

Future tense  
reflects →

## Language that Supports Learning

- an approachable voice
- acceptance, empathy
- open-ended questions
- plural forms (*goals, possibilities...*)
- present tense (How do you...?)
- positive presuppositions
  - *presumes prior and ongoing thought*
  - *nobility of purpose*
  - *positive intentionality*
- inquiries framed with tentativeness
  - *I'm curious about...*
  - *Would you tell me more about...?*
  - *I'm not sure I understand...*
  - *I wonder what you mean by...*

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## Evidence into a Sentence Frame

During my visit, I observed...

**Content:**

You were teaching...OR Students were learning

**Effective Strategy** observed

You were...OR The students were...

(Language of Professional Standards)

**Impact**

As a result...OR The impact on students is...



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