

Choosing teaching and learning methods

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Spend ten minutes making a list of all the teaching/learning methods you can think of: for instance, discussion, demonstration, individual project work. Make your list on your own paper.

When you have finished, review the table that follows and add to your list any methods which you have not made a note of. The table suggests which methods might be particularly suitable for teaching different parts of a programme of learning. It is, necessarily, a simplification:

Intended outcome	Development of a physical skill	Acquisition of Knowledge	Change in attitude
Choose from:	demonstration	case study	case study
	discovery method	discovery method	discussion
	individual practice with work cards or books	discussion	role play
		lectures	simulation
	Open learning (including computer-assisted learning)	demonstration	
		private study and reading	tutorials
		open learning	debates
		project and visits	learner-conducted survey or field trip
		tutorials	