YOUR MINI LESSON | How to prepare
THIS TASK IS ONLY RELEVANT TO SECONDARY PGCE APPLICATIONS
YOUR TASK

- Read the Centre for Professional Education’s Mini Lesson Brief
- Teach a lesson for 3-5 minutes to your fellow candidates/interviewers
- Showcase your potential as a teacher

REMEMBER
Please do not use PowerPoint
THE AIM OF THE EXERCISE

❖ To demonstrate your potential as a teacher

1. Speak with confidence
2. Engage others
3. Be clear
4. Listen and respond
1. SPEAK WITH CONFIDENCE

- Introduce yourself and smile
  - You will probably get smiles back: an instinctive reaction

- Speak clearly
  - This makes you sound in calm and in control

- Don’t speak too quickly
  - Give the audience time to absorb each point

- Use silence to emphasise points
  - This tells the audience that something important is coming

- Don’t worry about mistakes
  - Move on or rectify it with confidence
2. ENGAGE OTHERS

- Try to involve everyone
  - Address your words to different people, try to use names if you can

- Make eye contact
  - This is crucial to holding the attention of your audience

- Move
  - Walk around a little and gesture with your hands

- Convey enthusiasm and passion for your topic
  - Practice saying sentences in different emotions

- Use variety
  - Move around, gesture, use props or aids – use an activity to get your “pupils” involved
3. BE CLEAR

- Be structured
  - Keep to a structure which includes an introduction, middle and end

- Keep to allotted time
  - Practice timings and have a clock you can check

- Be clear
  - Make sure you get your key messages, ideas and learning point across

- Create variety
  - Break it up into sections
4. LISTEN AND RESPOND

- Gauge your audience
  - Check they have grasped the subject matter

- Anticipate any questions
  - This will reinforce the impression that you have knowledge and experience in your subject

- Be positive
  - Be encouraging and positive with your “pupils” ideas and questions
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