# TASK 2: INSTRUCTION COMMENTARY

Respond to the prompts below (**no more than** 6 **single-spaced pages, including prompts**) by typing your responses within the brackets following each prompt. Do not delete or alter the prompts. Commentary pages exceeding the maximum will not be scored. You may insert **no more than 2 additional pages of supporting documentation** at the end of this file. These pages may include graphics, texts, or images that are not clearly visible in the video or a transcript for occasionally inaudible portions. These pages do not count toward your page total.

## 1. List the learning experience(s) you have selected for the 2 video clips you are submitting. Identify the learning experience(s) by plan day/number.

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## 2. Promoting a Positive Learning Environment

**Refer to scenes in the video clips** where you provided a positive learning environment.

a. How did you demonstrate respect for, rapport with, and responsiveness to children with varied needs and backgrounds, and challenge children to engage in learning?

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b. In what ways do your children communicate easily with you and demonstrate respect for one another?

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## 3. Engaging Children in Learning

**Refer to examples from the video clips** in your responses to the prompts.

a. Explain how your instruction engaged children in

* language and literacy development, **AND**
* active, multimodal learning

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b. Describe how your instruction linked children’s development, prior academic learning and/or prerequisite supports, and personal and community assets with new learning.

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## 4. Deepening Children’s Learning during Instruction

**Refer to examples from the video clips** in your explanations.

a. Explain how you **elicited and built on children’s responses** to promote children’s language and literacy development through active learning.

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b. Explain how you made interdisciplinary connections in ways that deepen children’s development of language and literacy.

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## 5. Analyzing Teaching

**Refer to examples from the video clips** in your responses to the prompts.

a. What changes would you make to your instruction to better support children’s learning related to the central focus? Be sure to address the needs of all children, including those who need greater support or challenge.

Consider the variety of learners in your class/group who may require different strategies/supports (such as children with IEPs or 504 plans, English learners, children at different points in the developmental continuum, and/or gifted children).

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b. Explain why you think these changes would improve children’s learning. Support your explanation with evidence of children’s learning **AND** principles from developmental theory and/or research.

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