

## An outstanding teacher - description

An outstanding teacher does many things well. She understands what is in her curriculum documents and knows how to translate these learning objectives into lesson plans. She has a wide repertoire of teaching strategies and is constantly on the lookout for interesting activities to engage the attention of her students and optimize learning.

She knows about the role of questions, assessment and high quality feedback in the learning process. She generates questions, on the fly, to check for understanding while each individual student is involved in the learning process. She also knows that questions used to check for understanding are qualitatively different questions from those used to stimulate prior knowledge centers in the brain before instruction begins, and are also qualitatively different from questions used to evaluate whether the new material has been consolidated and saved in long-term storage centers in the brain. She is adept at designing questions with her learning purposes in mind, and uses the answers to these questions as feedback to choose new learning activities, and modify her instructional approach and increase learning.