Recommendation 3
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Level of Evidence: Strong
Three ELL vocabulary studies…

All converge in showing that **explicit and intensive vocabulary instruction improves comprehension**.
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“Caveat: For teachers to help English learners develop vocabulary knowledge by making connections to a student’s primary language, teachers need some knowledge of the primary language” (p. 22).