DLI Core Instructional Strategies Observation Protocol

School	Teacher
Date Grade	Class/Period# Students
Observer	Part of Lesson (Beg, Middle, End)
Subject	Instructional Goal
Class Activity	

Circle, write, check and/or tally observed strategies. At the end of the observation, use the following scale to rate each item:

Highly Evident		Somewhat Evident		Not Evident	
4	3	2	1	0	N/A

Content & Language Objectives	Write, tally or check observed strategies	Rate					
Content objective posted		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Language objective posted		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Content objective introduced to students		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Language objective introduced to students		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Students interact with objectives: Choral read, individually read, read with a partner, write or highlight objectives, process as a group, discuss with a partner		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Content objective is revisited throughout the lesson and at closure		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Language objective is revisited throughout the lesson and at closure		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Comprehensible Input	Write, tally or check observed strategies	Rate					
Visual Support: visuals, objects, body language, gestures, videos, realia, Total Physical Response (TPR)		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Context: preview material, activate background knowledge, graphic organizers, storytelling, songs and chants help connect new language with meaning.		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Adapted Language: speech tempo & complexity, explicit/clear articulation, new language stands out, new language is recycled, ideas are rephrased and/or explained in more than one way, language is clarified through explanations, definitions, examples and non-examples		4	3	2	1	0	N/A



Modeling Cycle	Write, tally or check observed strategies	Rate					
Teacher Does (I Do)		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Teacher Does with Students (We Do)		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Students Do with Students (You Do)		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
All Students Do (You All Do)		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Language Supports	Write, tally or check observed strategies	Rate					
Use of sentence frames that are appropriate to the proficiency level of the students		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Explicit vocabulary instruction in context: gallery walks		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Thematic & Function walls: science, math walls verb wall, sequence word wall		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Student Engagement	Write, tally or check observed strategies	Rate					
Cognitive Engagement: think time		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Oral Responses: choral, turn and talk, think-pair-share, precision partner, small group discussion, teach-teach, mirror, blow it away, paraphrase to a partner		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Visual Responses: hand signals, whiteboards, clickers, response cards, thumbs up/down (paired with oral responses as much as possible)		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Physical Responses: TPR, Cornell note taking, move to the answer, four corners, opinion lines (paired with oral responses as much as possible)		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
All students doing all (or almost all) of the time		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Checking for Understanding	Write, tally or check observed strategies	Rate					
Oral: choral, turn and talk, think-pair-share, precision partner, small group discussion, teach-teach, blow it away, paraphrase to a partner, cold call		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Visual: hand signals, whiteboards, clickers, response cards, thumbs up/down		4	3	2	1	0	N/A
Physical: TPR, Cornell note taking, move to the answer, four corners, opinion lines		4	3	2	1	0	N/A

