MAKING THE STUDENTS OF TODAY AN ACTIVE LEARNER IN SCHOOL

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Active Learners are students that engage in the material participate in a class and collaborate with each other. Active learning is defined as a process whereby students engage in different activities, such as reading, writing, discussion, role playing, or problem solving, that promotes analysis, synthesis, and evaluation of class content. Today, there are different types of learners; some will raise their voices more than the others will; this variation is the result of differences in learning preferences as well as differences in personalities. Some students who do not speak often in class develop ideas and questions in their mind before speaking, others are uncomfortable speaking in front of class. Those students, which frequently volunteer to answer, are active learners who typically think before they speak. In active learning, the teacher is the facilitator rather than the provider of information. The goal of the teacher is to encourage quiet students to speak up and be active learners. There are examples of active learning techniques like Peer review, students review and comment on the material written by their classmate. Another is a game-based learning with the use of computer simulations. In addition, use groups; having students work in a group is one of the best ways to increase student participation. Keep the students busier than you are; give them worksheets, activities, discussions, and projects. Speak more in class; show them their opinions are important and they will pay more attention and speak more in class. There are still unreachable students but if the teacher is persistent and lead the class in a lively discussion with some motivation, he or she can make active learners. So many ways and techniques, which the teacher may use and even create different approaches; which the teacher thinks, promotes active participation. The teacher is the important person that may help to build the students and make them active learners.
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