Explicit Instruction Checklist

Use this checklist as you plan lessons using explicit instruction. You can also use it to reflect after you've taught a lesson. Or, if you prefer, you could ask a colleague or an instructional coach to watch your lesson and fill out the form.

Explicit Instruction Practices	Did	I Include 7	This?	Notes and Reflections
Model	Yes	Somewhat	No	
Explain or demonstrate the skill in the same way students will practice it.				
Give a clear, concise, and correct explanation of the skill.				
Show multiple examples.				
Show all the steps.				
Verbalize	Yes	Somewhat	No	
Do a think-aloud as you model (may include scripting before the lesson).				
Provide Opportunities for Practice	Yes	Somewhat	No	
Give opportunities for guided practice.				
Allow for independent practice.				
Check for understanding in multiple ways (choral responses, nonverbal signals, etc.).				
Do a cumulative review of old and new skills.				
Give Feedback	Yes	Somewhat	No	
Observe each student's work.				
Deliver immediate and specific feedback.				
Collect student data to make decisions about next steps for instruction.				



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