INSTRUCTIONAL FEEDBACK

Example Feedback Statements

General guidelines:
- Confirm understandings as you see them demonstrated, using behavior specific praise to recognize effort as opposed to ability.
- Praise an element of the student’s work before offering feedback or error correction.
- During (a) error correction, (b) fine-tuning of understandings, (c) schema restructuring, and (d) extend learning, direct the student to the strategy, process, or reference material.
- Check for understanding.
- Provide time to apply feedback and new understandings.
- Check back in to confirm new understandings, offering behavior specific praise.

Jorge

Confirm understanding: Jorge, nice job using the strategy we learned to increase your reading comprehension and complete the storyboard.

Extend learning: Jorge, think of a way you could applying this information to the lab are doing in science.

Celia

Initial praise: Celia, good job attempting every math problem in order. You’re showing good effort.

Error correction: Please write the acronym for the 4-step process next to the division problem and cross off each step as you complete it. That will help you keep the order of the steps.

Confirm understanding and provide time to apply it: Good, that is the correct first step in the 4-step process. Write them all down and try the next division problem, I’ll check back soon.

Confirm understanding: Excellent, Celia, you wrote the 4-step process correctly, and using the steps in order helped you solve these division problems accurately.

Markus

Confirm understanding: You included all of the elements of the essay, good job using the rubric to write your paper.

Asia

Initial praise: Asia, nice work setting out all the components neatly in the correct order for our science experiment today.

Fine-tuning: Where can you look to remember what to do first in this experiment? Right, your notes, which look very neat and organized.

Confirm understanding and provide time to apply it: Looking at your notes, please summarize for me what you are going to do first. You got it, I’ll check back in a minute.

Confirm understanding: Very nice, Asia, I see you following the experiment steps in your notes and it’s looking correct so far.