

14 Tips For Promoting Progress

in the language classroom using

TARGET LANGUAGE

- 1. Start the first lesson in TL to set the tone**
 - 2. Advise students they will rarely understand everything, but they must try, using clues and regular practice**
 - 3. Regularly check comprehension**
 - 4. Briefly explain the research and how their pronunciation, motivation, accuracy and listening skills will improve by using L2**
 - 5. Use a combination of target language and English in all lessons**
 - 6. Slow down your rate of delivery until students show confidence in using and understanding L2**
 - 7. Define words by L2 examples, rather than in L1**
 - 8. Use key words and phrases more than once**
 - 9. Use the tone of your voice, body language, gestures and visual support to emphasise key parts of speech**
 - 10. Teach students key phrases and requests, as well as ways to clarify and ask for assistance from the outset**
 - 11. Encourage spontaneous use of TL every lesson**
 - 12. Offer feedback, support and praise to assist students' accurate use of TL and develop confidence**
 - 13. Negotiate 'banned' phrases, such as: 'what?' and 'I don't understand' etc, to develop a growth mindset**
 - 14. Don't give up and tell students they aren't allowed to either**
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