Definition

In the field of education, the term **scaffolding** refers to a process in which teachers model or demonstrate the problem-solving process, then step back and offer support as needed.

## Theory

The theory is that when students are given the support they need early on when they're learning something new, they stand a better chance of using that material independently.

Examples of Scaffolding

1. Tap prior knowledge: use K-W-L charts. Get students to realize they know more than they think they do.
2. Pre-teach vocabulary: Teach both academic and content vocabulary
3. Use visual aids
4. Give students time to talk: think-pair-share; turn-and-talk
5. Ask a lot of questions and review.
6. Provide opportunities to write.
7. Simplify the language and work toward more complex readings.
8. Teacher thinks out loud and demonstrates activity.