

Happy Classes Help Teachers Teach and Learners Learn

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What is Morale and Rapport?



Morale - "the confidence, [enthusiasm](#), and discipline of a person or group at a particular time." Oxford Dictionary.

Rapport - a close and [harmonious](#) relationship in which the people or groups concerned understand each other's feelings or ideas and communicate well.

Why are these factors important?

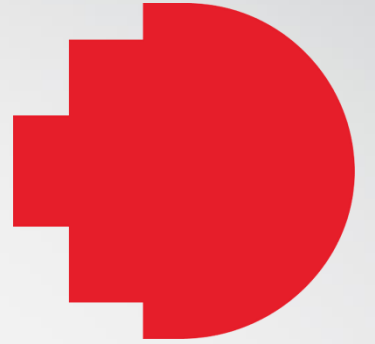


Warmer

**Discuss the questions
around the room**

Team up with someone you don't know

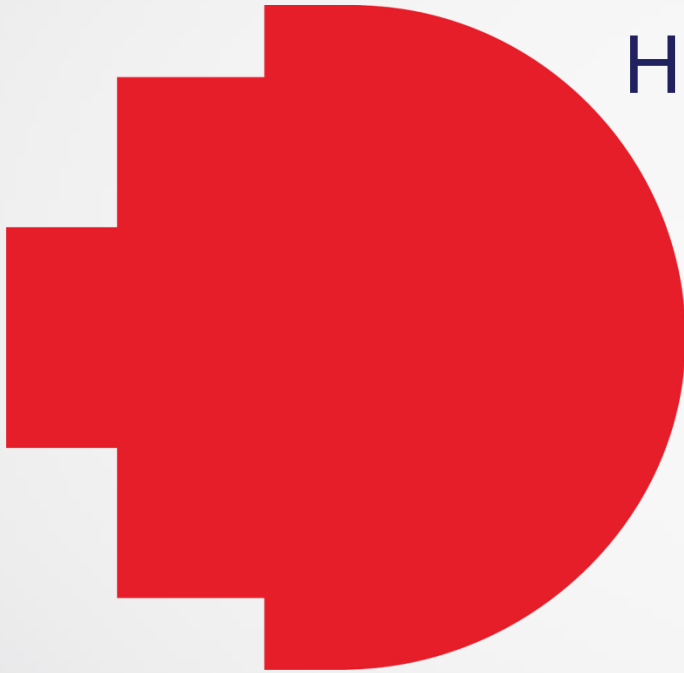
Factors that Impact Morale & Rapport



Possible Answers

- Exam Results
- Relationship Issues
- Bad Previous Lesson
- New Students Joining the Class
- Burnout
- Stress
- Outside Events

Reflect



How did the initial activity affect morale & rapport?



Board Game

**Take turns, roll the
dice, race to the end**

Team up with someone you don't know

Reflect



How do Gaming Activities affect the class?

- We could just ask questions.
- Having an 'external goal' outside of language learning, 'hides' the task.
- The competitive aspect excites and provides incentive.
- There is a flow to the lesson, it feels like things are happening, something outside of the brain, outside of actual learning, so it doesn't 'feel' like learning.



Matching Activity

**Match the activities
to the rationale**

Team up with people you don't know

Reflect

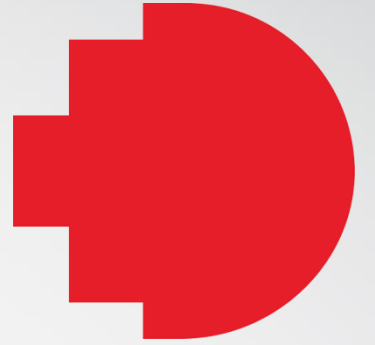


How does changing teams affect the class?

- We are out of our comfort zone.
- It requires movement and thought.
- There is a new 'competitor' to impress.
- It is fun and interesting.



Self-awareness



Welcoming regardless of the students' morale

- They feed off your energy
- You could be affected by theirs - Don't be.

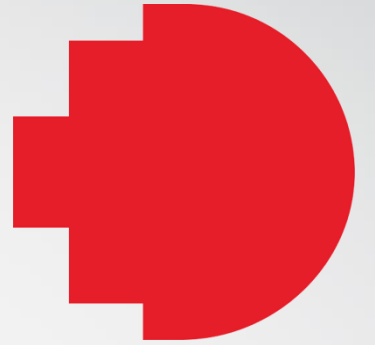
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How does your mood affect the class?

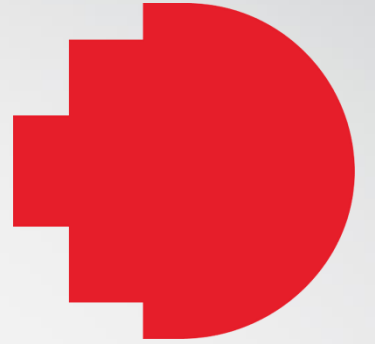
Tips for Morale and Rapport

From Day 1



- Set the tone of the class through your presence.
- Learn students' names - info about family & life.
- Students want to meet each other, communicate, and develop relationships.
- Try not to let cliques develop, mix regularly.
- Communicate with co-teachers, previous teachers.
- Manage expectations around L1 use.

Tips for Morale and Rapport



- During activities, listen to their answers; develop an understanding of their personality; life situation; desires for the future.
- Vary groups regularly.
- Get help. Document ongoing issues.
- Don't let it stress you. Continue to do your best regardless.

Any Questions?



Thank you

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