May 2018 Teaching Tip



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A new perspective



"Pump DOWN the Volume?"

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As teachers, our voice is one of our most powerful tools for doing our job. The trick is to use this tool to maximum effect by adjusting the volume of your voice to match the moment. For example, set your voice to:

- High volume – to give directions (one at a time!)
- Medium volume, slow pace – to teach and explain concepts.
- Low volume – to work individually with a student while other students are working quietly in the room.
- Stage whisper – to create a sense of drama and excitement.

Used consistently, the volume of our voice becomes a useful signal to students about what sort of information we are delivering.

Resource of interest this month:

"I feel completely in control": stress-busting teaching strategies for 2018

https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2018/jan/05/lessons-from-2017-more-relaxed-career-lesson-planning-marking-behaviour-management-work-life-balance

Great article with specific tips for staying in relaxing and focused amid the whirlwind of everyday life in the classroom.