Your mini lesson (secondary applicants only)

How to prepare
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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