

Engagement

Choosing from a range of hooks

Engagement Hooks are short and self-contained openings to lessons. They are related to the lesson content, create interest and generate emotional, behavioural and cognitive engagement.

- #### Unfamiliar prop

An unfamiliar prop or object can ignite a sense of wonder
- #### Provide statistics

Relevant statistics that quantify an amount can arouse curiosity and interest, and add authority to the topic
- #### Ask a question

Questions without obvious answers can intrigue students and prompt them to construct their own meaning from the information they uncover
- #### Hands on

Students creating something can stimulate behavioural engagement
- #### Quote or statement

Lines from a song, a famous person's words, or provocative statement can provide insight, provoke interest and build authority to the topic
- #### Pose a scenario

A scenario or riddle creates a sense of mystery where students are compelled to find the solution
- #### Story or poem

A short story or poem can spark imagination and identify personal connections to their learning
- #### Role Plays

Role plays can engage students to invest in their learning, construct their own meaning and identify personal connections to their learning
- #### Audio

Music can stir emotion
- #### Clip

An intriguing video can challenge students to think critically and reflect
- #### Joke

Start a lesson with laughter
- #### Games

Games build upon students' interests, and can help students to focus, build resilience and persevere to achieve goals
- #### Puppets

Puppets or mimicry can develop a sense of wonder and stimulate their cognitive engagement
- #### Image

An image can spark curiosity and stimulate emotional engagement

Teaching for Effective Learning (TIEL) Element 4.1
 Build on learners' understandings
 SA TIEL Framework guide, Key actions: Teachers, p.65
 Find hooks to create student interests and meaning making by responding to students' energies and enthusiasm

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