TEN SPECIFIC TECHNIQUES FOR DEVELOPING HUMOR IN THE CLASSROOM.

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Abstract:
Humor is any communication which is perceived by any of the interacting parties as humorous and leads to laughter or a feeling of amusement. After discussing this definition, we outline the benefits of humor. Ten specific techniques for developing humor in the classroom are arranged in a systematic sensitization sequence for ease of use. We conclude with several precautions about using humor. Many of the suggestions here are supported with direct quotations from students. They feel that humor "adds fun to the class and makes students want to attend and want to participate" (Mary Lisa Linsley, April 28, 1986).

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