

How to Turn on the Right Hemisphere

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1. **Use humor whenever possible: Humor gets the right hemisphere into the act.**
2. **Present it visually. Use overheads. Draw pictures. Show them—don't just tell them. Have them picture it.**
3. **Use computers. Computers *show* rather than tell. They teach visually with no time limits.**
4. **Make use of fantasy. Provide lots of opportunities for students to use their imaginations!**
5. **Use hands-on experiences: manipulatives, construction, movement, action.**
6. **Make it challenging. Challenge integrates the two hemispheres.**
7. **Use discovery techniques: finding patterns, inductive learning, inquiry training.**
8. **Put it to music. Let them sing it! Let them dance it! Let them chant it! Rhythm will be remembered.**
9. **Get their attention! Talk louder, talk faster, be more animated, use gestures. Do something silly.**
10. **Make them winners. Involve them in competition they are guaranteed to win: Read one more book than last week; Beat your record on times tables.**
11. **Teach to their interests: find out what turns them on. What are their hobbies? What do they do after school? What do they want to be when they grow up?**
12. **Emotion works wonders. Use emotionally charged material. Show them you care about them.**

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