

## Teaching For Success e-Mentor: Go Mobile Teaching Tip Series

**Motto Mojo**

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**Sometimes in teaching little things can make a big difference...**



I use axioms to help students remember key ideas. Maxims express the guiding rule or ideals of the class. For example, in my Assertiveness Training course, I ask students to memorize the class motto, “No, I’m just not comfortable with that.”

This saying gives students an all-purpose phrase to use when they lack the words to handle a sticky situation. In a course on Stress Management, I offer a “Quote for the Day” for each session.

The quote is a pithy, memorable adage that is worthy of becoming the class motto for the day. I know this technique is successful when students ask, “Where’s the quote for the day?”