

## Scaffolding

Large tasks often seem beyond the grasp of many students. At-risk learners are able to accomplish seemingly enormous tasks if broken down into smaller component parts. Any temporary device or structure which assists in the construction of a larger project is deemed scaffolding. Just as a scaffold helps in the construction of an entire building, in education items which assist in the construction of an undertaking or of the construction of knowledge itself are considered scaffolding. Often the smaller tasks build upon themselves and when removed, a whole is produced. For example, scaffolding is often used in the production of essays and papers. Ideas are gathered, written into visual organizers, and then transferred into paragraphs and whole essays.