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Teaching ESL to Children

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Summary:

Tips and pointers for teaching English as a second language to children.

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George and Daisy Stocker have traveled the world teaching

ESL to children and adults. Their website, ESL for Children

offers ESL curriculum, including textbooks and Storybooks for children

age 7 - 12. T

Article Body:

Teaching ESL to children is challenging but also very rewarding. Before I walk into a class of children, I get no attention span AT ALL, and so I tell myself to slow right down before I start. Teaching children is

Here are some tips for teaching ESL to children:

1. Involve Children in an hands-on Activities. Children's minds are incredibly open and they learn by doing.
2. Avoid talking for long periods of time. I find that the energy level of the classroom drops when I talk for lots of stimulation all the time.
3. Children learn by interacting with each other and with the teacher. Try to talk to each child individually.
4. Review, Review, Review. New information is absorbed and has meaning when it is related to information already learned.
5. Encourage students to correct themselves and other students. Self correction or self-regulation is a key to learning.
6. Use what is learned in different contexts. The more contexts used the better, and the more the students learn.
7. Praise, Praise, Praise. Encourage and build students up in a natural way. Learning occurs when students are motivated.

Looking back on my years of teaching, the children's classes took a bit of getting used to, but they

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