

## Exercise 2.3

## Translating General Statements Into Learning Goals

Following are phrases representing general aspects of information and skill in specific subject areas. Translate these phrases into clearer statements of learning goals. For example, if you are provided with the phrase “writing effective paragraphs,” you might translate this into the goal statement: “Students will be able to write paragraphs that include clear transition statements from one paragraph to the next.”

The idea behind this exercise is to write learning goals that provide more specific guidance for the student and the teacher.

1. Language arts general statement: Speaking effectively  
Goal statement:
2. Mathematics general statement: Reducing fractions  
Goal statement:
3. Science general statement: Understanding photosynthesis  
Goal statement:
4. Social studies general statement: Knowing local history  
Goal statement:
5. Physical education general statement: Agility  
Goal statement:
6. Technology general statement: Using Excel  
Goal statement:
7. World languages general statement: Spanish conversation  
Goal statement:
8. The arts general statement: Music appreciation  
Goal statement:
9. Language arts general statement: Reading comprehension  
Goal statement:
10. Mathematics general statement: Estimating  
Goal statement:

Now write a specific learning goal for your own subject area: