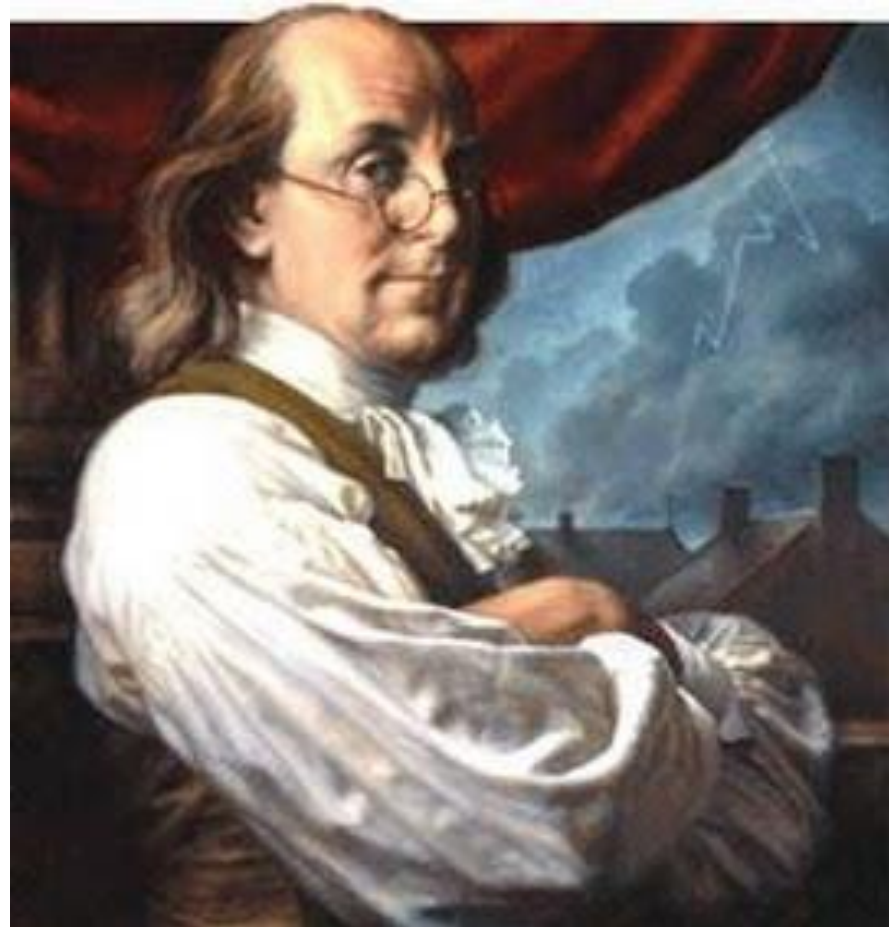




# Scaffolding Techniques for Low-Level Students

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." – Benjamin Franklin





AN INSTRUCTOR  
GENERALLY SAYS  
100-200 WORDS  
A MINUTE  
AND A STUDENT  
ONLY HEARS  
50-100—HALF.




40%

WORSE YET, IN A TYPICAL LECTURE  
CLASS, STUDENTS ARE ATTENTIVE  
JUST 40 PERCENT OF THE TIME.

STUDENTS RETAIN ABOUT **70%**  
OF WHAT THEY HEAR IN THE  
FIRST 10 MINUTES OF CLASS

—AND JUST **20%** DURING  
THE LAST 10 MINUTES.




ADDING VISUAL AIDS INCREASED  
RETENTION FROM **14% TO 38%**.

**ENGAGING  
THE ACTIVE  
LEARNER**

A PICTURE MAY NOT BE WORTH A  
THOUSAND WORDS, BUT IT HELPS.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY

 **JESS3**

Source: Columbia University

# Pre-Loading Vocabulary

1. Select essential vocabulary (4-6 words)
2. Pretest
3. Explicitly teach each word
4. Connect the word to the test
5. Expand on word meanings (other ways the word can be used)
6. Use vocabulary journals/Word Walls



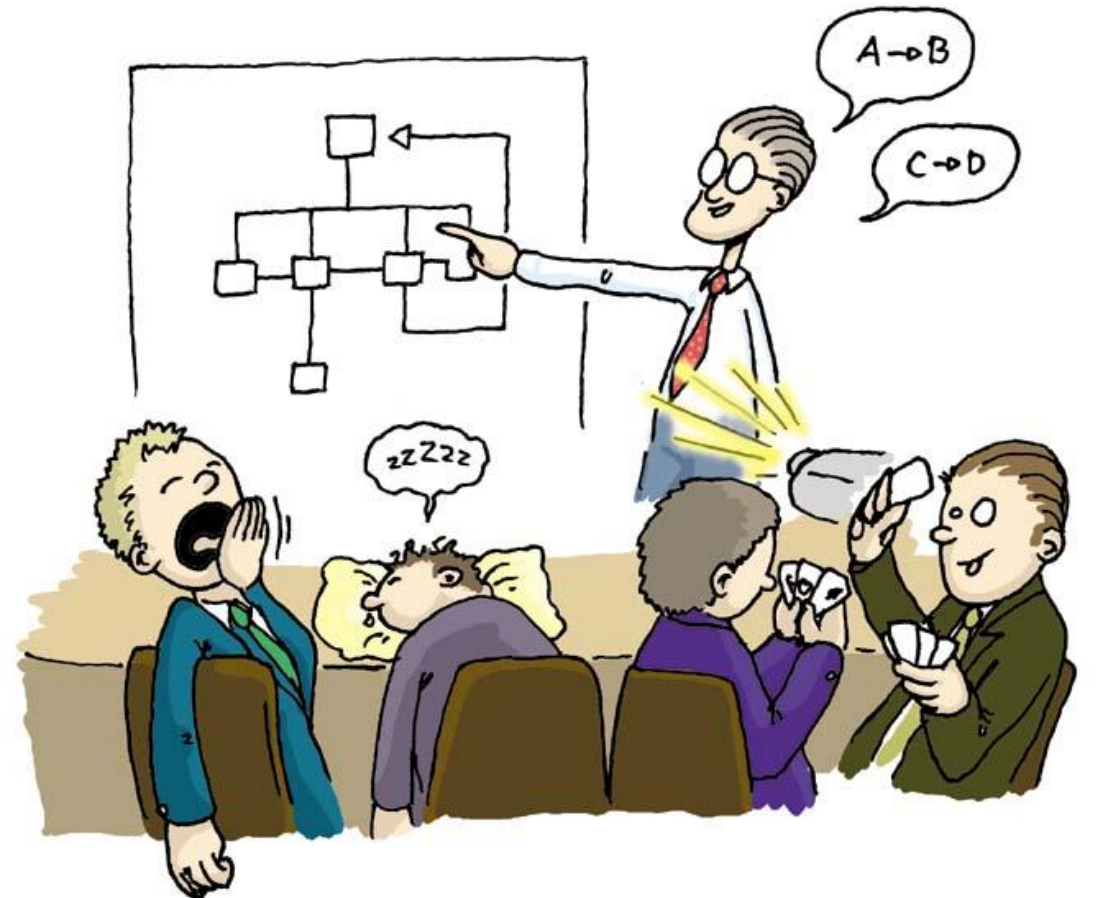
# Tap Into Prior Knowledge

- Learn about your students culture
- Think about culturally relevant content
- Think about their interests and how the new material fits
  - (cars, music, art, sports, fashion, etc.)
- Find translations of literature, folktales, and stories from your student's culture



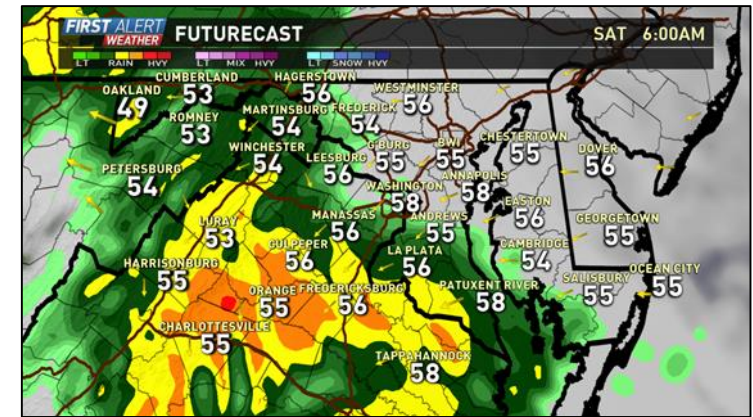
# Visual Aids and Realia

- Helps students understand and remember concepts more easily
- Reduces teacher talking time
- Provides a touchpoint you can refer back to later

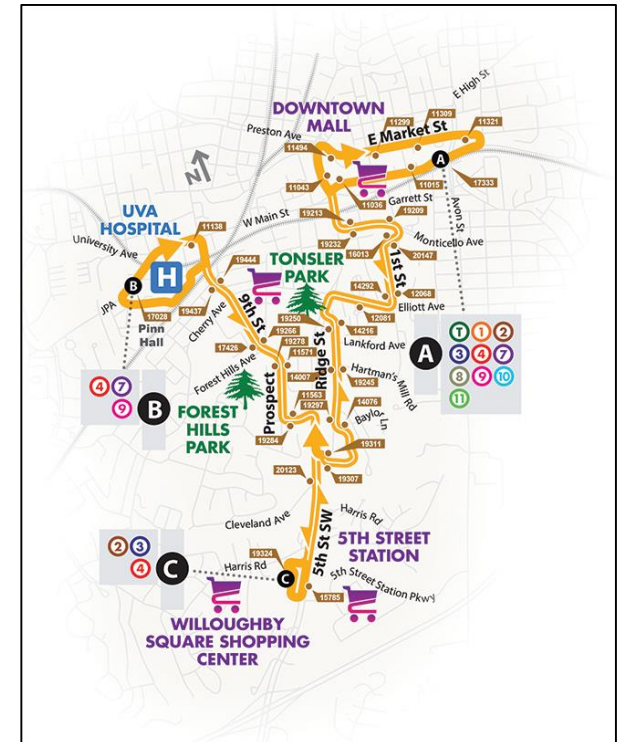


# Visual Aids and Relia

- Pictures (color photographs tend to be best)
- Timelines/Graphs/Charts
  - Always → Frequently → Sometimes → Rarely → Never
- Opposites
  - (fast/slow, tall/short, cheap/expensive)
- Relia
  - Menus
  - Weather reports
  - Maps
  - Want ad
  - Bus schedules



A Kroger advertisement featuring the slogan "Great food. Low prices." and the tagline "Nice...fresh and delicious choices throughout the store!". The main focus is on "Large Gala Apples" priced at 88¢ per pound with a card. Other featured items include "Assorted Pork Loin Chops" for \$1.99 with a card, "Kroger Milk or Orange Juice 4 for \$5", "Lean Cuisine Entree 5 for \$10", and "Quilted Northern Bathrooms" for \$2.10. The ad includes images of the products and their respective prices.



# Think-time and Wait-time

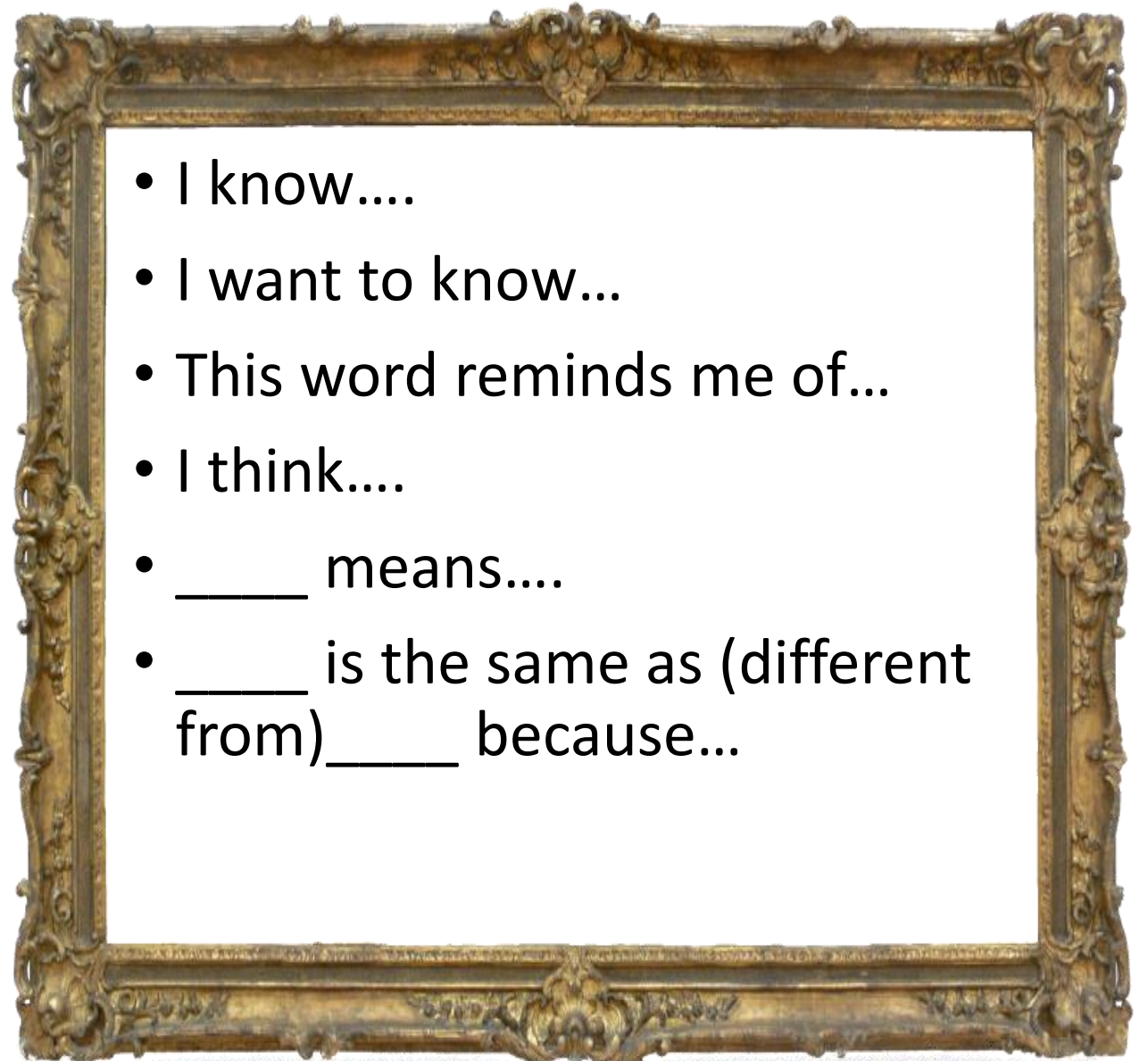
- The key here is Pause
- Give students time to think





# Sentence Frames/Starters

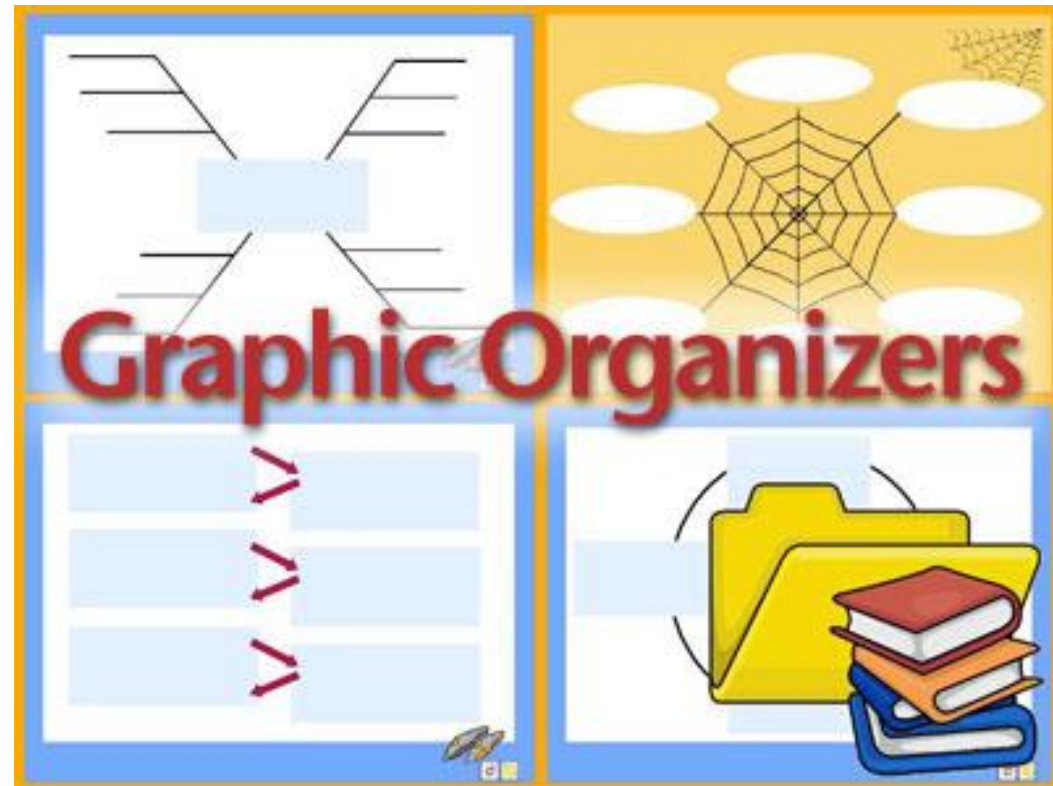
- Allows students to produce language they wouldn't be able to produce on their own
- Helps students respond in complete sentences



- I know....
- I want to know...
- This word reminds me of...
- I think....
- \_\_\_\_\_ means....
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the same as (different from)\_\_\_\_\_ because...

# Graphic Organizers

- Help visual learners
- Easy way to see relationships between concepts



# Cognates and False Cognates

- Words that share a similar meaning, spelling, and pronunciation
- 30-40% of words in English have a related word in Spanish
- Not so much in Chinese...

Jumbo from Kongo

Kowtow from Chinese

Lemon from Arabic

- False cognates look or sound like they should match, but they don't

