



Should English Learners Take Notes in Class?

S06E01 | For teachers to adapt to their learners

Teaching focus

Gav suggests that learners leave a lesson with a handful of notes about something they have learned. In S06E01, his academic tip is a modest one: keep useful phrases or words in a form that can be found again.

Our suggested routine

1. After a speaking activity, leave useful language visible and give learners time to record it.
2. Invite each learner to choose two or three items they want to use again.
3. Record a clear example and context in a format the learner can find later.
4. Check the meaning and invite questions about unclear entries.
5. Return to one item in the next lesson, use it in a short exchange and adjust the routine with the learner.

After the attempt

What could learners do? What needed another model or a smaller step? Choose one useful adjustment and try the task again.

Notes for our next lesson

Read the full teaching article and listen to the episode at howtoenglishpod.com