



# BetterLesson Professional Learning Webinar

Math Language Routines



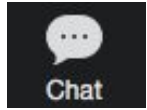
**Session 1: Promoting Language Use in Math: Making Sense of Tasks**

**Ohio Department of Education & Workforce**

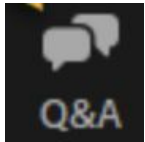
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# Welcome!



**Share in the chat:** Where are you joining us from today and what is your current role?



**Have a question?** If you have a question during the webinar, please use the Q&A tab to send your questions to the presenter. We will do our best to answer them in real time, if not we will be sure to address at the end!

# Aligned & Tailored for Ohio ESC Partnership



## Aligned

Our partnership is specifically designed to amplify the impact of other state-wide infrastructure and initiatives.

Our coaches will be familiar with key efforts, including:

- Materials Matter
- HQIM-related work streams with EdReports & Instruction Partners
- Ohio Standards for Math Practice



## Tailored

Our team has worked with leadership from the ESC of Central Ohio, OESCA, and the Department of Education to tailor our workshop, coaching, and learning walk content to the unique needs of ESC Math Specialists

# Our Webinar Series

Effective Math Teaching and Learning

## Progression A: The 5 Practices for Orchestrating Productive Mathematical Discussions

A framework for planning and leveraging student ideas for deeper understanding.

## Progression B: Mathematical Language Routines

A framework of principles and routines to promote language use in mathematics.

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- 8: Discussion Supports

# Your Hosts



**Padraic O'Donnell**

Instructional Coach



**Megan Nagel**

Instructional Coach



**Rebekah Lischwe**

Instructional Coach  
(Tech Support)

## Let's Check In!

How familiar are you with the Math Language Routines?



I've never heard of them or I've heard a little bit



I'm aware of them, but need more explanation



I know what the Math Language Routines are



I try to use the Math Language Routines in my lessons



I can teach the Math Language Routines to others!



# Our Series: Math Language Routines



## Goal

Plan to use Mathematical Language Routines as practical ways to support language and math development simultaneously for all students.

**DEFINE**

**EXPLORE**

**BUILD**

**TRY, MEASURE, LEARN**

**Making Sense of  
Tasks**

**Three Reads  
+  
Collect & Display**

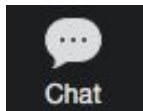
**A Plan for  
Implementation**

# What are the Math Language Routines?

“A ‘math language routine’ refers to a structured but adaptable format for amplifying, assessing, and developing students’ language.”

**Understanding Language/Scale**  
Stanford Graduate School of Education

# Share out!



Share in the chat:

**What does amplify vs. simplify mean to you?**

**Describe an example of simplifying the use of language rather than promoting correct use of academic and/or mathematical language.**

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# Supporting Sense-Making Defined

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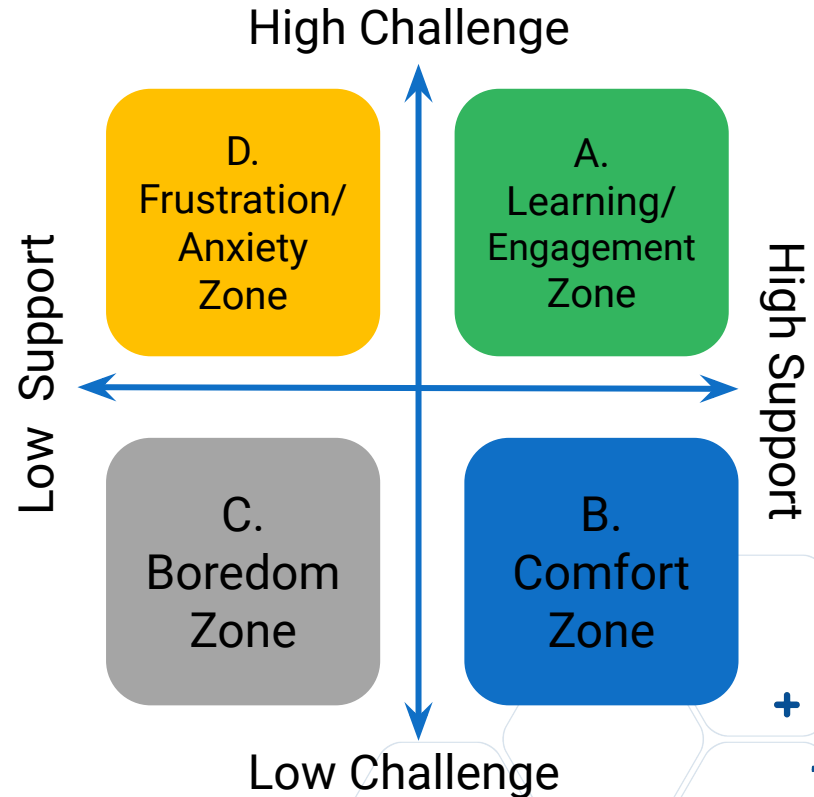
"... learners of all levels can and should engage with grade-level content that is **appropriately scaffolded**. Students need multiple opportunities to talk about their mathematical thinking, negotiate meaning with others, and collaboratively solve problems with targeted guidance from the teacher. In addition, teachers can foster students' sense-making by **amplifying rather than simplifying**, or watering down, their own use of disciplinary language."

*Understanding Language/SCALE*

# Balancing Challenge and Support

Scaffolding *Up* provides high levels of support for students accessing high-challenge content by

- Valuing students' resources for learning
- Developing a strong community of learners
- Engaging students in rigorous curriculum



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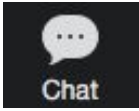


## MLR 6: Three Reads

**Purpose:** To ensure that students know what they are being asked to do, create opportunities for students to reflect on the ways mathematical questions are presented, and equip students with tools used to negotiate meaning (Kelemanik, Lucenta & Creighton, 2016). This routine supports reading comprehension, **sense-making**, and meta-awareness of mathematical language.

It also supports negotiating information in a text with a partner in mathematical conversation.

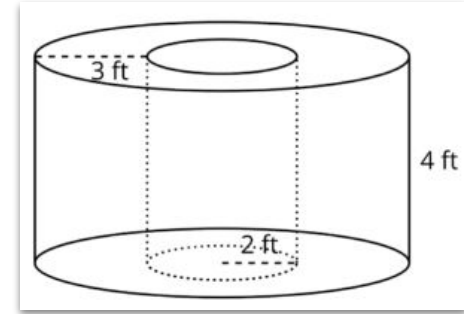




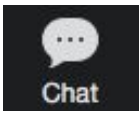
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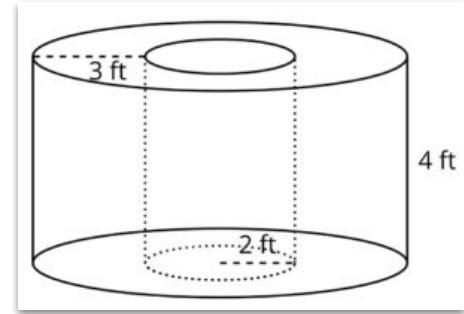


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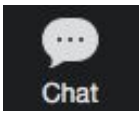
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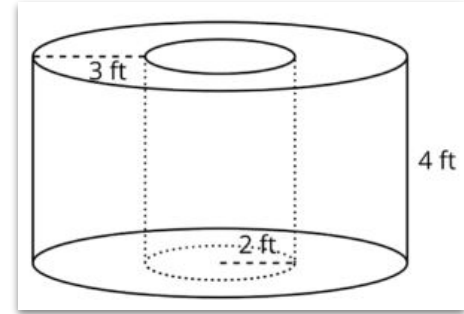


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# MLR 6 Three Reads

## How it Happens

In this routine, students are supported in reading a mathematical text, situation, or word problem three times, each with a particular focus. **The intended question or main prompt is intentionally withheld until the third read so that students can concentrate on making sense of what is happening in the text before rushing to a solution or method.**

# Variations on a Theme - Three Reads

**Read 1:** What is this situation about?

**Read 2:** What are the quantities in the situation?

- How are they related?
- What can we measure?

**Read 3:** What are some strategies we can use to answer the question?  
What mathematical questions can we ask about the situation?

**WHO READS:**

Teacher Reading

Choral Reading

Partner Reading

**HOW WE DISCUSS:**

Whole Class Discussion

Turn and Talk/Think Pair Share

Write, then Share

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## MLR 2: Collect & Display

**Purpose:** To capture students' oral words and phrases into a stable, collective reference. The intent of this routine is to **stabilize the fleeting language** that students use in order for their own output to be used as a reference in developing their mathematical language. The teacher listens for, and scribes, the language students use during partner, small group, or whole class discussions **using written words, diagrams and pictures**. This collected output can be organized, revoiced, or explicitly connected to other language **in a display that all students can refer to, build on, or make connections with during future discussion or writing**. Throughout the course of a unit, teachers can reference the displayed language as a model, update and **revise the display as student language changes**, and make bridges between student language and new disciplinary language. This routine provides feedback for students in a way that increases sense-making while simultaneously supporting meta-awareness of language.



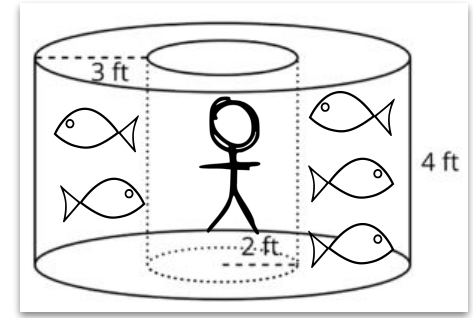
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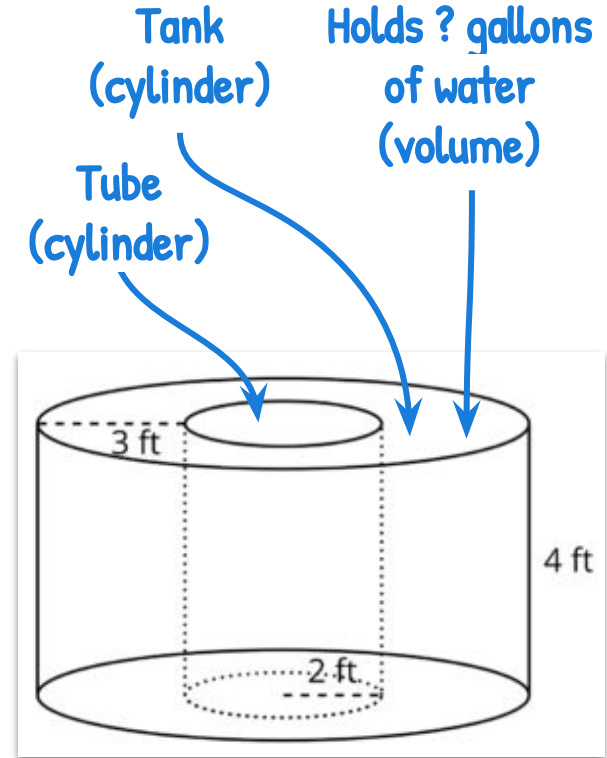
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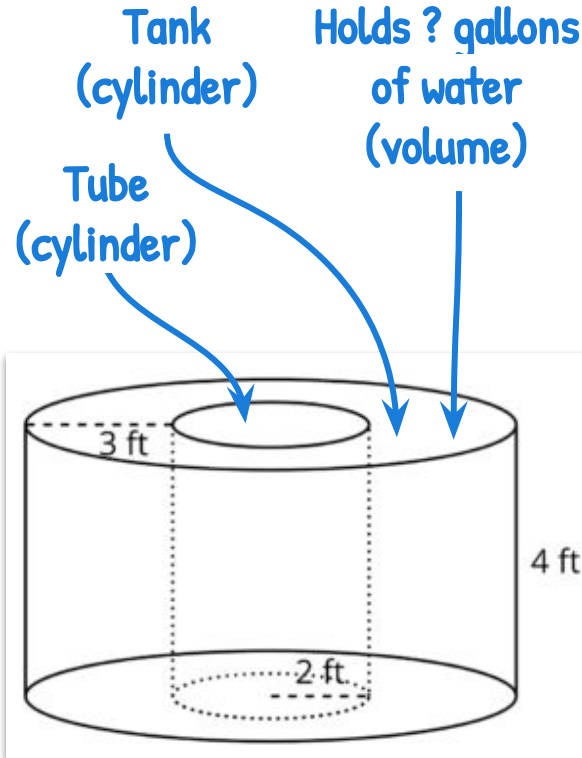
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“What do we need to know?”

“How might we find the volume of the tank?”

“How might we find the amount of water held by the tank?”

“How might we determine if the tank holds enough water for the fish we have?”



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### COLLECT:

Teacher circulates and listens to student talk during **partner, small group, or whole class discussion**

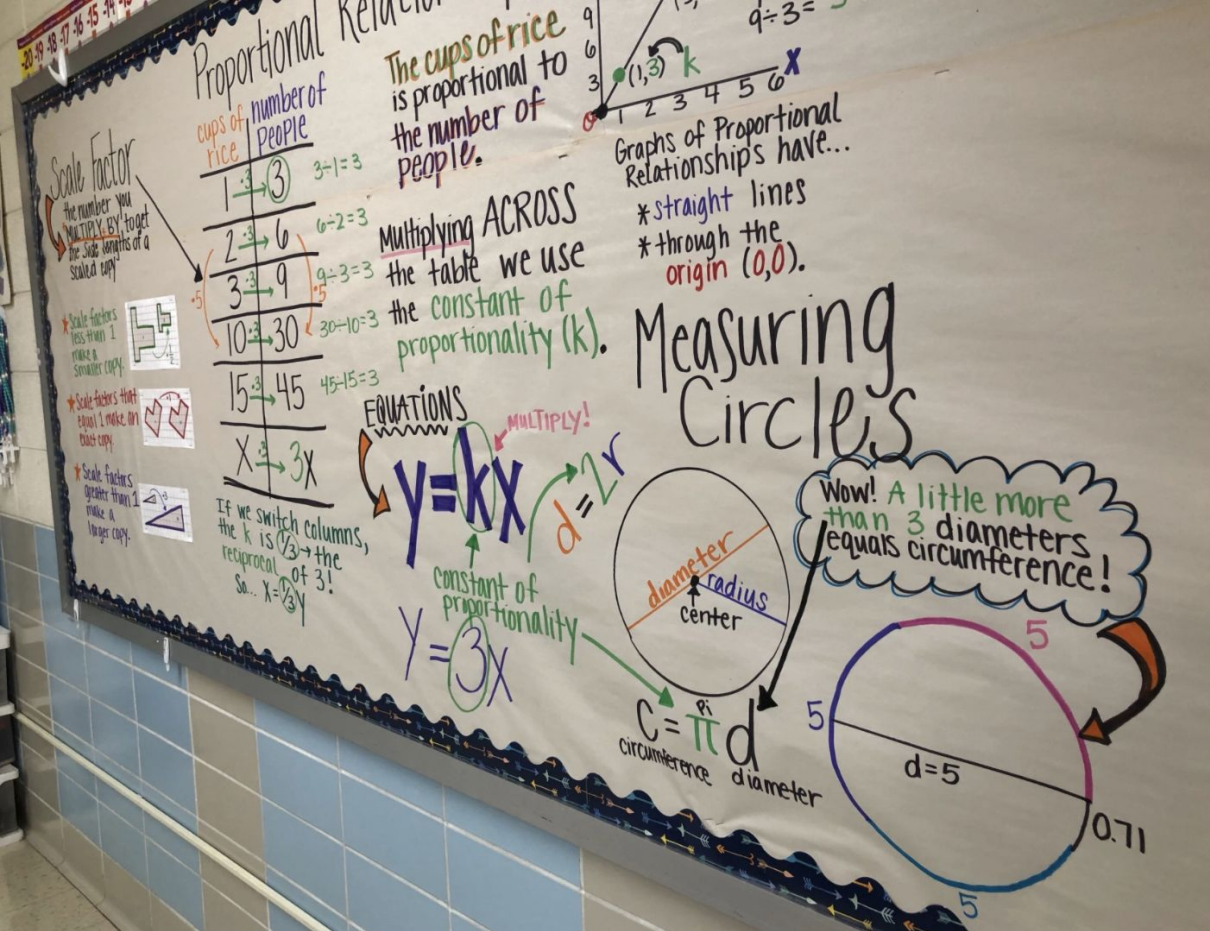
Jot down words / phrases / drawings / writings students produce that can be connected to lesson goals

**Encourage students to revise / update / add connections**

### DISPLAY:

Display language on a clipboard, poster, board, or screen for whole class to use as a reference throughout the lesson / unit

**Show connections between student ideas and new vocabulary & highlights examples of students using math language functions (beyond just vocabulary words)**



# Working, Growing Anchor Chart

Teacher Morgan Stipe dedicates a whole wall to maintaining a running display of key terms, visuals & connections.

# Build

How can we make this work actionable?

# Let's Explore: Strategy Choice Board

Choose any of the sections below and explore the related BL resources & strategies.

**MLR Deep Dive:**  
[Three Reads](#)

**MLR Deep Dive:**  
[Collect & Display](#)

**A Similar Strategy:**  
[Notice and Wonder](#)

**MLR Planning Guide:**  
[A Collect & Display Example](#)

## Q & A

**What questions do you have about our conversation today?**







**We value your feedback!**

**Your input is important to us, please take a moment to complete our survey using the link in the chat.**

# Thank you!

