

HOW CAN TEACHERS MAKE LESSONS MORE INTERESTING?

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Abstract: *This article explores what kinds of strategies teachers can use to make lessons more interesting and engaging for students. It focuses on learner-centered methods, the use of technology, interactive activities, and emotional connection in the classroom. The research highlights that students learn better when they are actively involved in the process, enjoy the learning environment, and see the relevance of the subject to their lives. Motivation, creativity, and the teacher's enthusiasm play a crucial role in making lesson enjoyable and meaningful.*

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INTRODUCTION

Education is an important foundation in the development of individuals and society. In a rapidly changing world, the quality of education has an increasingly important role (Bentley, 2012). Teachers, as the main agents in the learning process, have a great responsibility to ensure that learning in the classroom is not only informative but also interesting and dynamic. Engaging and dynamic learning play a key role in motivating students, sparking interest in learning, and ensuring deep understanding (Baker, 2014).

Engaging learning is not just fun but creates experiences that empower students to explore ideas, encourage creativity, and develop skills needed in a changing world. Unfortunately, there are still challenges in achieving truly interesting and dynamic learning. Many teachers still rely on traditional lecture methods, which, while transferable to information, are often less effective in creating engaging learning experiences (Jayawardana, 2017). While engaging lessons inspire curiosity and participation. Therefore, modern educators must develop innovative approaches that transform the classroom into a space for active learning and creativity.

2. The Importance of Student Engagement

Engagement is the key to effective learning. When students are emotionally and mentally involved, they remember the material better and perform more confidently. Teachers should use a variety of techniques, such as discussions, group projects, role-playing, and problem-solving tasks. These activities not only improve understanding but also help develop communication, teamwork, and critical thinking and problem solving skills.

3. Using Technology to Increase Interest

Technology has become an inseparable part of modern education. Interactive tools such as Kahoot, Quizizz, Mentimeter, and Padlet make lessons more dynamic and fun. Videos, animations, and virtual tours enrich visual learning, while educational apps allow

students to learn independently. For example, showing a short YouTube video at the beginning of a lesson can serve as an engaging introduction and spark discussion.

During online lessons, students may become distracted by external factors and be less engaged than in a classroom. So, look for technology that will help hold their attention for as long as possible.

For example, to examine students' understanding about a new language skill, I've created an online escape room game in which students must finish answering one set of questions in order to enter the next room. Students feel as if they are in a vivid virtual escape room while consolidating their knowledge.

The game was developed using a template from Genial.ly, which was straightforward and easy to use. I personalised the default information on the template, adjusted pages, and piloted it several times to avoid technical errors before presenting it in class.

After reviewing the lesson by themselves, students were randomly put into four to five groups, each responsible for one escape room. In this way, the whole class can collaborate to finish the game.

4. Creativity and Real-Life Connection

Students find lessons more meaningful when they see how knowledge applies to real life. Teachers can organize creative projects such as designing posters, writing short stories, or presenting real-world problems to solve. This approach fosters imagination and helps students see the practical side of learning. A creative classroom atmosphere encourages freedom of thought and self-expression.

5. The Role of Teacher's Personality and Enthusiasm

A teacher's personality and enthusiasm play a crucial role in student motivation, engagement, and academic performance by creating a positive and dynamic learning environment. A teacher's enthusiasm is contagious. When a teacher demonstrates passion for the subject, students naturally become more curious and involved. Humor, storytelling, and positive communication build a warm atmosphere in which learners feel safe to express their opinions. The teacher's role is not only to instruct but also to inspire — to help students see learning as a joyful process, not a duty.

6. Conclusion

To make lessons interesting, teachers should combine creativity, modern technology, and emotional intelligence. Learning becomes more effective when students are active participants, not passive listeners.

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