

Strategies for Small Group Teaching



FacDev in 5 KEY TAKEAWAYS



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Strategies for impactful teaching in small groups.

1

Create a Safe and Inclusive Environment

Set respectful ground rules, use names, and validate contributions so learners feel safe to engage.

2

Use Structured, Case-Based Activities

Center sessions on real-world scenarios with guiding questions that let learners lead.

3

Facilitate, Don't Dominate

Ask open-ended questions, encourage all voices, and let learners wrestle with uncertainty.

4

Adapt to Group Dynamics

Stay flexible, observe dynamics, and use quick feedback to adjust in real time.

5

Reflect and Debrief

Close with learner reflections to reinforce lessons and build critical thinking.



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