

Mixed-Ability Teaching

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Who is he?





IQ



- Average person IQ of 100
- Extremely smart person IQ of 130+
- Albert Einstein IQ of 160
- Chris Langan IQ of 200



What does he do?





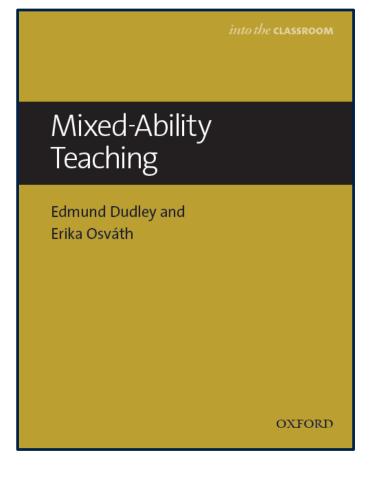
- Construction
- Farm-hand
- Ranch-hand
- Cowboy
- Firefighter
- Forest ranger
- Bouncer

- Teacher
- Lawyer
- Astronomer
- Army General
- Economist
- Professor
- Physicist

A wider context for learning



"It makes sense to think of the classroom as a miniature version of the world outside, in which success depends not only on gaining knowledge, but also on having social skills, values, and life skills."







Choose a student to be *Dice Master*

- Present the group with two options
- Ask the Dice Master to help
- Dice Master rolls:

$$1,2 \text{ or } 3 = \text{Option A}$$

$$4,5 \text{ or } 6 = \text{Option B}$$



Lollipop sticks



- Alternative to 'hands up'
- Write student names on lollipop sticks
- Choose a student at random
- Chosen student tries to answer



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Using L1 Mediated activities

When do your students and you use Hungarian in the English lesson?

- Student A Interviewer: asks questions in English
- Student B Speaker: gives answers in L1
- Student C Mediator: translates between English and L1

Ideas and opinions



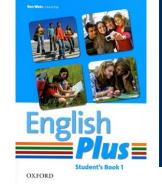
Where would you write these words on the map?

- football
- music
- love
- beauty
- food

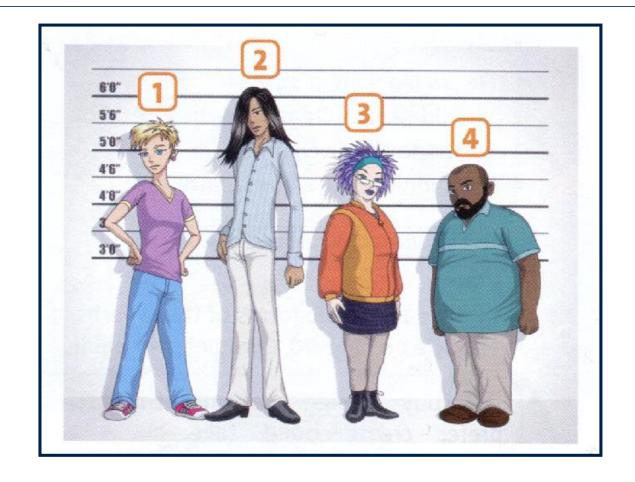
Now explain your choices.



Non-cognitive skills







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Success

"Students should never be allowed to fail at tasks until they have had a reasonable chance to succeed."

J Raffini

"The only way true self-esteem is built is by making people successful."

D Scheidecker and W Freeman



Mindsets



Fixed mindset

- Success is a result of talent
- You either have it or you don't
 (→ tend to avoid challenges)

Growth mindset

- Success is a result of hard work
- Everyone needs a challenge that suits them
 (→ can learn to love a new challenge)

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