



How Can Lesson Variety Improve an English Class?

S06E22 | For teachers to adapt to their learners

Purpose

Vary the topic, activity type and pace. In S06E22, Gav and Em discuss combining listening, speaking, writing and reading, alongside energetic tasks and quieter reflection.

Try this in your next lesson

Mark each stage of a lesson plan as listening, reading, speaking, writing or reflection. Review one long stretch of the same demand.

Our suggested routine

- ☐ Alternate active and quieter tasks.
- ☐ Mix receptive work, such as listening or reading, with speaking or writing.
- ☐ Include a moment for learners to reflect on what they have done.
- ☐ Consider the length of the lesson and the energy needed for each activity.

A classroom example

Our suggested planning check gives each stage a job: gather ideas, notice language, practise and use it. Keep a useful stage longer if learners need it. Variety does not require switching tasks on a fixed timer. Afterwards, record where a change helped and where it interrupted something productive.

After the attempt

What worked? What needs another model or a smaller step? Note one change for next time.

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