

Art as a Shared Language

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I am an artist and an educator who teaches at OCAD University, where I fuse art and writing when working with English language learners. In this artwork, I have illustrated the experience of teaching ELLs through visual art. One finds common ground with the students when symbols and metaphors are accessed through a shared visual or pictorial language. In the first panel of this artwork, both educator and student fumble through the experience together, in hopes of understanding one another. In the second panel, they create visual art--specifically they are painting--as a means of creative teaching and learning.



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