

# ESOL Online

## Some simple strategies for teachers of ESOL students

### **Be conscious of your use of language.**

- Speak clearly, and not too quickly.
- Use pauses to allow for thinking/processing time.
- Avoid slang and idiom - if you do use it, explain it.
- Explain technical terms.
- Emphasise key words.
- Provide the written form of instructions

### **Provide an environment where students feel comfortable about speaking.**

- Encourage cooperative learning.
- Allow students to process new ideas in their first language.
- Check that students understand by asking them to explain what they have heard or by using open- ended questions.

### **Give models of work.**

- Show examples of finished work to allow students to see what is expected.
- Encourage learners to take responsibility for their learning.

### **Provide adequate time to complete activities.**

- It takes longer to process information in a new language.

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