Verbal Amplification:
Providing Language Support using additional language

Verbal amplification contextualizes key vocabulary and concepts not by **simplifying** them but rather by elaborating on, or amplifying them. Additional language is used as a technique to increase comprehensibility.

**Some examples include:**

**Analogy**
The comparison of two pairs which have the same relationship.

*How is a camera like an eye?*

**Anecdote**
An anecdote is a short *tale* narrating an interesting or amusing *biographical* incident.

*Ms. Smarti Pantalones*

**Antonyms**
Words that have opposite meanings

*repugnant  pleasant*

**Appositives**
A word or group or words that re-names the noun which immediately precedes it.

*Mr. Nieves, my favorite teacher, just retired.*

**Cognates**
Many academic terms have Latin/Greek roots and are similar to the terms used in Romance Languages such as Spanish.

*utilize  utilizar*

**Metaphor**
States that one thing is something else.

*He has a heart of stone.*

**Simile**
States that one thing is like something else.

*Grandma is as wise as an owl.*

**Synonyms**
Words that have similar meanings

*excruciating  very painful*

**Related literature**
Fiction and non-fiction can be used to support a deeper understanding of concepts that are depicted. Read about egg-laying animals in general before focusing on amphibians using *Chickens Aren't the Only Ones* or *Hill of Fire* before volcanoes.