What Helps Students Learn in the Classroom





8 Things Faculty Do that Students Appreciate in Class



LEARNING OBJECIVES

State learning objectives consistently in lectures and slides. Students rely on these to gauge their learning.



SLIDE LEAD-INS

Have slide lead-ins to frame the content or session outlines to provide students with structure and thinking frameworks.



SLIDE WHITE SPACE

Have slides with white space to write notes. Learners become more engaged with the materials.



CASE STUDIES

Use case studies to clarify the material.



PERIODIC SUMMARIES

Do periodic summaries of the main points as part of or in addition to the break in lecture every 15 minutes for active engagement.



SUMMARY TABLE

Provide a summary slide that relates to the session learning objectives. This brings the material into focus for the students.



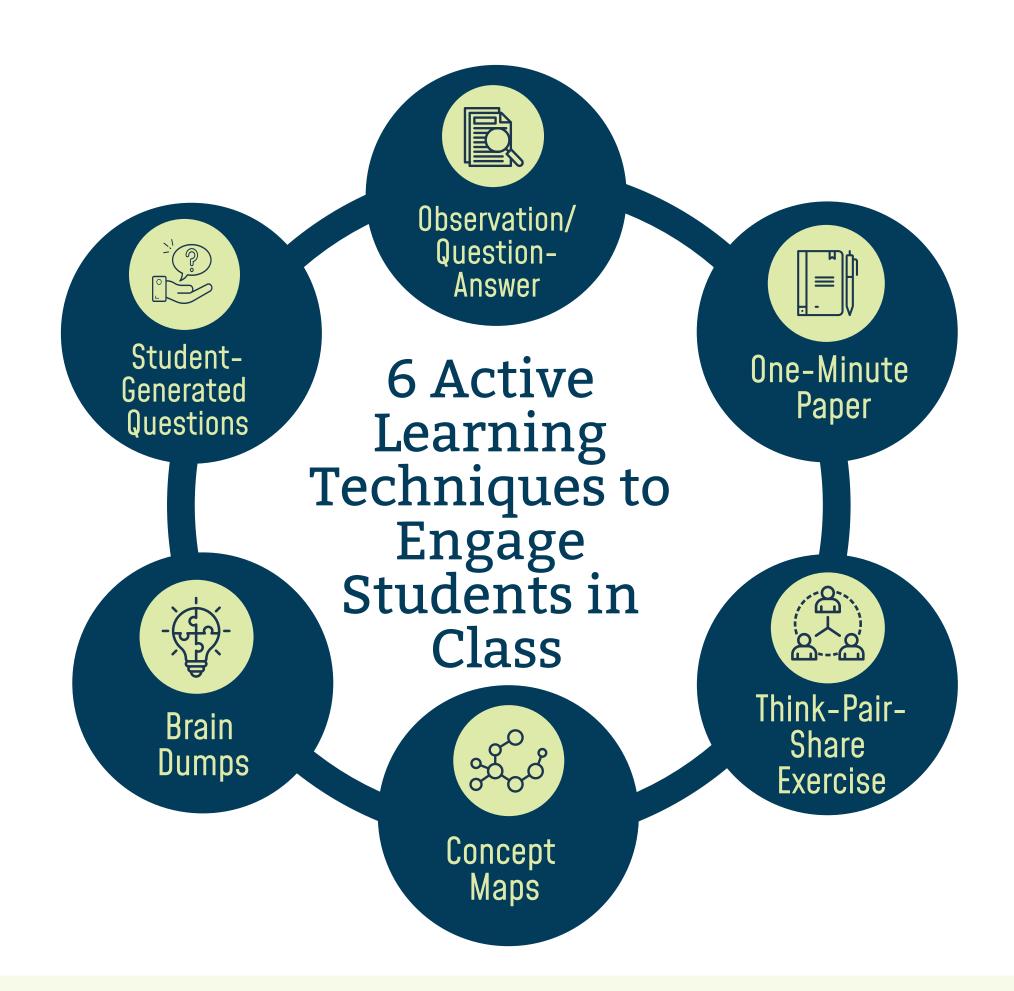
ANSWERS TO IN-CLASS QUESTIONS

Post the answers to in-class questions soon after the session, especially if time does not permit inclass review.



INSTRUCTOR'S NOTES

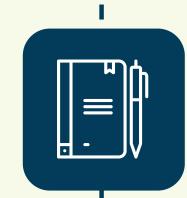
Provide their instructor's notes. Students have found these helpful in studying.





OBSERVATION/QUESTION-ANSWER

Students observe and then report in pair, small group, or as a whole.



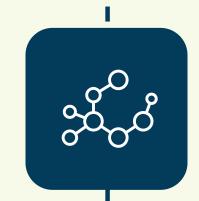
ONE-MINUTE PAPER

Students respond to a prompt for reflection during class to ensure they are on the same page in understanding.



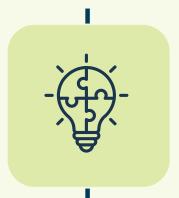
THINK-PAIR-SHARE EXERCISE

Students state their own opinions, hear from others, and refine their communication skills.



CONCEPT MAPS

Students identify, organize, and establish meaningful relationships of information.



BRAIN DUMPS

Students note any variable related to the presented content in order to generate many potential solutions or responses.



STUDENT-GENERATED QUESTIONS

Students create questions to clarify the information and identify the muddiest points that require further study.