

Hello, EnglishTeachers:

In this space you are going to find some practical ideas that can be functional if you apply them in your groups. Remember that there is no “best way” to teach, you must develop the approach that works best for you based on your teaching style, the characteristics of your students, and the goals and objectives of your lessons and curriculum.



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TIPS FOR TEACHING LARGE GROUPS

CHAPTER 1

■ What is a “Large Class”?

A school classroom that contains many students.

■ How do you feel about teaching large classes?

Teaching large classes is a challenge, but it can also offer many opportunities for you to improve your teaching and to make it more enjoyable and rewarding for you and your students.



Here are some ideas that can guide you in creating and maintaining positive discipline within large groups.

Creating a Well-Managed Learning Environment in Large Classes.

Organizing the Physical Environment.

areas associated with the classroom's physical environment:

- **Maximize classroom space.** To maximize what learning space is available, consider removing unnecessary furniture to reduce the feeling of overcrowding and to facilitate movement. If you really don't need a large teacher's desk, ask for a small one.
- **Facilitate movement.** Develop plans in advance for how students can best enter and exit the classroom; for instance, students who sit in the back of the classroom can enter first, followed by those seated in the middle, and lastly by those seated at the front.



➤ **Use space outside of the classroom.** They are also important sites for students to develop both social and cognitive skills and to learn important lessons about cooperation, ownership, belonging, respect, and responsibility. Look around your school, identify good areas for learning, and incorporate them into your lesson plans.

➤ **Display student work creatively.** Rather than display boards or tables, which take up space, students' work can be hung on a classroom wall or displayed just outside the classroom door for everyone to see.

Involve your students. Students can be very helpful in managing the classroom's physical space, and it helps them to develop a sense of responsibility.

To be continued ...

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