

Mini Whiteboards: A Teacher's Quick Guide

Why use mini whiteboards?

- Swiftly assess student comprehension.
- Inform your next teaching steps.
- Offer immediate feedback to students.

When to use mini whiteboards?

- During crucial lesson segments or "hinge points."
- For efficient comprehension checks.

Key considerations

- Identify essential knowledge to assess.
- Craft questions for quick, insightful responses.
- Consider using Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs).
- Anticipate potential errors and misunderstandings.
- Prepare strategies to address them.

DURING A LESSON

Standard Response

- Stick to black or blue markers.
- Emphasise legible, large writing.
- Enforce a standardised answer format.

'Show Me' Protocol

- Encourage students to conceal answers initially to maintain check integrity.
- Use a synchronised "3-2-1, show me" command.
- Advocate for steady board holding for readability.

Classroom Scanning

- Station yourself for a comprehensive scan.
- Instruct students to hold boards until given the 'all clear.'
- Optionally, scan one row at a time.

Follow-up Actions

- Aim for at least 90% class comprehension.
- Follow-up with struggling students.
- Revisit teaching points if needed.
- Offer concise, corrective tips.
- Highlight nearly-perfect examples for class improvement.
- Link answers sharing common themes for enhanced understanding.