Your mini lesson (secondary applicants only)

How to prepare

EXCELLENT TEACHERS, NEED EXCELLENT TEACHERS

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Your Task

- Read the Centre for Teacher 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 a PowerPoint presentation

The Aim of the Exercise

To demonstrate your potential as a teacher

- Speak with confidence
- Engage others
- Be clear
- Listen and respond

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

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

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

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