

Successful English language learners are...

More like students learning together in mixed or similar skill groups
Less like one-on-one with a teacher

More like sitting with friends talking and laughing
Less like staying in an EAL bubble.

More like trying my best all the time
Less like worrying whether I had fallen too far behind.

More like studying at my own level within the subject context
Less like doing completely different coursework.

More like meeting with a teacher to plan my goals and ask questions
Less like having someone translate the class for me.

More like joking with friends in my mother tongue as a quick break
Less like using my mother tongue all day as a crutch.

More like checking in with my EAL teacher on a regular basis
Less like waiting for my EAL teacher to push or find me when the subject teacher is worried about me.

More like talking with the teacher BEFORE the assignment is due
Less like waiting for the assignment due date to pass to ask for help.

More like being a fully integrated classmate
Less like being in a parallel program.

More like pushing myself to be my best
Less like observing and waiting to be my best.

More like building a building with scaffolding and support,
Less like I am on my own and the walls are coming down.

More like climbing a mountain where sometimes it is steep and difficult, but I hold on to the chains and supports until the next clearing,
Less like a walk in the park.

