

Strategies for Teaching Students with Special Needs

✦ Academics & Organization

- + Present information visually and verbally.
- + Provide oral instruction
- + Use diagrams, graphics and pictures to support instruction.
- + Use visuals to reinforce rules and routines. Have a set of pictures showing different parts of your lesson – **listening (ear), speaking (mouth), writing (pen) reading (book).**
- + Provide regular quality feedback.
- + Break learning tasks into small steps.
- + Probe regularly to check understanding.
- + Provide independent practice.
- + Model what you want students to do.
- + Provide frequent progress checks.
- + Give immediate feedback.
- + Make activities concise and short, whenever possible.
- + Think about your learners needs and have a seating plan.
 - ✦ For example, hearing impaired learners will need to sit near the teacher, learners with ADHD need to sit away from distractions such as windows and radiators.
- + Don't be afraid to ask the learner. They will know what works.