

How ideas can be expanded and sharpened through careful choice...

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Learning intention

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Teach and model

- knowing that the simple present tense is typically used to talk about present states; for example, "He lives in Darwin." or actions that happen regularly in the present; for...
- knowing that there are various ways in English to refer to future time: using the auxiliary "will"; for example, "She will call you tomorrow.", using the present tense; for...
- using precise verbs; for example, "slice", "dice", "fillet" and "segment" rather than general words; for example, "cut"

Check understanding

- Explain the main idea in how ideas can be expanded and sharpened through careful choice... using an example.
- Show the idea in a second way: with words, a model, a diagram or symbols.
- Apply the idea to a short unfamiliar situation and justify the result.

Teaching cautions

- Ask the student to explain their choice, not only state an answer.
- Check that key vocabulary is understood in a new example.
- Mix representations so the skill is transferred rather than copied.

Quick lesson sequence

- Connect to prior knowledge and introduce the key vocabulary.
- Model one clear example, then solve a second example together.
- Finish with an independent check and a short student explanation.