CLIL: Content and Language Integrated Learning

## Planning Classes for CLIL

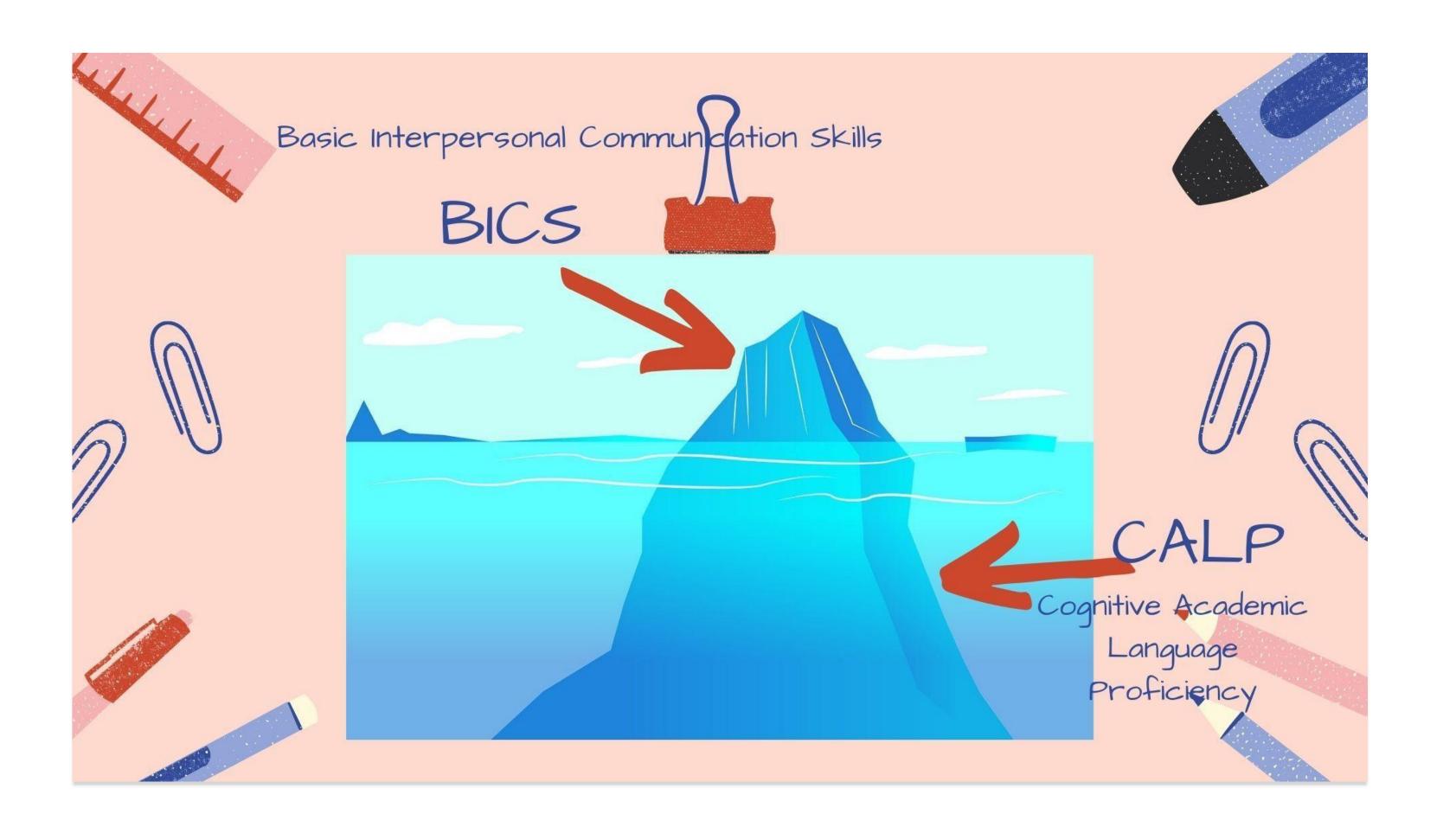
BICS & CALP

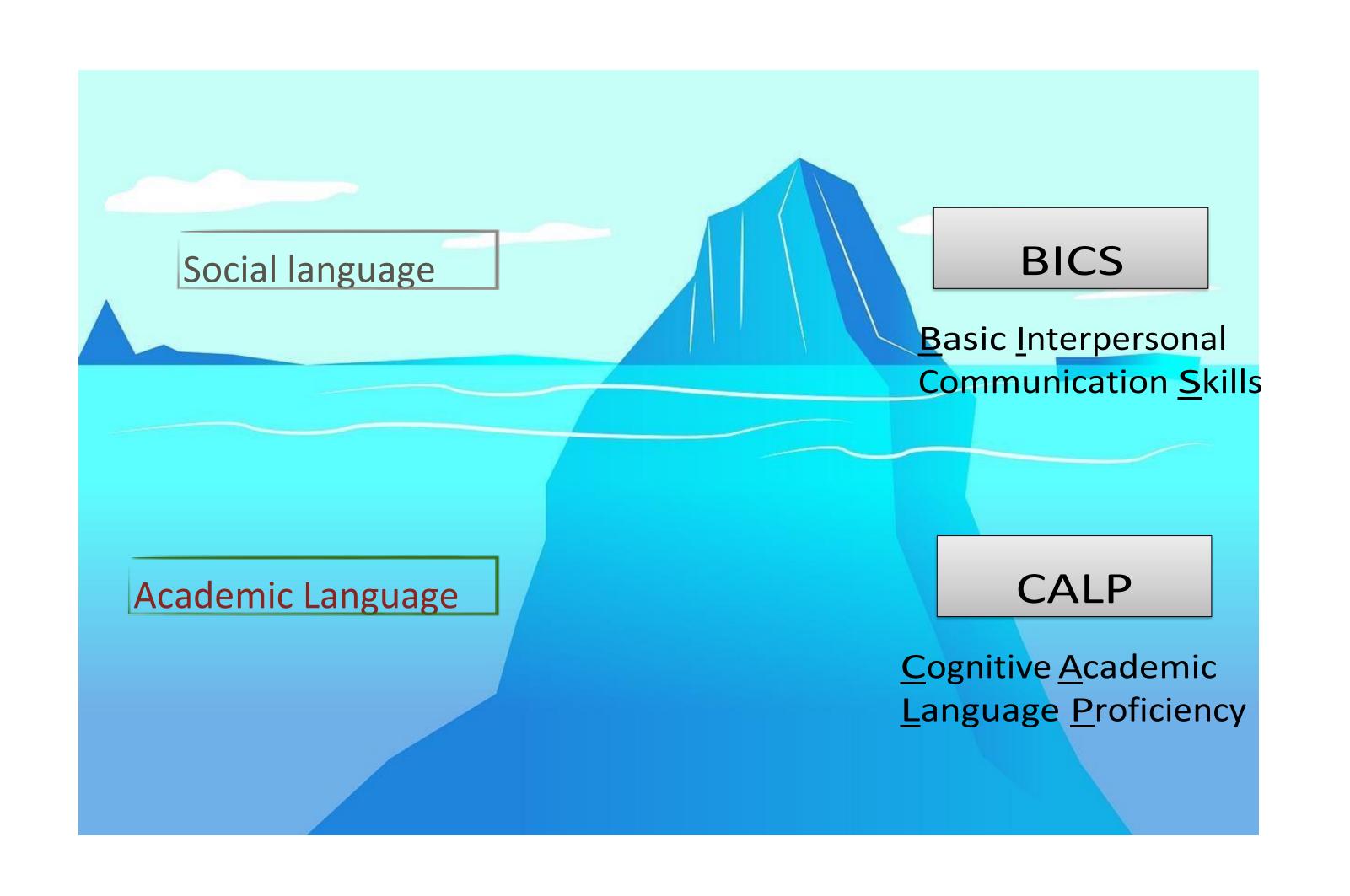
#### Agree or Disagree?



It is important that subject teachers in CLIL have an excellent knowledge of grammar and make no mistakes.

Students should always use correct vocabulary and grammar when working with CLIL subjects.





#### **BICS**

Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills

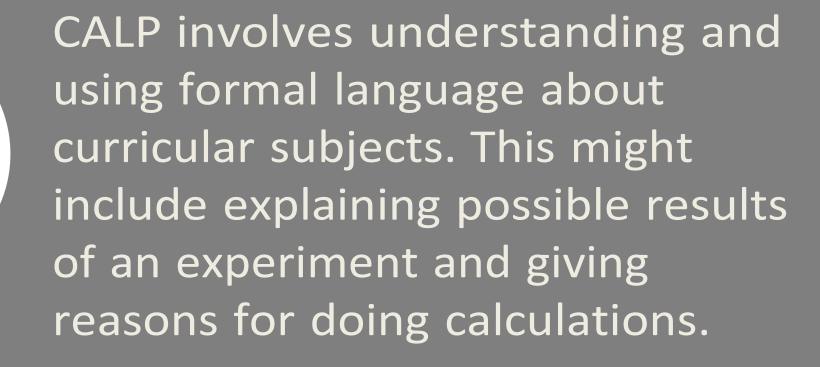
BICS are the skills needed for everyday conversational talk.

Examples of BICS include greetings, asking for or giving directions, stating preferences and describing the weather.

BICS also include informal language, such as contracted forms (can't, isn't, etc.).

#### CALP

Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency



#### **BICs or CALP**

- \* 'Open your books'
- \* 'Describe the landscape'
- \* 'Draw the lines of latitude on the map'
- \* 'Get into your working groups'
- \* 'Explain how you arrived to this conclusion'

#### **Short activity**

- Make a list of BICs and CALP for one of your lessons.
- 5 words in each list is ok.

#### Example

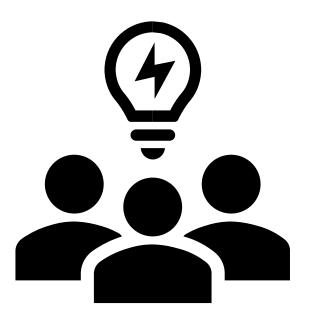
<u>BICs</u> - pens in the centre, check your answers, personal work, open the window, this is for homework

<u>CALP</u> - mountain, lake, valley, summit, mountainrange



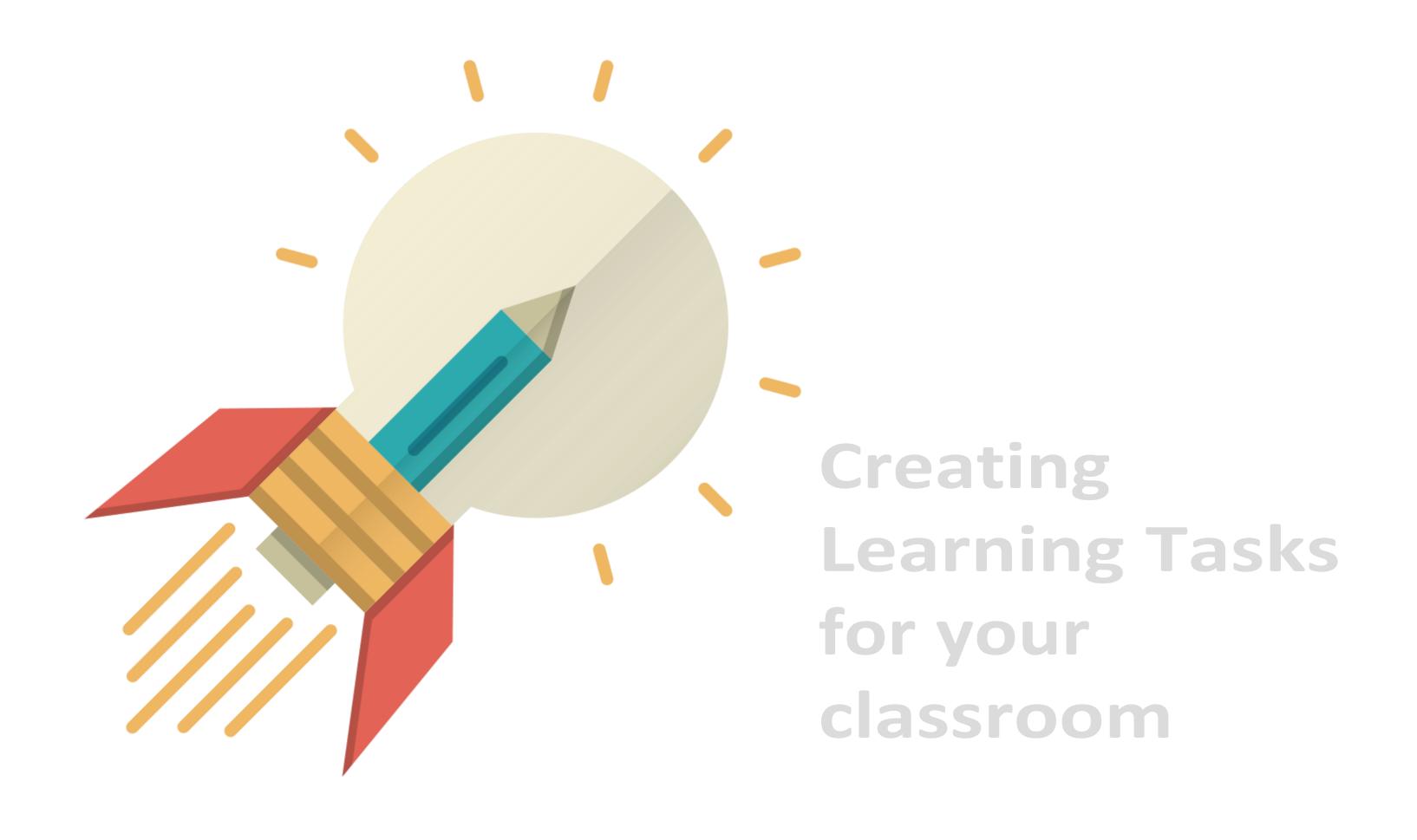
## **Group activity**

Select the subject specific content in each sentence.



- >Listen to the beat and clap to the rhythm.
- →I'd like you to use a protractor to draw regular hexagons.
  Your drawing should have six equal sides.
- Stamina means you can do prolonged activity without getting out of breath.
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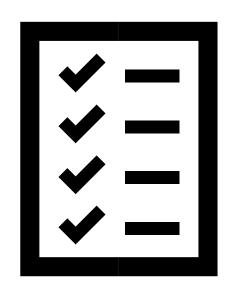


# Creating Learning Tasks for your classroom

 In your project group decide on a topic/theme for your CLIL unit

 Gather a list of vocabulary/language you will need, divide it into 2 lists <u>BICS</u> (language for learning) and <u>CALP</u> (language of learning.)

## Are You Judging Your English Learners on Their BICS Instead of Looking for CALP?



Teachers often judge children on their speaking abilities alone, thinking that if a child can hold a conversation, they can speak English. Teachers are baffled when they refuse to participate in classroom discussions related to subject content.

Likewise, a student may be familiar with the academic language but not have the social language to express their knowledge

Do you have an extensive evaluation process in place to avoid this?

Do your students have the means to express both BICS and CALP as best they can?



### BICS vs. CALP

BASIC INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS	COGNITIVE ACADEMIC LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY
Informal	Formal
Concrete	Abstract
Language of the Playground, Dinner Table,	Language of the Classroom, Text Books, and
and Bus	Assessments
Predominantly Oral	Oral and Written
Tier I Words	Tier 2 & 3 Words
3,000 Words or Less	100,000+ Words
Short and Simple	Long and Complex
Commonly Contextualized	Commonly Decontextualized
Can Be "Picked Up" Through Social	Must Be Explicitly Taught
Interactions	
I-3 Years to Develop	5-10 Years to Develop

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## THANK YOU!