

## 5 Things to Practice in the Classroom

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1. The classroom is an 'Expert Free Zone'. Arguments from authority weaken and suppress critical thinking and creativity.
2. The best learning takes place when the teacher is quiet. This depends on:
  - a. A good question or activity,
  - b. An appropriate strategy (e.g. thinking tool),
  - c. A clear time frame
3. Empower your students by making sure they:
  - a. Understand the level of the question (Blooms Taxonomy)
  - b. Understand the expected outcome,
  - c. Know which appropriate strategy/tool to employ.
4. Avoid the tyranny of 'THE'. Not all questions have a right answer. No strategy has 'THE' right outcome. Ask your question and the answer can be.... 'this' or is it 'that', maybe it's both, how about this concept. You get the idea!
5. Put this one on the wall.

*Effective Thinkers and Learners:  
Pause before they answer,  
Give reasons for their answer,  
See criticism as information,  
Are relaxed about making mistakes,  
Are not afraid to experiment,  
Always try to see the others point of view,  
Show humility,  
Are good listeners.*