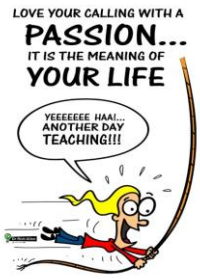
December 2017 Teaching Tip



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The Tonality of Teaching

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Use your voice to deliberately help students focus their attention. A monotone quickly becomes difficult to listen to, causing learners to tune out. Instead, constantly recapture their attention by deliberately varying how you use your voice when teaching:

Allow for silence. Your voice is more effective if you only speak when you have something important to say. Avoid feeling you need to 'fill the silence.'

Pauses. Pausing before – and after – key words or new vocabulary helps students focus clearly on that critical moment in the lesson.

Slowing down. Focus learners' attention on key phrases or words by dramatically slowing down your voice.

Play with the volume. Simply raising – or lowering – your voice changes the dynamic and creates higher levels of engagement.

A conversational tone of voice is perfectly fine many times during a lesson. However, your voice becomes a more powerful teaching tool if used deliberately at key moments to focus students' attention on critical information.

Article of interest this month:

Clarity and organization in the classroom improve student learning

http://uwf.edu/offices/cutla/teaching-tips/fall-2017-teaching-tips/headline-177638-en.html

How to be organized, effective and efficient in your approach to teaching.

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