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Creating an effective lesson plan is a great way to make sure your students have a productive and enjoyable learning experience.

It provides a roadmap for the class, with clear goals and objectives that keep everyone on track.

By taking the time to plan ahead, you can cater to the diverse needs of your students and keep them engaged.

We've put together our top tips to help you create a well-thought-out lesson plan.

# Determine your Learning Objectives

Firstly, you need to clearly define what you want your students to know or be able to understand during and at the end of your lesson – think of the learning objectives as the goals you want to accomplish during your lesson.

The learning objectives should be clearly explained to your students so they understand what they are learning and why they are doing it.

Students should be able to see where they are and what they need to do to get to the next level.



# Select **Materials** and **Resources**



Once you know what you want your students to learn, you can make materials and resources to help you and them during your lessons.

This can be in the form of physical handouts, videos, discussions, presentations, or worksheets.

Consider different learning styles to accommodate students with different educational needs – the more students are able to interact directly with your lesson and the materials, the more engaged they are likely to be.



# Plan for **Assessments**



Once you've set your learning objectives, you'll also want to think about how to evaluate your students' understanding.

This could be done through quizzes, mock exams, homework assignments, or in-class discussions.

You will then be able to see whether students in your class may need additional support or are ready to expand their current understanding.

# Prepare for **Unexpected Situations**

There's nothing worse than spending all this time planning a lesson just to have unexpected situations throw everything off balance.

Whether it's technical difficulties or disruptive student behaviour, think about how you would tackle these situations.

For example, you could prepare worksheets or booklets in lieu of technical issues, and start your lesson by outlining classroom expectations to minimise disruptive behaviour where possible.



# Evaluate and Adjust

After your lessons, it's always good to evaluate how effective you feel the lesson plan was and adjust where needed.

It may even be helpful to give your students feedback cards to learn what they liked, what they didn't like, and what they'd like to see more of in your class.

Don't expect every lesson plan to be 100% perfect; the important thing is to evaluate and adapt each lesson plan to make it as effective as it can be for a wide mix of students and learning styles!







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