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What do you **already know** about Universal Design for Learning?
This is Katie.
[Han Solo: I got a bad feeling about this!]
[Darth Vader: Release your anger!]
[Yoda: No different! Only different in your mind. You must unlearn what you have learned.]
Princess Leia: I have placed information vital to the survival of the rebellion into the memory systems of this R2 unit.
Help Leia connect to Obi-Wan via his mobile device.
Universal Design for Learning: +1

learner engagement
representing info
action choices

[Han Solo: It's true. All of it.]
Wait a second...

[Audio: Tie Fighter sound.]
UDL: access (no matter why)
“We want a situation that is good for everybody . . . part of it is thinking about what has to happen at the level of design that makes accommodation less necessary.”

-- Sam Johnston, CAST
Five strategies for UDL
Strategy 1: start with text.

INT. STUDIO

Zack pulling a mug of something brown from his face, smiling in bliss.

ZACK

Mmmmm... That's good duck.
Strategy 2: make alternatives.
Strategy 3: let ‘em do it their way.
Strategy 4: go step by step.

1. Watch an Intro Video (3 mins)
2. Read Case Study
3. Post Case Study Response
4. Read Scholarly Article
5. Watch Prof Video #2 (5 mins)
6. Internet Scavenger Hunt
7. Update Discussion Response
8. Watch Prof Video #3 (4 mins)
9. Watch Prof Video #4 (10 mins)
10. Ungraded Knowledge Check
11. Watch Final Video (5 mins)
12. Create Project / Paper
Strategy 5: set content free.
1. Start new design processes with **text**.
2. Create **alternatives** for all multimedia.
3. Design alternate ways for learners to **demonstrate** each course objective.
4. Break up tasks into separate **components**.
5. Expand, document, and **share** **interactions** using free-access methods.
Don’t train just the faculty.

UDL? Yeah, we got that.
[Yoda: No more training you require. Already know you that which you need.]
The need to make changes is not always this obvious.
Take-Aways

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[music playing: Star Wars theme song]