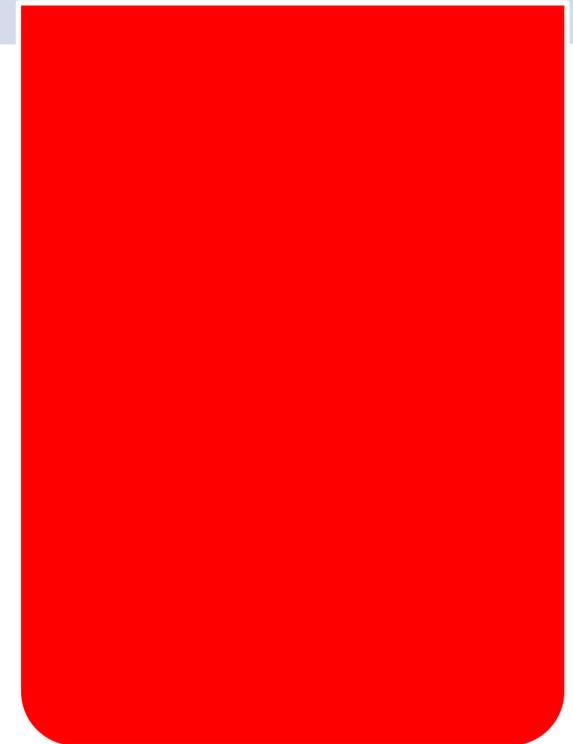
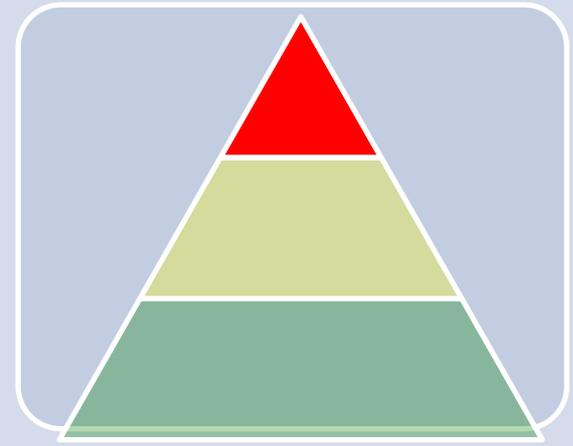
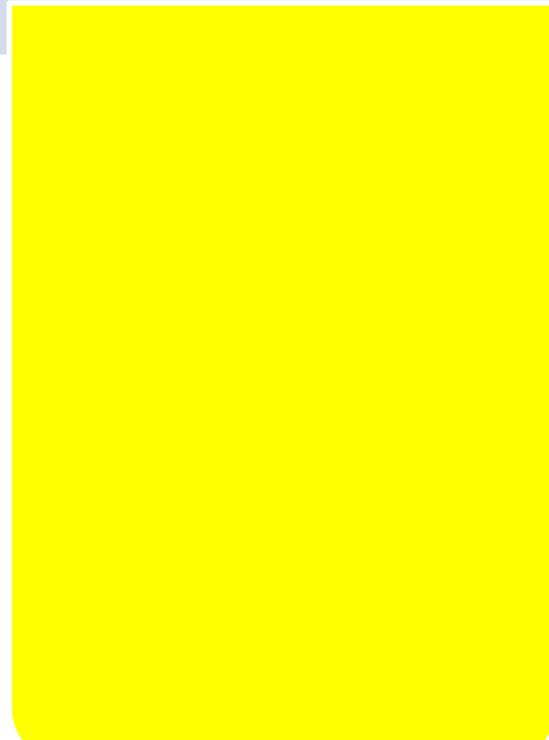
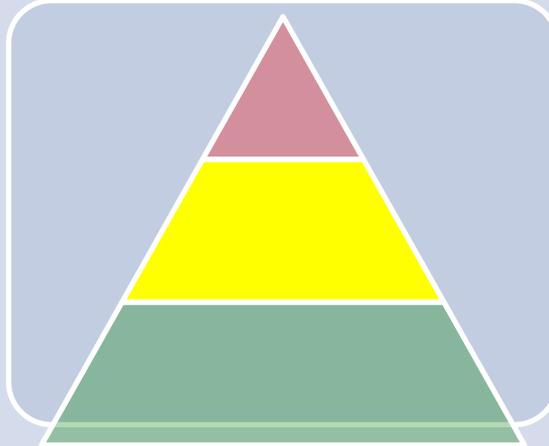
*Scaffolded  
tasks based on  
ELP data*



## Core

- Collaborative Team
- Program of Studies
- Allocated time
- Data
- Differentiated instruction
- Access

Instruction and positive behavior support for ALL students .



# Tier 1: Core



# Core Instruction for ELs

## ESOL Services

- Are part of CORE instruction

## Individual WIDA ELP Data

- Used to plan instruction
- Used to build on student's linguistic strengths

## Flexible Groups

- Based on skill level in each domain

## Explicit Instruction

- Provided in all domains (reading, writing, listening and speaking)

# The Power of EL Data

- Administrators, Instructional Coaches, School Testing Coordinators and ESOL teachers are stakeholders
- Ensure that WIDA data is accessible to stakeholders
- Develop an internal process to share data with school staff



# Using WIDA Data

- Analyze and assess progress using WIDA Overall Composite Score over time
- Identify areas for instructional focus by domain (reading, writing, listening and speaking)
- Identify areas of strength by domain
- EL Data Portfolio serves as a tool to examine second language acquisition progress
- Group students for instruction



# VA State Criteria for Growth WIDA ACCESS for ELLs®

Initial WIDA Level	Minimum Overall Composite <u>Scale Score</u> increase required to demonstrate progress
Level 1	29
Level 2	20
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Level 5	3

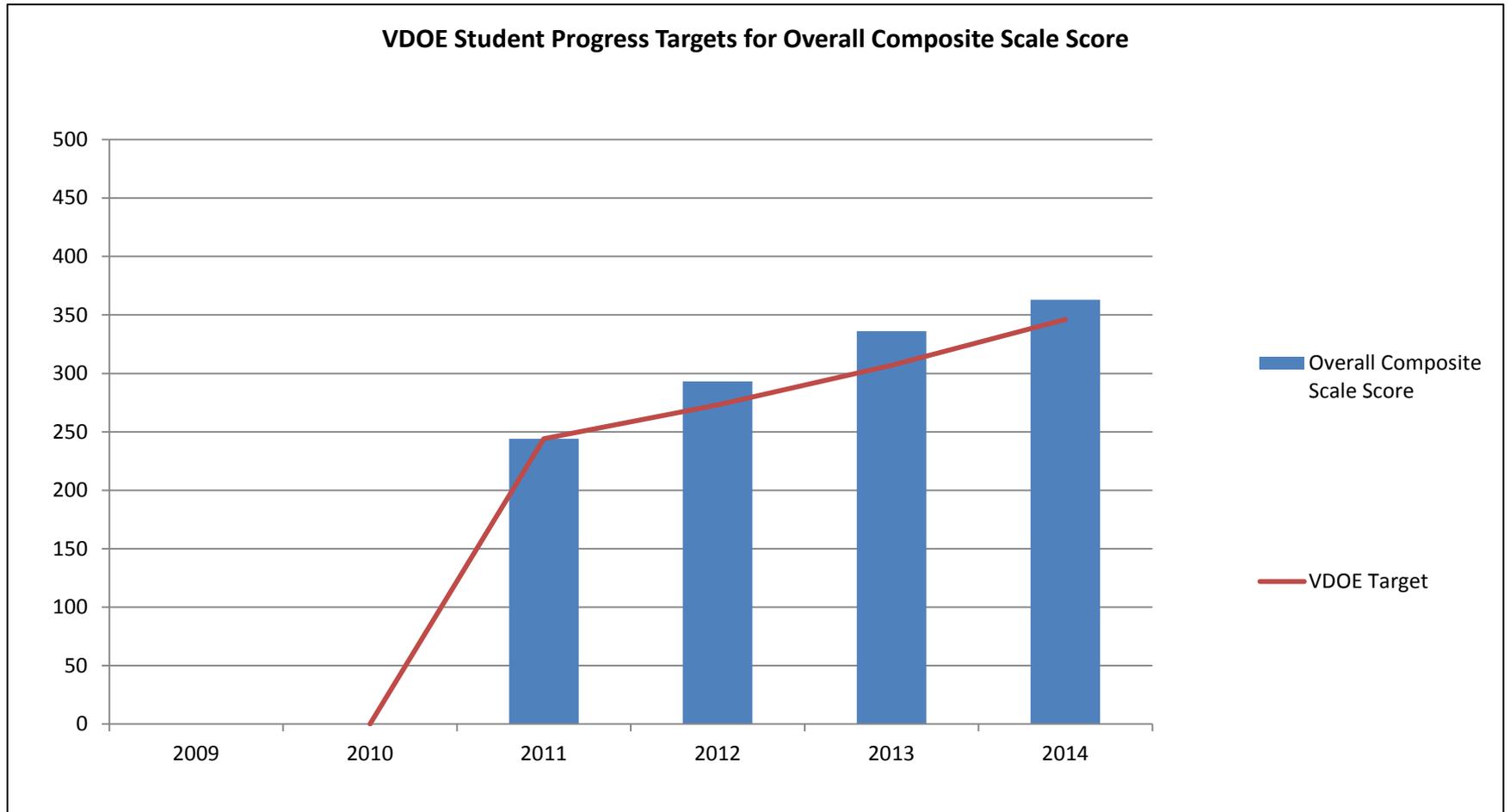
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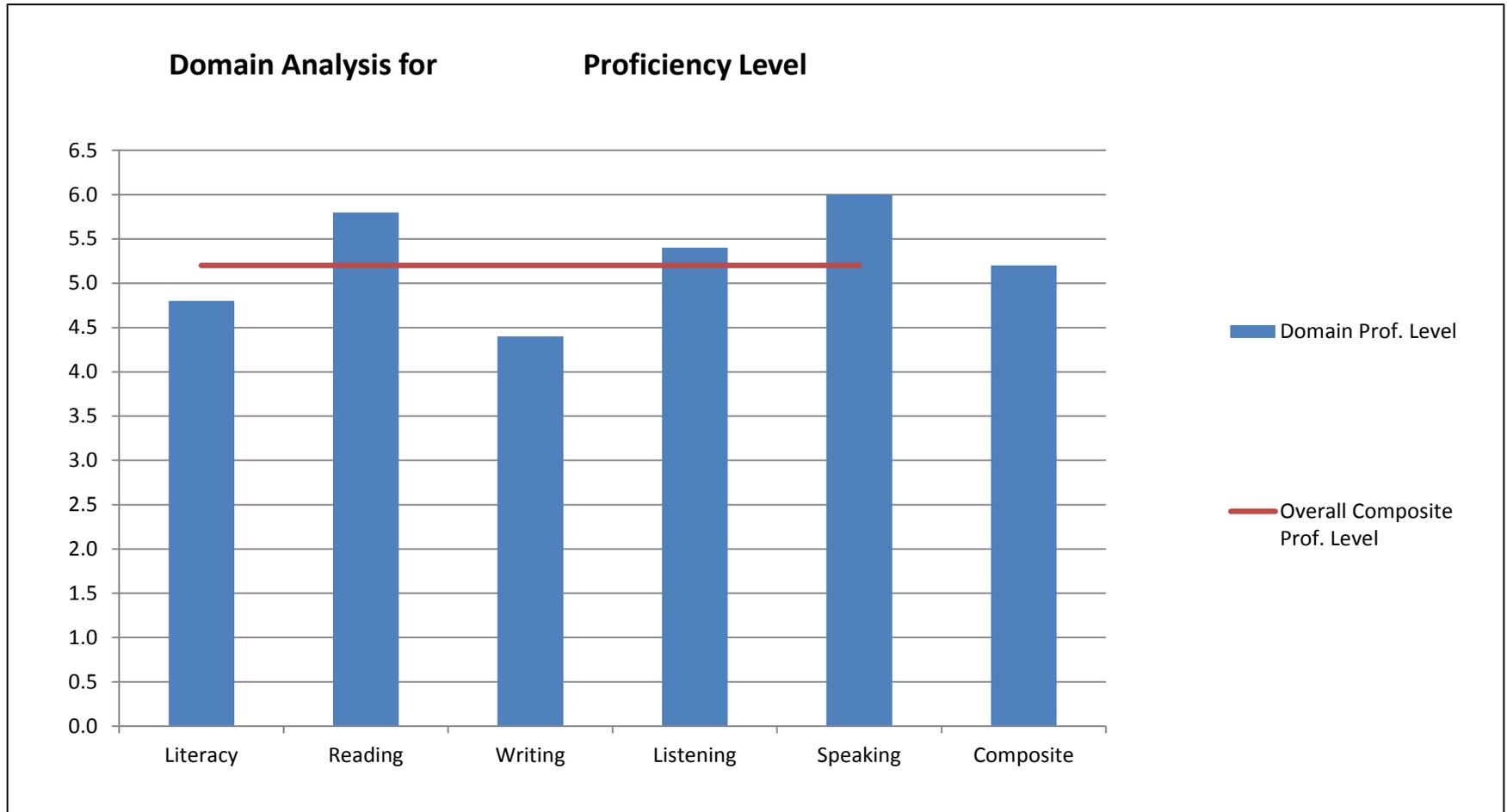
Year	Composite Proficiency Level	Composite Scale Score
2010-11	1.9	244
2011-12	2.5	293
2012-13	4.3	336
2013-14	5.2	363

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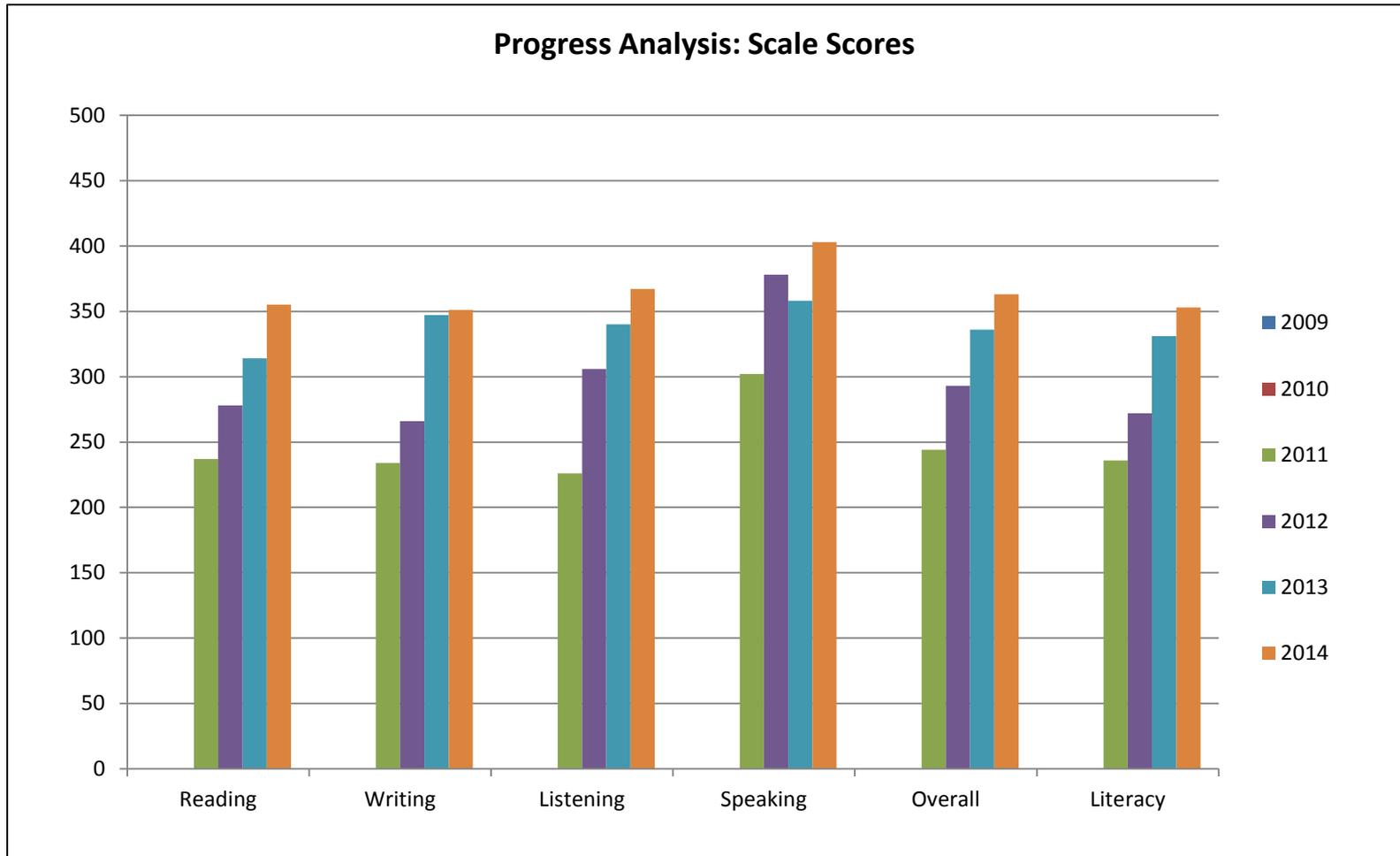
# Progress over time



# Domain Analysis



# Progress Analysis by Domain



# Individualized Performance Definitions

## Performance Definitions for the Levels of English Language Proficiency in Grades K-12

<b>5</b>  Bridging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• specialized or technical language of the content areas</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a variety of sentence lengths of varying linguistic complexity in extended oral or written discourse, including stories, essays, or reports</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a variety of sentence lengths of varying linguistic complexity in extended oral or written discourse as required by the specified grade level</li></ul>
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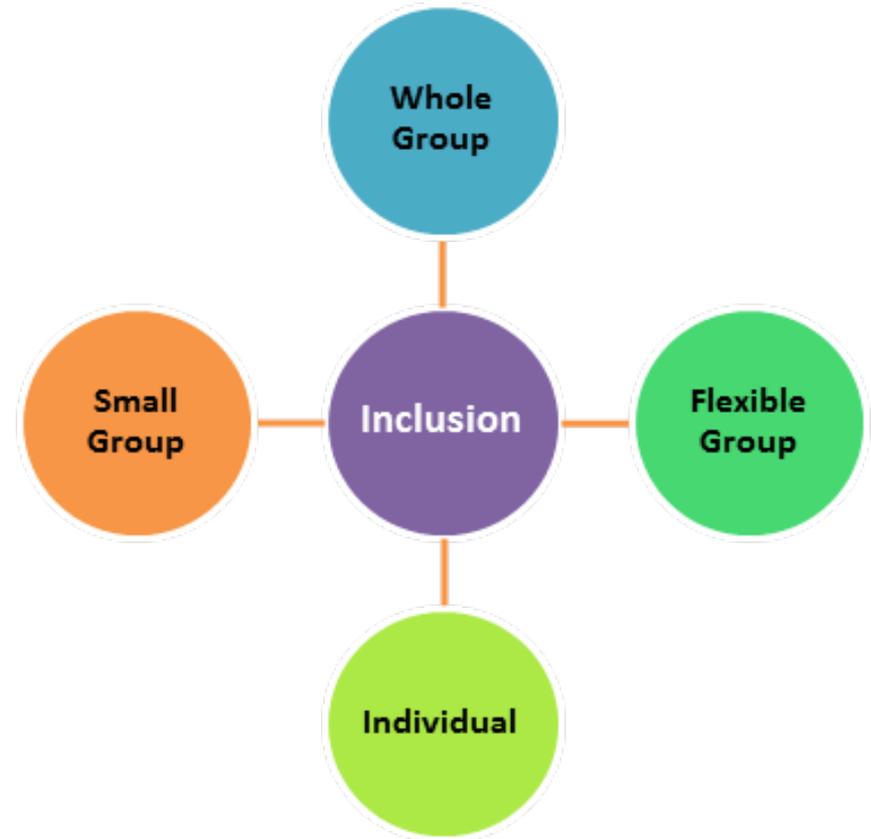
# Individualized Can-Do Descriptors

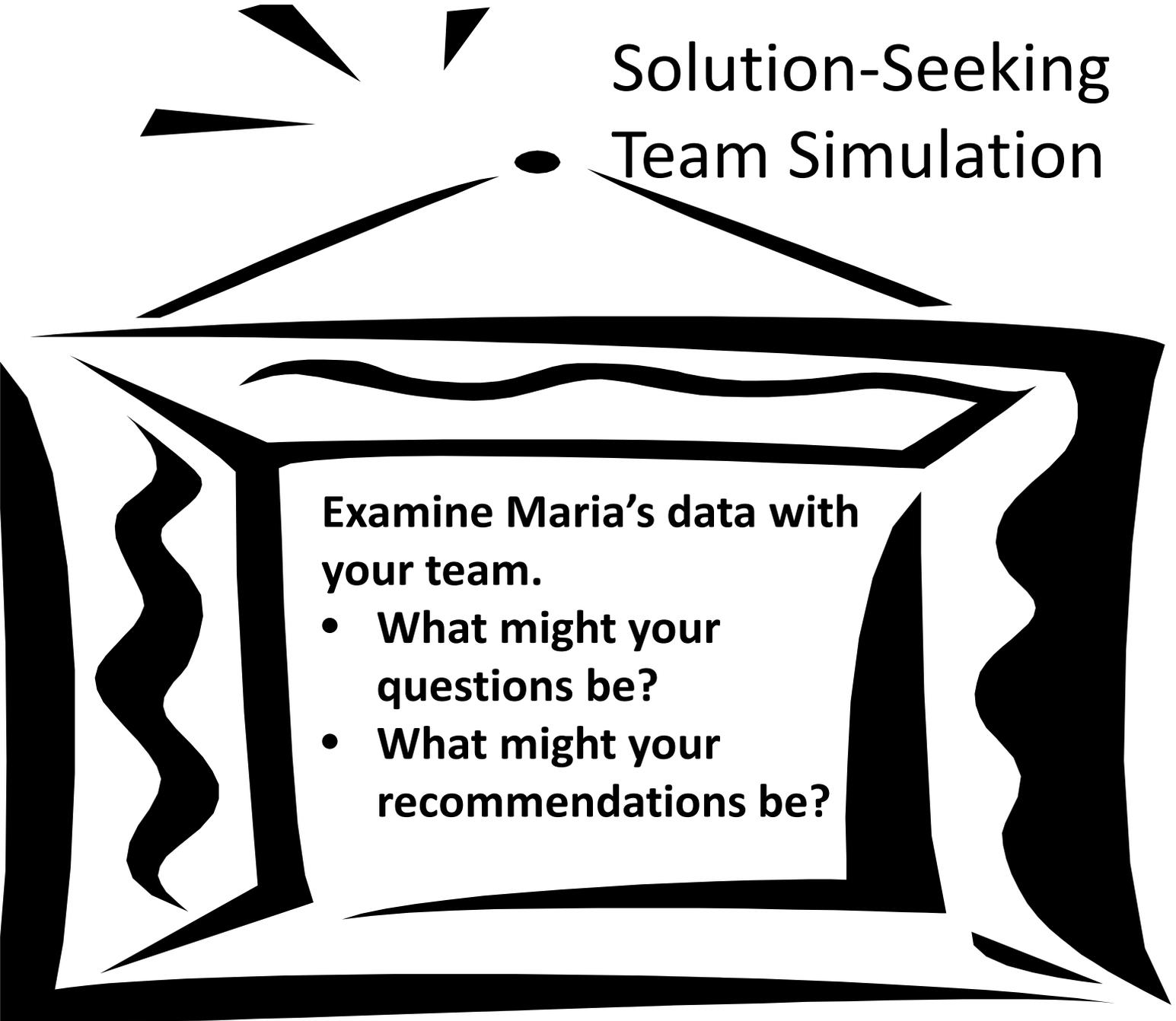
## Can Do Descriptors: Current Level

Listening 5	Speaking 6	Reading 5	Writing 4
<p>Carry out oral instructions containing grade-level, content-based language</p> <p>Construct models or use manipulatives to problemsolve based on oral discourse</p> <p>Distinguish between literal and figurative language in oral discourse</p> <p>Form opinions of people, places, or ideas from oral scenarios</p>	<p>Reaching</p>	<p>Summarize information from multiple related sources</p> <p>Answer analytical questions about grade-level text</p> <p>Identify, explain, and give examples of figures of speech</p> <p>Draw conclusions from explicit and implicit text at or near grade level</p>	<p>Take notes using graphic organizers</p> <p>Summarize content-based information</p> <p>Author multiple forms of writing (e.g., expository, narrative, persuasive) from models</p> <p>Explain strategies or use of information in solving problems</p>

# Tier 1: Key Considerations for ELs

- Create a **meaningful context**
- Integrate **language development**
- Connect **personal experiences and classroom tasks**
- Develop **language and vocabulary**

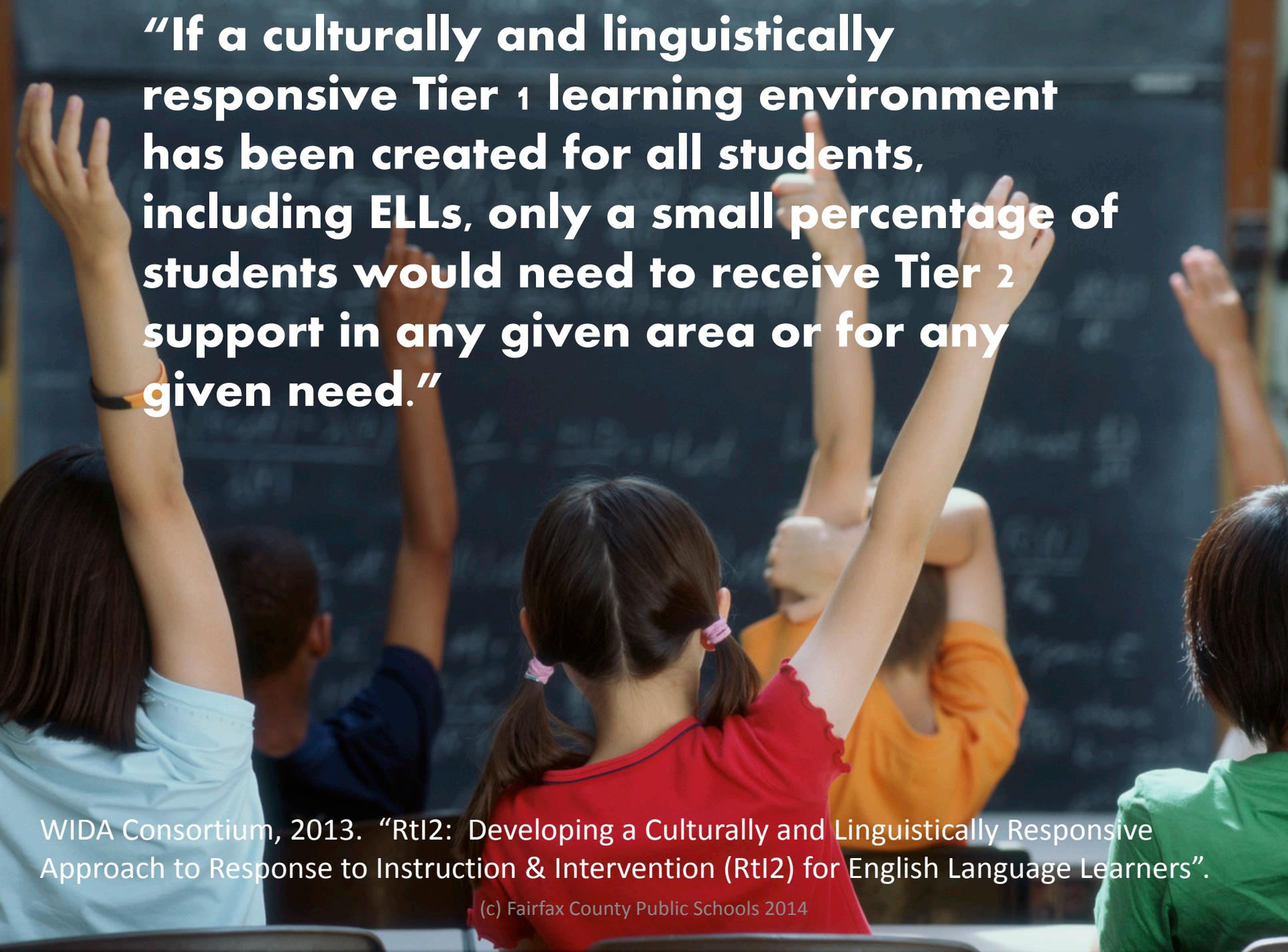




# Solution-Seeking Team Simulation

**Examine Maria's data with  
your team.**

- **What might your questions be?**
- **What might your recommendations be?**

A photograph of a classroom from the back, showing several students with their hands raised. The students are diverse in age and appearance. The background is a dark chalkboard. The text is overlaid in white, bold font.

**“If a culturally and linguistically responsive Tier 1 learning environment has been created for all students, including ELLs, only a small percentage of students would need to receive Tier 2 support in any given area or for any given need.”**

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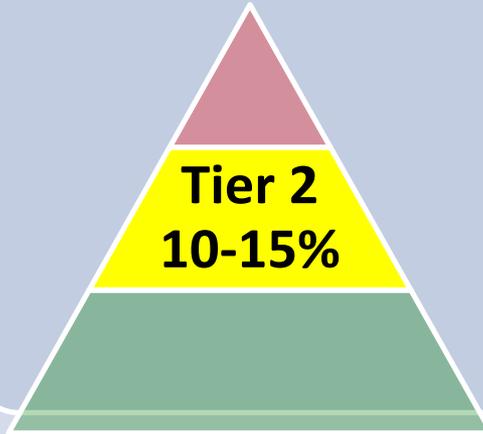
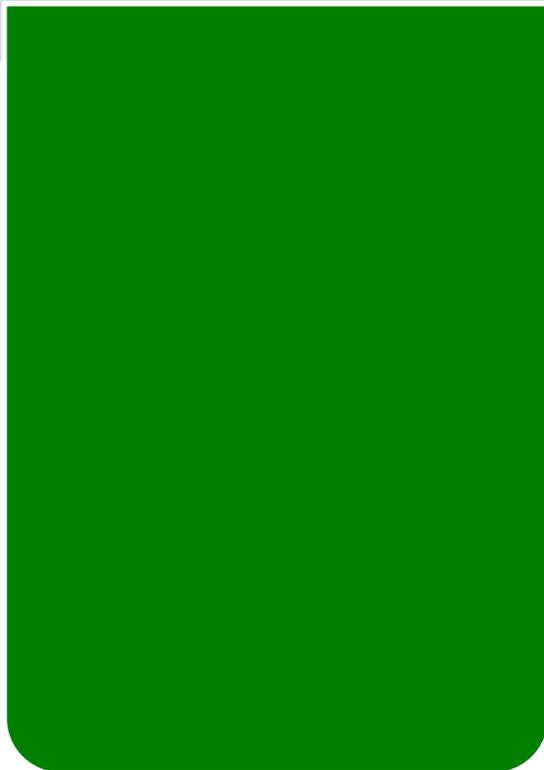
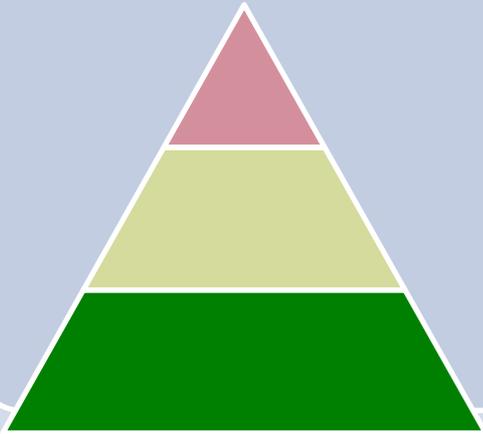
# Universal Screening

## Sources of Screening Data

- Intake interviews in home language and English
- School demographic data
- Grade level meeting notes
- Academic achievement data
- ACCESS for ELLs® scores
- School records (cumulative folders)
- Title program data
- Cultural information
- Community organizations
- Ethnographic research

# Screening – WIDA Data

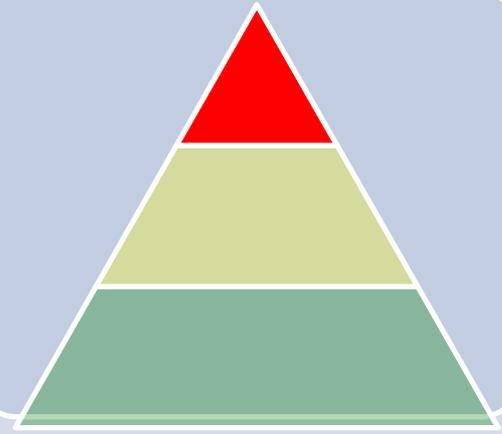
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Student 1	2	F			3	SB	Arabic	3/9/2010	3/9/2010				Met	Met
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Student 3	1	M			1	SB	Arabic	9/3/2013	9/3/2013					Met
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Student 11	5	M			2	SB	Somali	10/1/2013	10/1/2013					Met
Student 12	1	M			1	SB	Spanish	9/3/2013	9/3/2013					Met
Student 13	5	F			2	SB	Spanish	9/3/2013	7/26/2013					Met
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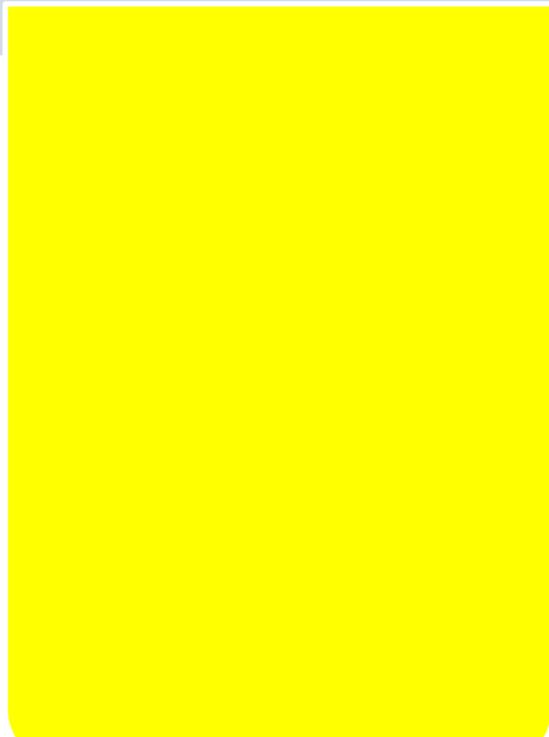
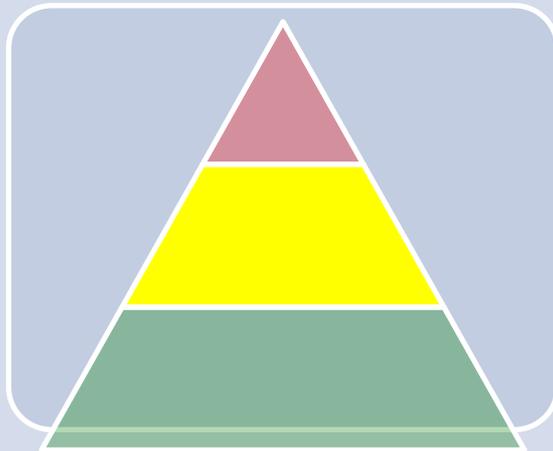
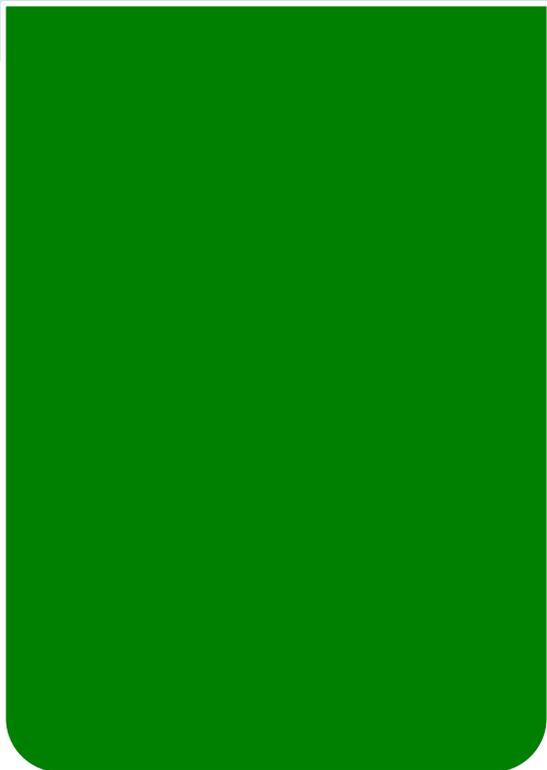
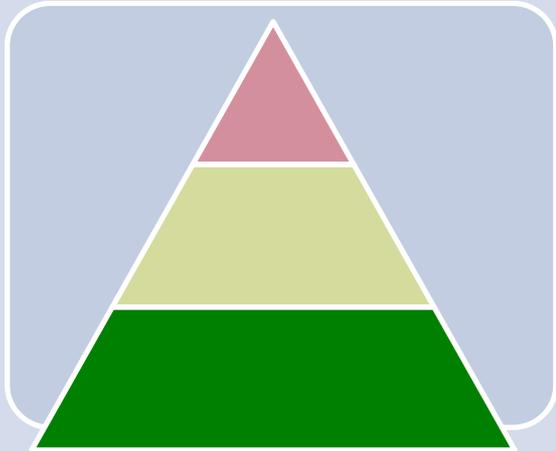


## Targeted

- CLT + RI Core Team
- Core + up to 30 extra minutes
- 2 to 3 times per week
- Progress monitoring occurs a minimum of every 2 weeks

Strengthens basic academic and/or behavioral skills for students not responding to core.





**Intensive**

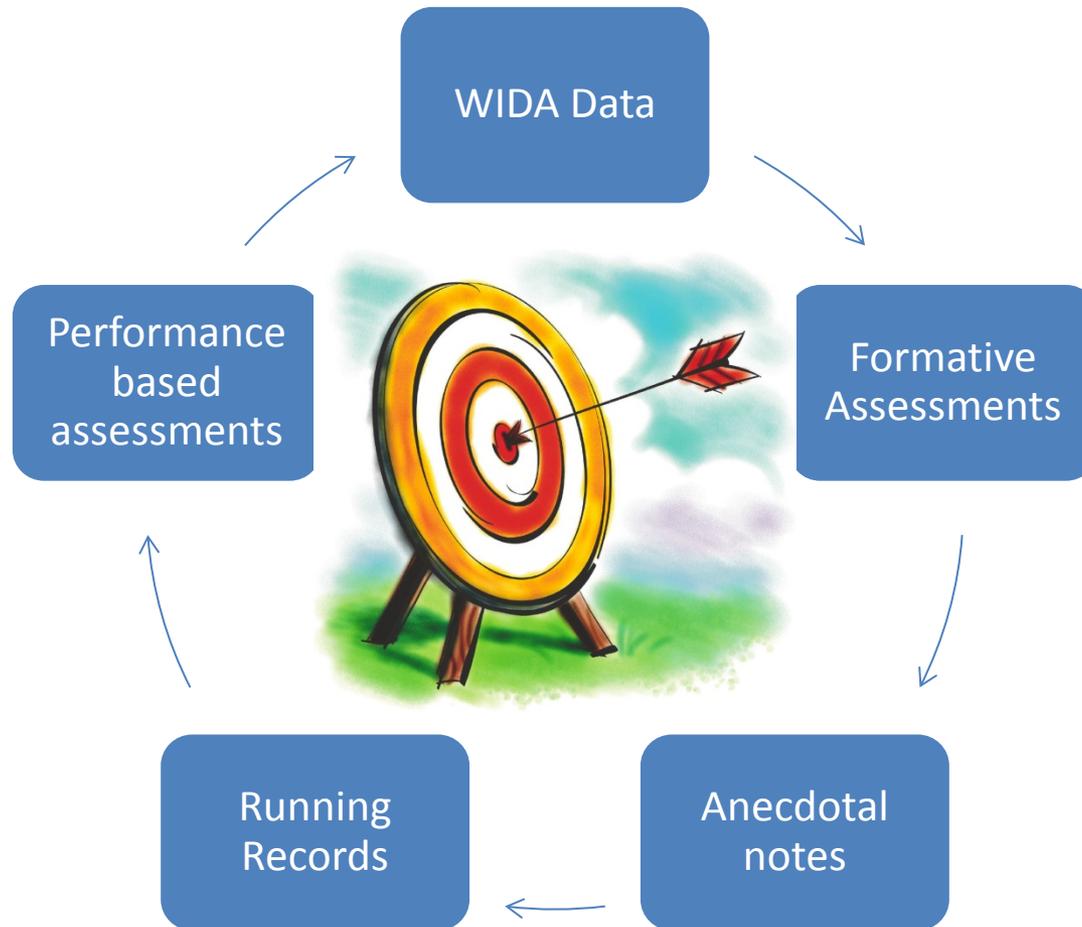
- RI Core Team
- Core + up to 45 extra minutes
- 4 to 5 times per week
- Progress monitoring occurs weekly

Students with significant needs receive multiple supports and intensive instruction.

# Solution - Seeking



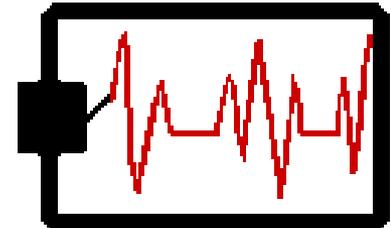
# Multiple Data Sources to determine learning target



# Tier 2 and 3 Intervention

## Progress Monitoring Informs:

- Duration of the intervention
- Effectiveness of the intervention\*
- Flexible grouping
- Implementation with fidelity



## Progress monitoring occurs:

- Tier 2: Every two weeks
- Tier 3: Every week

***\*Consider the effectiveness of intervention with “true peers”***

# Continued Tier 2 and 3: Key Considerations for ELs

1. Ensure **accessibility**
2. Address learning and **English language development**
3. Target a **specific skill**
4. Implement the intervention with **fidelity**
5. Monitor for **progress**

# Tier 2 and 3:

## Key Considerations for ELs

6. Examine reliability and validity with **true peers**
7. Evaluate student's response to the intervention in terms of **English Language Development**
8. Connect **core instruction and the intervention**

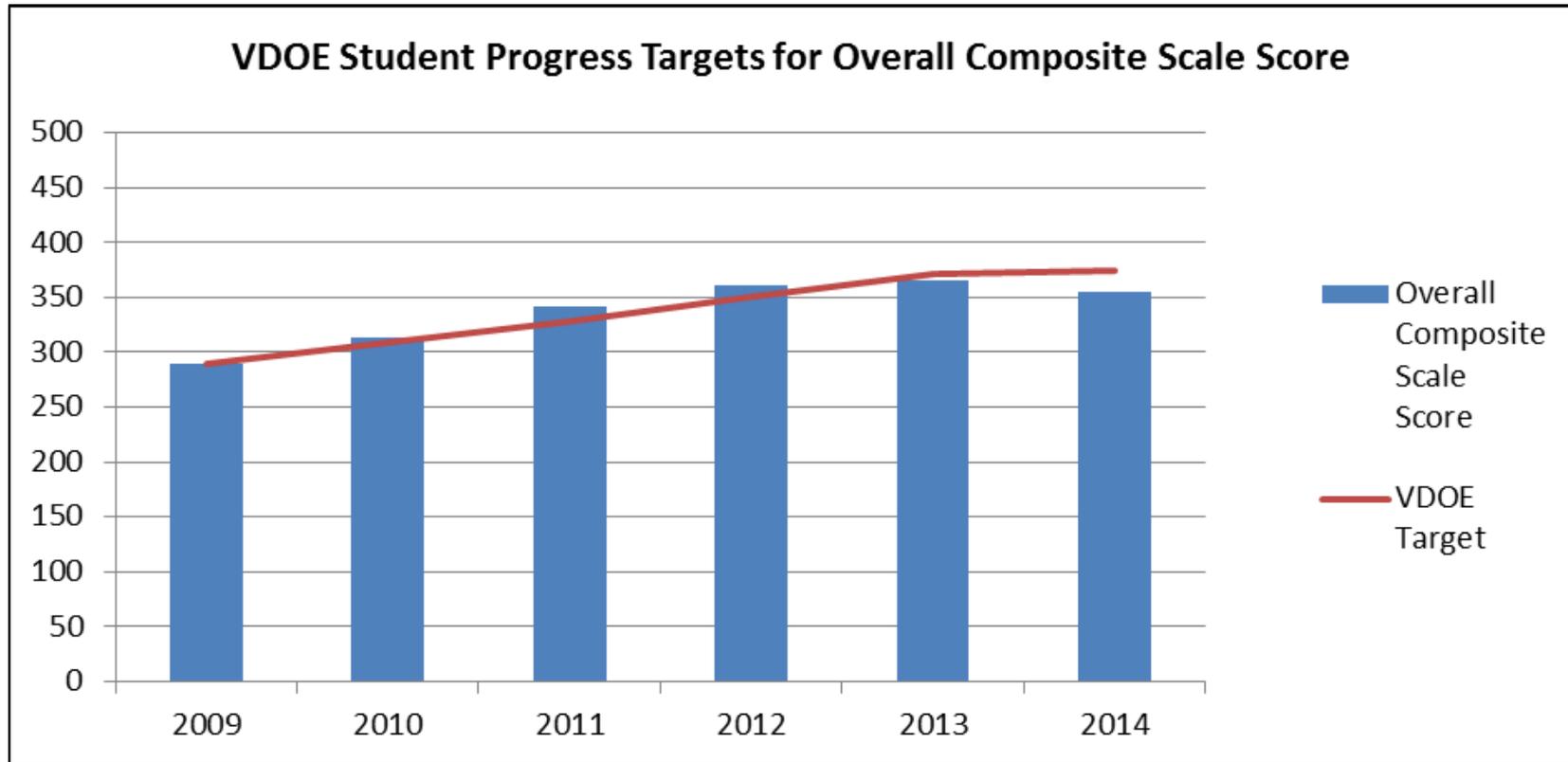
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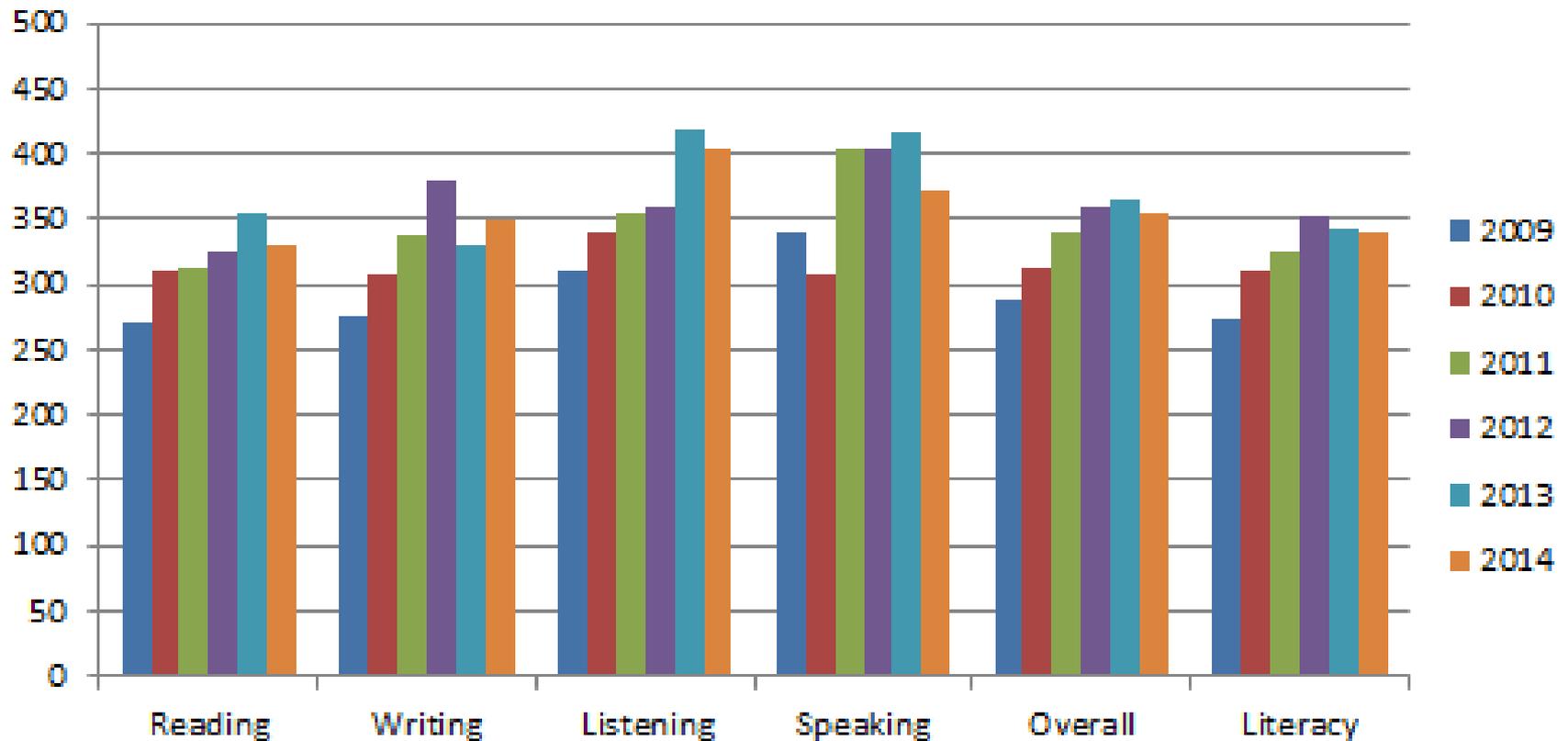
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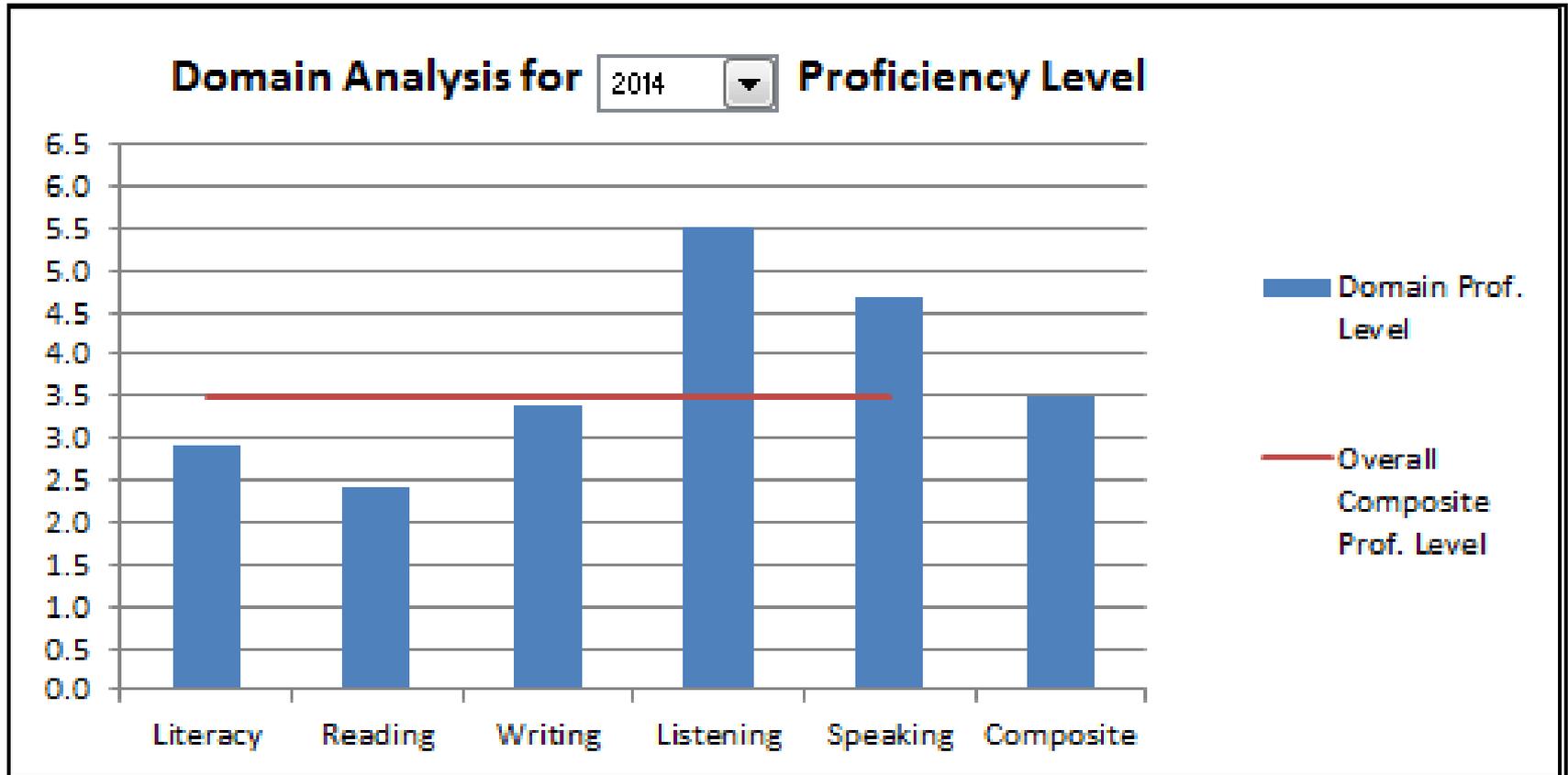


# Judy – Progress by Domain

**Progress Analysis: Scale Scores**



# Judy – Domain Analysis



# Judy – Can Do Descriptors

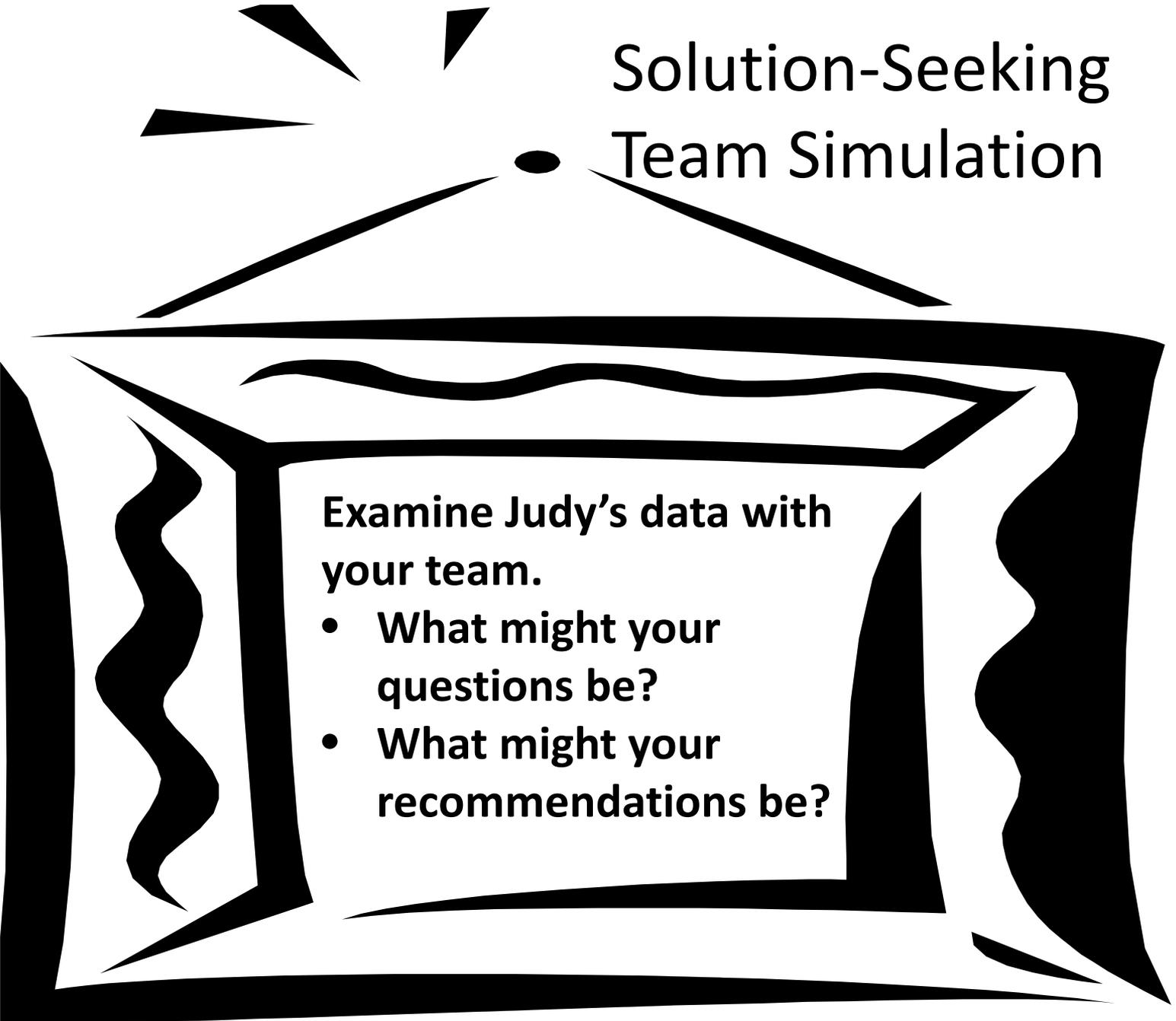
## Can Do Descriptors: Current Level

Listening	5	Speaking	4	Reading	2	Writing	3
Use oral information to accomplish grade-level tasks		Paraphrase and summarize ideas presented orally		Sequence illustrated text of fictional and non-fictional events		Produce short paragraphs with main ideas and some details (e.g., column notes)	
Evaluate intent of speech and act accordingly		Defend a point of view		Locate main ideas in a series of simple sentences		Create compound sentences (e.g., with conjunctions)	
Make inferences from grade-level text read aloud		Explain outcomes		Find information from text structure (e.g., titles, graphs, glossary)		Explain steps in problemsolving	
Discriminate among multiple genres read orally		Explain and compare content-based concepts		Follow text read aloud (e.g., tapes, teacher, paired-readings) Sort/group pre-taught words/phrases		Compare/contrast information, events, characters	
		Connect ideas with supporting details/evidence		Use pre-taught vocabulary (e.g., word banks) to complete simple sentences		Give opinions, preferences, and reactions along with reasons	
		Substantiate opinions with reasons and evidence		Use L1 to support L2 (e.g., cognates) Use bilingual dictionaries and glossaries			

# Judy - Can Do Descriptors: Next Level

## Can Do Descriptors: Next Level

Listening	6	Speaking	5	Reading	3	Writing	4
Reaching		Defend a point of view and give reasons		Identify topic sentences, main ideas, and details in paragraphs		Create multiple-paragraph essays	
		Use and explain metaphors and similes		Identify multiple meanings of words in context (e.g., “cell,” “table”)		Justify ideas Produce content-related reports	
		Communicate with fluency in social and academic contexts		Use context clues Make predictions based on illustrated text		Use details/examples to support ideas	
		Negotiate meaning in group discussions		Identify frequently used affixes and root words to make/extract meaning (e.g., “un-,” “re-,” “-ed”)		Use transition words to create cohesive passages	
		Discuss and give examples of abstract, content-based ideas (e.g., democracy, justice)		Differentiate between fact and opinion Answer questions about explicit information in texts		Compose intro/body/conclusion	
				Use English dictionaries and glossaries		Paraphrase or summarize text Take notes (e.g., for research)	



# Solution-Seeking Team Simulation

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# Reflecting on RTI2 for ELs

- *Please jot a message on a sticky note:*
  - *Was the session what you expected?*
  - *How might you apply this information in your setting?*
  - *What would you like to remember from today's conversation?*



# Thank you!

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