

20 Differentiated Instruction Strategies and Examples

- 1. Create Learning Stations:** Divide your classroom into stations that have different activities, each helping teach a skill or concept.
- 2. Use Task Cards:** Print cards that each contain a task or question. Have students complete them either individually or in pairs.
- 3. Interview Students:** Pull students aside during group activities to ask questions about their abilities and learning habits.
- 4. Target Different Senses Within Lessons:** Aim to use lesson content that targets visual, tactile, auditory and kinesthetic senses.
- 5. Share Your Own Strengths and Weaknesses:** Highlight that not everyone processes information the same way. Share personal examples.
- 6. Use the Think-Pair-Share Strategy:** Ask students to individually think about a question. Next, pair them together to discuss their thoughts. Finally, have each pair share their ideas with the rest of the class.
- 7. Make Time for Journaling:** Make time for students to reflect and expand upon lessons in their personal journals.
- 8. Implement Reflection and Goal-Setting Exercises:** Have students reflect on important lessons and set goals for further learning. Create lessons to help meet these goals.
- 9. Run Literature Circles:** Help auditory and participatory learners retain more information from readings by running literature circles.
- 10. Offer Different Types of Free Study Time:** Divide the class into sections similar to learning stations, using free study time to benefit different types of learners.
- 11. Group Students with Similar Learning Styles:** Encourage student collaboration by grouping them based on common work and thinking practices.
- 12. Give Different Sets of Reading Comprehension Activities:** Evaluate reading comprehension through questions and activities that test different aptitudes.



- 13. Assign Open-Ended Projects:** Create a list of projects and rubrics, letting students choose one that lets them best demonstrate their knowledge.
- 14. Encourage Students to Propose Ideas for Their Projects:** Let students take projects from concept to completion by pitching you ideas.
- 15. Analyze Your Differentiated Instruction Strategy on a Regular Basis:** Analyze your approaches to differentiated content, processes and products to determine effectiveness.
- 16. “Teach Up”:** Start at the high-end of the curriculum, using differentiated instruction to bring students to that level.

Differentiated Math Instruction Strategies and Examples

- 17. Use EdTech that Adjusts Itself to Each Student:** Use a free and adaptable math game with a range of content, such as *Prodigy*.
- 18. Relate Math to Personal Interests and Everyday Examples:** Use real-life comparisons to help some learners grasp new concepts.
- 19. Play a Math-Focused Version of Tic-Tac-Toe:** Create and distribute tic-tac-toe sheets filled with math questions that test different abilities.
- 20. Create Learning Stations, without Mandatory Rotations:** Set up stations that involve using either data or objects, or working with other students, to solve problems. Consult students if they want to change stations.

