

Enhance Student Engagement: A Teacher's Quick Guide

1. Engage Through Accountable Questioning

Objective: Cultivate an environment where students anticipate and prepare to answer questions.

Tactics: Use "cold call" techniques to ask questions without prior notice, and employ "pair share" where students discuss answers with peers before sharing.

2. Utilise Short-Loop Generative Learning Tasks

Objective: Help students synthesise new information with existing knowledge.

Tactics: Assign tasks that require organising information, summarising content, or creating structured mind maps. Ensure tasks are brief and check for completion and accuracy.

3. Employ Predictive Techniques

Objective: Keep students hooked by encouraging them to foresee future events in a story or concept.

Tactics: Ask predictive questions like, "What do you think will happen next?" to engage students in the narrative.

4. Ensure Accountable Listening

Objective: Maintain sustained attention during discussions and explanations.

Tactics: Interrupt discussions or explanations with checks to gauge if students are listening. For example, ask students to rephrase what has just been discussed.

5. Personalise the Learning Experience

Objective: Increase student attention by making the material personally relevant.

Tactics:

Pose "aesthetic questions" to stimulate emotional investment, such as "How does this make you feel?"

Give students ownership of specific tasks or materials.

Place students at the centre of hypothetical scenarios to make them feel invested in the outcome.