

Step – Key things to remember when teaching a speaking lesson

Task

Watch the video. What do Lindsay and Marie Therese say about these things?

1. Lesson objectives
2. Lesson staging/framework
3. Instructions
4. Managing time lags
5. Managing dominant and quiet learners
6. Feedback

Answers

Lindsay and Marie Therese talk about key things to remember when teaching speaking lessons online.

Lesson objectives	It's important to have clear objectives and you should have a good reason for doing speaking activities.
Lesson staging/framework	Frameworks for online speaking lessons are similar to those in a face-to-face lesson. You'll have some preparation work, then you'll do the speaking task, then you'll have some feedback afterwards.
Instructions	<p>You need to be extra specially clear with instructions because of the distance that comes with the online teaching situation. When giving instructions make sure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">your language is gradedyou enunciate clearlyyou check that learners understand what to doyou give a demonstration of the activity. <p>You can also type instructions into the chat box.</p>

Managing time lags	Leave enough 'wait time' after you ask a question so that the learner has time to receive the question across the distance, to think of an answer and then to produce the answer.
Managing dominant and quiet learners	Use the chat box to help weaker students become more confident and to chat to you until they are ready to speak.
Feedback	Use the chat box to give personalised feedback to individual learners directly. Use the whiteboard or a Word document to give whole class feedback.