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Good Language Teachers:

Don't stay strictly tied to a book



They also take into account their students and their needs, bringing a little of the students' universe into the classroom. Where the book fails or has its limits, the

teacher must step in and fill in the gaps.

The Internet is there for you to use it, so make the best of it. There is a wealth of teaching material available in the clouds.

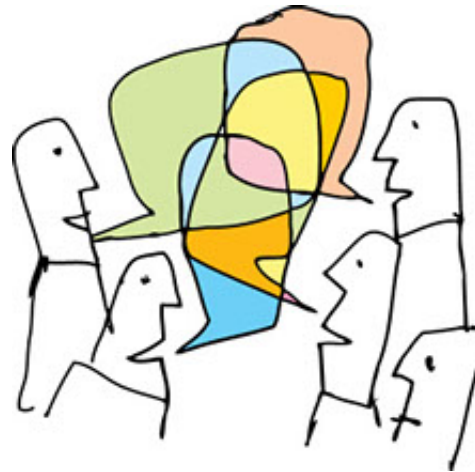
Introduce students to the culture



There is no teaching of language without teaching its culture. Remember that students will not be communicating with machines or robots, but with people.

They will have to be introduced to some of the customs, traditions, non-verbal expressions, and other relevant cultural aspects of that language deemed essential to interact with the speakers of that language.

Encourage students to speak



Good teachers know they should not do all the talking. Yes, you are there to teach, but the students are there to learn to speak too, and the more they speak, the better.

Learning a language involves writing, reading, oral comprehension and speaking, but speaking is indeed the most difficult or challenging part, deserving of special nurturing and dedication.

Teachers should speak about twenty percent of the time in the classroom, and create the conditions for students to practice speaking in order to correct them accordingly without creating any pressure.

Know how to correct students accordingly

A good teacher knows when and how to correct students, ensuring that they are not frustrated by too much correction.

As a rule, correction should be according to the student's knowledge level. Where students are beginners, correction should be limited to a minimum, and rise as students progress.

Ensure, of course, that the language is being introduced correctly and through techniques and materials suited to the students' level or learning needs.

Check student's performance

The teacher is the leader in the classroom, and the students are the followers. The teacher is there to lead them to a place. How do you know if you are getting there if you fail to check how far you have travelled?

Students need to know how they are doing, receive praise for their progress, and be encouraged to work harder or keep-up the good work.

The good teacher must check students' performance periodically and motivate them accordingly so that they can all achieve their goal - to communicate

effectively in the new language.

Dress properly



Use your good sense, and always try to look your best. Whatever your style may be, just make sure you look decent and professional to your students.

Know that punctuality is everything



If you are teaching in-office, make sure that there is enough time for you to commute or drive to your next class. Make sure there will be enough time to refresh, drink some water, go to the restroom or tidy-up if needed, before walking into the class.

The same goes for when you teach in a school. Students leave their homes or workplaces to be there on time. Showing up all sweaty or late, especially in a business setting, is just simply one of the worst things a professional can do.

Look for professional development



There is always something new to learn - new techniques, materials, tools, or improvements to what you already know.

The introduction of technology, social media and networking, and the power of the Internet as a whole, with streaming videos, videoconferencing, and a wealth of language resources, need to be used wisely.

Keep an open mind to the new things, and learn from those who have made use of them successfully. It is the best investment you can make in your career.

Allow yourself to be guided so you can also guide

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