

## Learning teaching tips



### A tip always worth remembering

A good course book is a real help to your teaching. But remember that even the best planned lessons sometimes don't go quite as expected. So don't demand too much of yourself! Sit down. Have a cup of tea. Breathe deeply. Get ready to back in and enjoy the next lesson.

### A tip never to forget

Don't let your teaching set in concrete. Stay open to surprise, delight, risk and learning. After each class, take a little time to reflect on what worked, what surprised you, what students liked, what they seemed to learn, what went differently from expectations, what you enjoyed. Day by day thinking about teaching and it won't grow stale.

*It always helps to be positive.*



### Pairing and grouping

With current teaching methodology teachers constantly need to get students into pairs or small groups. The commonest way of doing this is to tell students to "get into pairs" or to go round the class naming students A, B, A, B etc-effective but it can become a little repetitive and dull. A bit of variety can sometimes raise a smile and can also help you to mix up groupings a little, so that students get to work with people they may not otherwise have chosen.



### Flash

Although less familiar than word processors, computer presentation programs are a good way of storing and showing images and text in unusual ways, a sort of high-tech slide show. This teaching idea is suitable for classrooms with only a single computer.

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