

General Teaching Tips

1. Create an atmosphere where students are not afraid to make mistakes; simple communication is more important than speaking perfectly.
2. Encourage students to use in their speech what they have learned in class. Encourage them to speak to one another in English during their breaks and free time. You might even reserve a special "English table" or area in your classroom where students can practice while having a snack or a cup of coffee.
3. Be eclectic. Use any method, technique, or combinations of methods that work for you and your students.
4. Use as much variety in your lessons as possible.
5. Space out your best lessons and activities through the course to keep interest high. Don't empty your entire "bag of tricks" early on.
6. Make and collect as many teaching aids (visuals, objects, handouts) as possible. Store them for future use.
7. Require your students to bring dictionaries to school or have access to them online and use them often.
8. Encourage your students to use other methods of learning such as ESL Internet and CD lessons, games and even through songs.

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