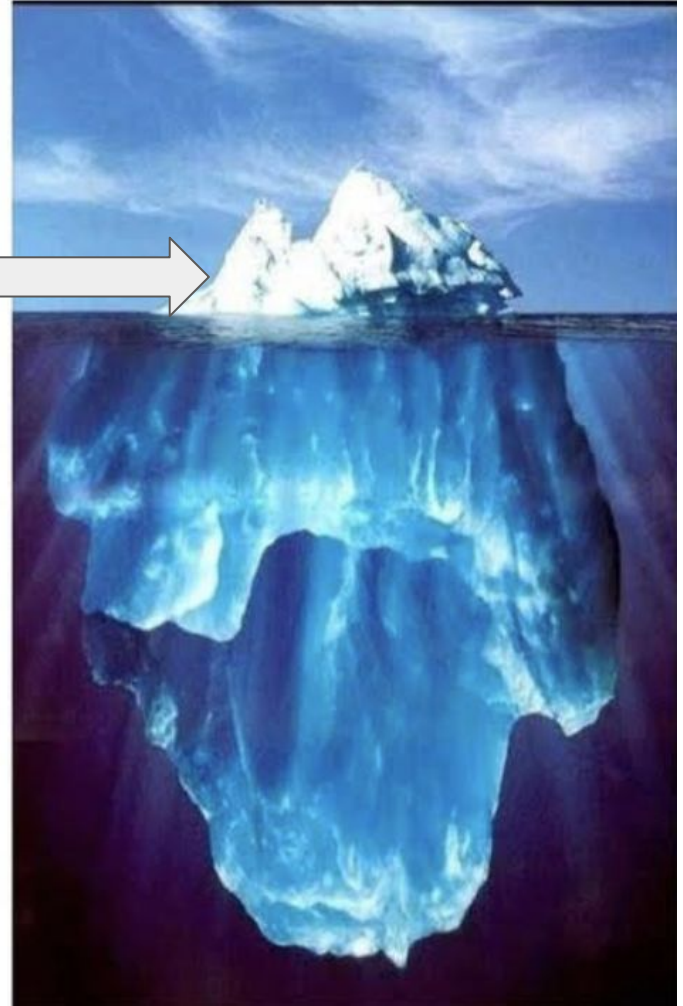


BICS basic interpersonal communication skills

1-2 Years to Develop



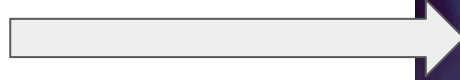
Iceberg



- *Surface level - Here and Now*
- *Familiar Content*
- *Face to Face Conversation*
- *High Frequency Vocabulary (2000 Words)*
- *Simple Sentence Structure*
- *Low Pressure*

CALP cognitive academic language proficiency

5-6 Years to Develop



- *Experience and exposure to culture*
- *Lectures, formal, written text, special terminology, humour, culture, idioms, textbook language, social appropriateness, non-verbal communications*
- *Limited interaction (textbook)*



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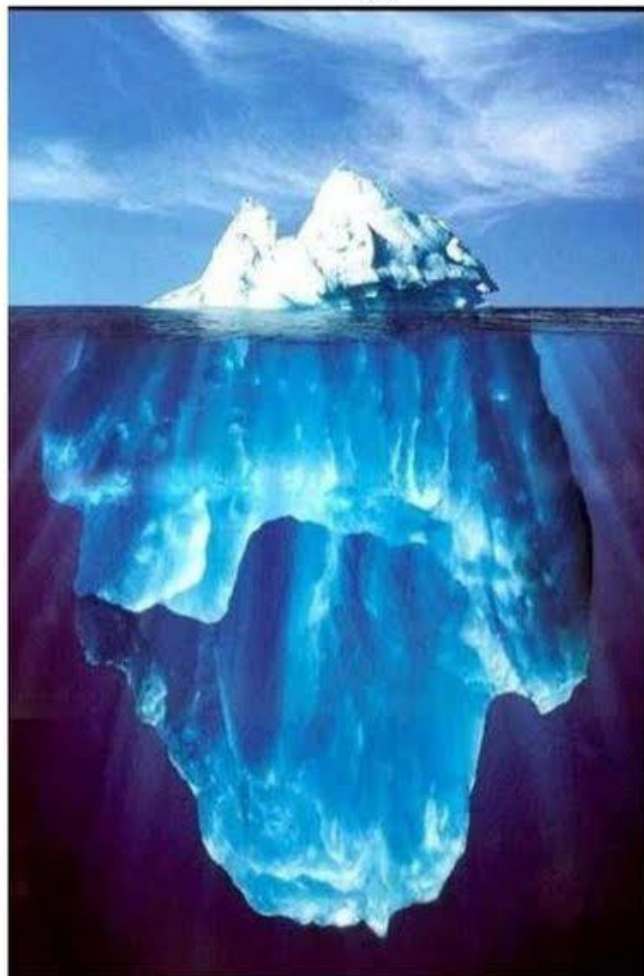
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- ***More abstract***
- ***Less familiar content***
- ***Decontextualized***
- ***Low frequency vocabulary***
- ***High stakes (lots of pressure)***

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart."

- Nelson Mandela -

Iceberg



BICS (1-2 years)

Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills

- Surface level – Here and Now
 - Familiar Content
 - Face to Face Conversation
 - High Frequency Vocabulary – 2000 words
 - Simple Sentence Structure
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CALP (5 or more years)

Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency

- Experience and exposure to culture
- Lectures, formal, written text, specialized terminology, humour, culture, idioms, textbook language, social appropriateness, non-verbal communications
- Limited Interaction (textbook)
- More Abstract
- Less familiar content
- Decontextualized
- Low frequency Vocabulary
- High Stakes (lots of pressure)