

TFS Go Mobile Teaching Tips Series

Emergency Teaching Ideas

When you're having problems and the class isn't going well, check that you are doing these five crucial things:

1. **Repetition.** It's an ancient learning technique; it works today as it did centuries ago — use repetition and then repeat it — adults need to hear it about six times in different ways to get it.
2. **Recognize Multiple Intelligences.** Go with the cognitive flow; teach to your students natural talents [intelligences].
3. **Stories and metaphors.** They teach concepts amazingly well, especially when students create their own or “unpack” ones that you present to them.
4. **Praise More.** Stressing mistakes can depress learning — praise and recognition are the keys to increasing learning desire, but be honest at all costs.
5. **Link It.** It's much easier to learn new knowledge when it is linked to what is already known — find the connections — show the idea or concept organization visually: sketches, diagrams, outlines, graphs are all essential to speed and deepen understanding.