What’s the Difference between a content objective and a language objective?

- **Content objectives** tell *what* the students will learn and is usually linked with the content standard.
- **Language objectives** tell *how* the students will learn and what language functions they will use to actively learn.

**A Well-written Content or Language Objective . . .**

- Can be taught and learned in a lesson or two.
- Contains student-friendly language.
- Are appropriate for the age and proficiency level of the students.
- Should state what the student will learn or do.
- Should be stated clearly and simply in oral and written form.
- Should be posted where students can see them.
- Should be reviewed with students.

**Comparing Content & Language Objectives:**

- **From Content Standards**
- **Knowledge**: Needed to achieve standards
- **Verbs**: identify, rank, compare, solve, design, analyze, graph
- **From the language function**
- **Language**: needed to achieve content objectives
- **Verbs**: read, write, speak, listen, persuade, draft, explain, converse
- **Content**
- **Clear**
- Communicated to students: Oral & Written
- **Specific rather than broad**
- **Action-oriented**

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