

# 8. PROVIDE SCAFFOLDS FOR DIFFICULT TASKS

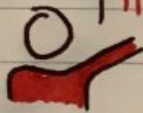


RESEARCHERS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PROVIDED STUDENTS WITH SCAFFOLDS, OR INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORTS TO HELP THEM LEARN DIFFICULT TASKS

A SCAFFOLD IS A TEMPORARY SUPPORT THAT IS USED TO ASSIST A LEARNER. THEY ARE GRADUALLY WITHDRAWN AS LEARNERS BECOME MORE COMPETENT.



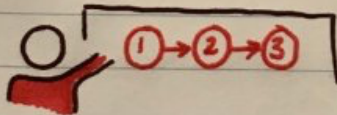
PROVIDING SCAFFOLDS IS A FORM OF **GUIDED PRACTICE**



**IN THE CLASSROOM**

EFFECTIVE TEACHERS RECOGNISE DIFFICULT TASKS AND ASSIST STUDENTS BY PROVIDING SCAFFOLDS

SCAFFOLDS INCLUDE:



MODELLING THE STEPS BY THE TEACHER



THINKING ALOUD BY THE TEACHER

THIS PROVIDES NOVICE LEARNERS WITH A WAY TO OBSERVE **EXPERT THINKING** USUALLY HIDDEN FROM THEM



A MODEL OF THE COMPLETED TASK THE STUDENTS CAN COMPARE TO THEIR OWN WORK



ONE CHARACTERISTIC OF EFFECTIVE TEACHERS IS THEIR ABILITY TO ANTICIPATE STUDENTS' ERRORS AND WARN THEM ABOUT POSSIBLE ERRORS SOME OF THEM ARE LIKELY TO MAKE.

