

## The Importance of Oral Language Skills as a Lifelong Skill Grades 7-12

<b>Facilitator(s):</b>	Irene Heffel
<b>Date(s):</b>	<i>This is a multi-day event.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day 1: Nov 01, 2022 (3:30 pm to 5:00 pm)</li> <li>• Day 2: Jan 17, 2023 (3:30 pm to 5:00 pm)</li> <li>• Day 3: Mar 07, 2023 (3:30 pm to 5:00 pm)</li> </ul>
<b>Cost:</b>	No charge
<b>Location:</b>	Virtual
<b>Session Code:</b>	23-LI-086

### Target Audience

Teachers Grade 7-12, School based Administrator, Instructional Coach, Learning Coach, District Leaders

### About this Learning Opportunity

The ability to use oral language effectively impacts all areas of a child's life; from their ability to learn in the classroom, their relationships with others, their academic success, and their sense of self. Oral language lays the foundation for the reading and writing skills children will develop as they enter and progress through school. They will use oral language in all aspects of their education, in the classroom as they connect with their peers and teachers, and throughout their lives as they grow into adulthood. Having a solid foundation in oral language will help children become successful readers and strong communicators as well as build their confidence and overall sense of well-being.

This is a three-part series devoted to oral language instruction in the classroom. Sessions will include oral language skill teaching, protocols for use with students, and questioning as conversation.

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### About the Facilitator(s)

#### Irene Heffel

Irene Heffel is a literacy consultant and educator with over 35 years of experience at all levels. She has worked with both elementary and secondary teachers to implement best practices in curriculum, assessment and Backward Design.