Text Engineering: Graphic Organizer

Overview

Text engineering is a strategy that embeds scaffolds and supports directly into grade-level text increase student comprehension. This strategy is part of Colorin Colorado's ELL Strategy Library.
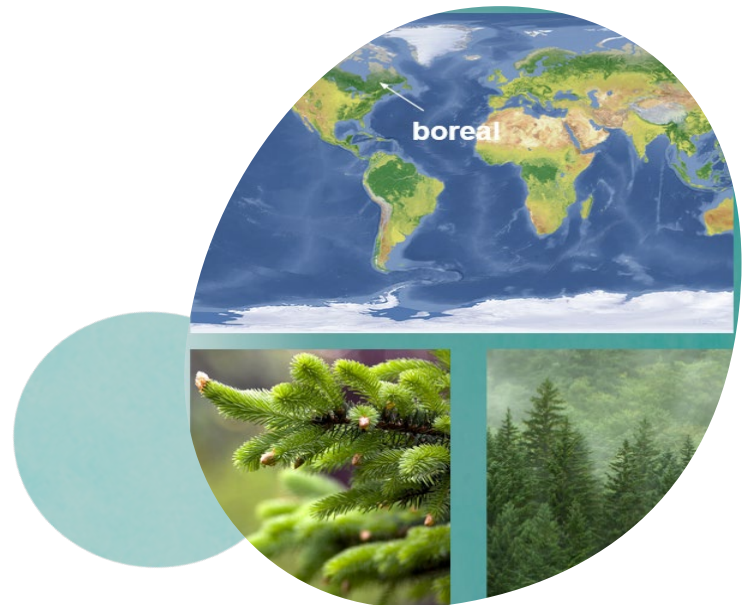
Types of Scaffolds

- Chunks of text
- Headers
- Visuals

- Cognates & translated terms
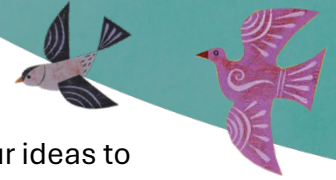- Student-friendly definitions
- Synonyms

Sample: What are boreal forests?

Northern boreal (*boreal*) forests stretch down from the Arctic (*El Ártico)* and are dominated (*dominado)* by evergreen trees (*los árboles de hoja perenne*) – conifers (*coníferas*) that mostly keep their deep (dark) green leaves, called needles, year-round (all year long).

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Practice Text

How would you engineer this text? Make notes in the chart below and then add your ideas to the text.

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Use this template to engineer your own text.

Your text

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