
Best Practices for Generating Effective Class Interaction

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Overview

- Climate to Encourage Communication
 - Framing Questions
 - Managing Involvement
 - Benefits and Student Feedback
 - Assessment
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Climate to Encourage Communication

- Modeling
 - Introductions
 - Setting ground rules
 - Collaboration and common ground
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Framing Questions

- Pre-questioning
 - Question Frames
 - Topical and Timely
 - Open-ended vs. Not
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Managing Involvement

- When (and when not) to jump in
 - Writing before speaking
 - Encouraging the quiet, controlling the gregarious
 - One minute summaries
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Benefits and Student Feedback

- Leveling playing field (diverse student backgrounds and communication preferences)
 - Discussions ongoing during week
 - Accountability and ownership
 - Published research: More interaction = better experience (social and academic outcomes)
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Assessment of Interaction

- Grading in-class and on-line participation
 - Pros
 - Cons
 - Peer participation grading
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Thank You!
