

Session – 17b
Orientation Workshop for the Fresh Faculty Members

Oral Communication in Classroom



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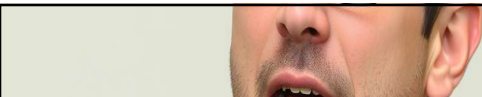
First Impressions Count

How a lecturer presents themselves sets the tone for the entire class. Appearance, confidence, and approachability can influence students' engagement from the start.

Why Effective Lecturing Matters

The Impact on Student Learning





Facial Appearance Tips

- Maintain a pleasant, approachable expression
- Make regular eye contact
- Smile genuinely to build rapport



Key Elements of Effective Lecturing

- Facial Appearance
- Voice Tone and Clarity
- Gestures and Body Language



A warm facial expression invites student participation.



Voice Tone Essentials

- Speak clearly and at a moderate pace
- Vary pitch and tone for emphasis
- Project your voice to reach all students

Positive vs. Negative Gestures



Effective Gestures

Open arms, purposeful movements, pointing to visuals.



Ineffective Gestures

Crossed arms, fidgeting, pacing aimlessly.



The Power of Voice Modulation

Using changes in tone, volume, and speed keeps lectures interesting and helps highlight key points. Avoid monotone delivery to prevent student disengagement.



Gestures reinforce verbal messages and aid understanding.



Engaging Gestures

- Use open hand gestures to emphasise points
- Avoid repetitive or distracting movements
- Synchronise gestures with speech



Posture and Movement

- Stand upright, avoid slouching
- Move purposefully, not aimlessly
- Face the audience, not the board



Body Language Awareness

Students are quick to pick up on body language cues. Confident posture and open stance communicate authority and approachability.



“Your voice is the most powerful tool in the classroom.”

Workshop Facilitator

Practical Voice Techniques

Making Your Voice Your Teaching Tool




Facial Expression Exercises

- Practice smiling in the mirror
- Work on expressive eyebrows
- Relax your jaw and facial muscles



Voice Practice Tips

- Record and listen to your lectures
- Practice varying your tone
- Use pauses for emphasis

Interactive Activity: Expression Practice



Instructions

Pair up. Take turns delivering a short introduction using varied facial expressions.



Reflection

Share with your partner how the expressions affected your perception.



Using Space Effectively

Move around the classroom to engage all students, but avoid pacing or turning your back for too long. Use proximity to manage attention.

Common Pitfalls to Avoid

What Undermines Effective Lecturing?




Gesture Practice Activity

- Choose a concept and explain using gestures
- Observe peer feedback on clarity
- Refine gestures for next attempt



Ineffective Habits

- Monotone delivery
- Lack of eye contact
- Distracting gestures or fidgeting



**Effective posture and movement
create an engaging learning
environment.**

Before and After: Effective Change



Before

Lecturer slouched, monotone, little movement.



After

Lecturer upright, animated voice, engaging gestures.

Checklist for Effective Lecturing



Facial Appearance

Maintain a friendly, open expression.

Voice

Use varied tone and clear projection.

Gestures

Use purposeful, synchronised gestures.

Posture

Stand tall, move with intent.

A Lecture in Four Steps

Preparation

Plan content, rehearse delivery.

Opening

Engage with facial expression and voice.

Delivery

Use gestures, posture, and movement.

Closure

Summarise and invite questions.

Quick Reference: Dos and Don'ts

Aspect	Do	Don't
Facial Appearance	Smile, make eye contact	Frown, avoid students
Voice	Vary tone, project	Speak monotone, mumble
Gestures	Open, synchronised	Distracting, random
Posture	Stand tall, move purposefully	Slouch, pace aimlessly

Interactive Practice

Apply What You've Learned



Engagement Strategies

Ask Questions

Pose open-ended questions to involve students.

Use Visuals

Incorporate slides or props for clarity.

Encourage Discussion

Foster peer-to-peer learning.



Peer Feedback Activity

- Deliver a 2-minute lecture
- Observe and note delivery techniques
- Provide constructive feedback





Reflect and Improve

Continuous reflection and feedback help refine lecturing skills. Record yourself, seek peer input, and make incremental improvements.



The best lecturers inspire, engage, and connect.

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Visual Recap: Effective Lecturer

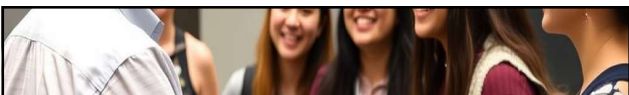


Facial expression, voice, gestures, and posture in action.



Questions for Reflection

What is one lecturing habit you will change after this workshop? How will you implement it in your next class?



Top Tips for Success

- Be authentic and approachable
- Adapt to student feedback
- Keep learning and practising



Further Resources

- Books on public speaking and teaching
- Online courses for educators
- Peer mentoring and observation

Thank You!

Let's Keep Improving Together



Contact for Follow-Up



Stay in touch
for more
resources
and support.