Total Physical Response

Is a teaching method that uses the movement of the body, or modeling of movements to associate with words or terminology so that some student may receive a better understanding.

HOW TO USE

1. Teacher presents the new movement to the class by modeling it. The teacher will say the name of the movement while performing it in front of the class.
2. The students will then stand and mimic the teacher’s movements and also say the word aloud. Teacher will also have the word in Spanish for English second language learners.

WHEN TO USE

1. New Vocabulary
2. Ice Breaker
3. Previous Year Review
4. Exam
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VARIATIONS

Student TPR

Student will receive a movement that he or she must use their prior knowledge to teach the class the terminology. The students will do the same as the teacher did but with little to no guidance. The teacher will observe to make sure they are staying on task.

BATTLE CHARADES

Students will pair into teams of 4 to play the game. The teacher will have a student from each team tell the word to. Each student that round must act out the word without actually doing the movement. Once the correct word is guessed, the person who gave the answer must correctly perform the movement that is associated with the word.