1. **Contextual Supports for Teaching ELLs**

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   - **Description:**
     
     What we have are two continua.

3. **Contextual Supports for Teaching ELLs**

   - **Description:**
     
     We have the X-axis

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   - **Description:**
     
     on the left hand side, context embedded,

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     and on the right hand side context reduced.
6. Description:
When there’s a lot of context there are visuals to help students understand the task that they are being asked to do.

7. Description:
At the other end of the continuum there’s very little context.

8. Description:
Now on the Y-axis we also have a continuum.

9. Description:
At the top we have cognitively undemanding

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so that would be an easier type of task that doesn’t require a lot of higher-level thinking.
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At the bottom of the y-axis is cognitively demanding.

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What I think is important for teachers to think about is what they can do to both provide more context for students to help with their learning, and what they can do to take a difficult task, that requires higher level thinking skills and make it less cognitively demanding for students.

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If you think about what’s most difficult for students that would be the tasks that are in the lower right hand quadrant of the framework in other words tasks that are context reduced and cognitively demanding.
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We want teachers to shift those further to the left on the continuum so that they end up in the

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lower left hand quadrant, still perhaps cognitively demanding, but with a lot more context that enables students to be more successful with the task.

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A misconception is that English language learners who are not yet fully proficient in English can only do cognitively undemanding tasks.

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Even students who are at beginning levels of English proficiency are very capable of doing more cognitively demanding tasks. It’s a mistake to think that we have to hold students back or keep them from doing tasks like that until they have higher levels of English proficiency. We just need to provide them with the context and support to do that.