INCREASING YOUR STUDENTS’ INTEREST

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Nowadays, getting your students’ interest and motivating them in your subject can be a real challenge. There are a lot of stimuli or variables that can greatly affect their engagement.

Difficulty in concentrating, learning disabilities, family problems, societal factors, emotional problems are some basic examples that can cause students’ lack of interest. Sometimes, it’s just plain boredom - not everything is about fun all the time. Having said that, as a teacher, we must still have to do our best that we can and try to get them interested in the subject you are teaching. Make them learn at least the basics of any subject.

We need to be more creative and try more ways to get their attention and interest. Here are some ways you can try:

Relate the subject to their daily lives. It will make it much more likely for them to be interested in what you are explaining if you will relate it to their daily lives. For example, if the subject is mathematics, try to show them what they can learn from mathematics that they can apply in their own lives.

Make it more fun and lively. Sometimes, admit it or not, some subjects are just not fun. We are all aware about it, but we still have to teach this “boring” subject to them. How about making the learning process a little bit more exciting? We can create some kind of competition or games that can help them to learn. Sometimes, even the use of songs and videos can be useful for them to never forget the subject.
Let them participate in the discussions. If we want our students to really engage about something, we must let them participate in the whole process. We must ask them for input on the subject that will be presented, which resources will be used, and how you will evaluate them.

Use multiple and varied learning resources. To avoid students sleeping on their desks during your discussion, try to use multiple resources. Bring videos, music, slide shares, toys, and games or bring some special guest to talk.

It’s might not be easy for us to get the best from our students – but at least we should try it all the time. Remember that the things worked on you, might not work for your learners nowadays. They have different needs, demands and need to live up to new expectations, so we need to be prepared to understand them and offer them the best class as we can.

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