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Teams' picture with learners



Summary:

Learning and teaching languages is a never ending but exciting challenge. Especially now, due to the demanding job market, learners are confronted to the need of communicating in one or two languages additionally to their own. But how can they achieve good results in stress situations? What can tutors offer to support their efforts? They can focus learners' attention on visualisation. Visualisation combined with cooperative learning strategies and kinaesthetic elements gives learners better tools to acquire skills in a foreign language relatively quickly. These strategies are appropriate for learners of all ages without

differences of sex or origin. They give also a genuine chance to reach learners of any education level, even illiterate. They enable tutors to present sensible topics like stereotypes and xenophobia in a respectful way. Cooperative learning generates more understanding and solidarity between learners. The visualisation of topics raises cultural awareness, develops interest for other countries, improve the understanding of the common cultural heritage of EU nations. It is not bound to any specific topic so that a large range of everyday situations but also of social, historical and political themes can be presented in an attractive and interesting way to learners. The subjects addressed will also refer to the finding of appropriate motivating mechanisms for adult learners to take up educational effort as well as ensuring authentic intercultural approach of the training provision.

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Some ways to visualize topics

- **§** Cartoons strips
- § Charades
- § Clips and pictures
- § Illustrations
- § Pantomine
- § Pictograms
- § Sociometric exercises
- § Spider grams

also for example

"Gesture"



and much more!