

# Unit 1: Checklist of Learner-Centered and Inclusive Teaching Practices

Use this checklist of teaching practices as you observe classes or view videos of classroom teaching. (Information on videos of classroom teaching can be found in the references and recommended resources for this unit.) Take note of where you see these teaching practices applied. You can also use this checklist to evaluate your own practice!

Learner-centered, inclusive teaching practices	How is this evident in the lesson I am observing, or in my own teaching?
1. Activate learners’ knowledge and experiences	
2. Make instruction relevant to learners’ needs and interests	
3. View learners’ first language and culture as resources for learning; value language variety	
4. Give learners choices and active roles in the classroom	
5. Make classroom interactions and tasks authentic	
6. Challenge learners to employ higher order and critical thinking skills	
7. Choose materials that are reflective of learners in the class	
8. Foster a classroom climate of respect; respond to comments or acts that are offensive or disaffirming as they occur in the class	