

## Top 10 Tips for classroom practice

Remember to have **fun** (and help students have fun).

Smile, be confident and make eye contact with as many of the group as possible.

**Plan** the session.

Lesson plan/proforma? Think through the steps (e.g. would you include a competition or quiz? If so, at what stage of the session?). Build in VARIETY. Start with something engaging and end with something fun.

Define your **topics** clearly. Know what you want them to learn

**Anticipate**

What would you want to know about this week's topic? What might people ask? What could go wrong (and would it matter)? What if they ask something you don't know? What if the classroom equipment doesn't work? What if only 2 students turn up?

Have '**spare**' **activities** up your sleeve

e.g. games, competitions, quizzes, short extra exercises, groupwork sessions, Q&A sessions. ALWAYS overplan (but less is more: you should aim for variety, but don't cram the session).

Assemble your **materials**: books, worksheets, games, songs, objects, internet sites, stickers/badges. Even if you are following a teaching book, students will love short breaks to think about something else. Make sure that there are enough copies of individual items (have spares!)

Find out about **classroom equipment** in advance

Do students in your school use iPads? Are there interactive whiteboards, and will you be expected to use them? If you want to use Powerpoint, will that be possible?

Make sure that anything you put up for them to look at is **visible** and legible.

Don't be scared to make **mistakes** – and don't worry about them when you do. If your students make mistakes, don't judge and don't dismiss. Focus on the bit they've got right (if possible!) and talk them through how they can fix the rest. Get them to help each other solve the problems (but watch out for the class genius!)

**Be patient, punctual, relaxed**