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My beloved colleagues salam

I just wanted to share some important techniques of **teaching** with you all: **Series 2**

What is Learning Style?

Learning style is defined as an individualistic pattern of learning which helps the learner learn better. The learner's approach to learning, problem-solving and information-processing differs from one individual to another. Learners are created differently, and so they learn differently from one another. The major challenges of educators are to identify and examine each individual in the classroom, and provide him with appropriate teaching interventions. Such interventions pave the way for catering to the needs of learners in a professional and practical way. Therefore, there is a need to recognize **different learning styles** even before starting to teach in the classroom. Research has shown that educators who use **relevant learning and teaching styles** are more likely to succeed in providing better learning conditions in the class. There is a close relationship between **learning styles and teaching styles**. For better learning outcomes, the teaching styles of the educator must match the learning styles of her students. Once both styles are matched, a meaningful learning environment is created. As such, teachers have to adjust their teaching preferences with those of the learners' in order to achieve the desired outcome. This **mapping of the learning and teaching styles** creates a more effective learning environment and also enhances the problem-solving capability of learners.

When preparing lessons, an effective teacher should:

1. Be aware that he/she is catering to a varied audience.
2. Use learning styles and pedagogy to make learning effective.
3. Create confidence in students to boost capability.
4. Develop a curriculum to suit different learning styles.
5. Use audio-visual tools and instructional aids to make learning fun.
6. Explain difficult concepts ahead of the lesson.
7. Pose questions to stimulate critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
8. Provide opportunities for feedback on the effectiveness of the lesson.
9. Foster a motivating classroom atmosphere.
10. Encourage mutual respect among teachers-learners.

As evident in the above discussion, effective teaching and successful learning require **careful planning and well-planned strategies**. Sound education strategies will create hope, hone skills, impart knowledge and develop positive attitudes in learners, the leaders of tomorrow.

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