10 TIPS FOR TEACHING ENGLISH by Maria Taqdees

These are a few tips about teaching English. I hope you like them and I give my blessings and prayers to all the YES alumni.

1. Teaching English language can be an art if you consider it is as your hobby.

2. You might come across difficult students who want to learn but will not pay attention during the lectures or are shy to express themselves. The solution for this is to pick them for small tasks and to be activity leaders.

3. Be patient! Patience is the key to success.

4. Make learning fun!

5. Motivate your students towards reading. Whether it is from books or newspapers, ask them to read it aloud and pick out the difficult words. They can find the meaning of the new words from the dictionary to build their vocabulary.

6. Play TRUTH or DARE:

1. I write all the related questions, translations, etc. on small papers and put them into a bowl.
2. Then we played music and passed the box around. When the music stopped the person who had the box was suppose to pick a paper, read the question and then answer.
3. If their answer is wrong then they have to decide between truth or dare and for the truth they have to tell something true about themselves that they had never shared or for the dare part they have to do what we want them to do.

7. SING ALONG ACTIVITY: Sing out loud to their favorite songs in front of the class. Doing such silly things helps them become less afraid to speak English and they can overcome their shyness.

8. STORY CHAIN GAME: One group gives a situation and the other group has to create a story about it. They have to take turns adding sentences to the story very quickly. If they take too long then they lose points.

9. LISTENING ACTIVITY: I showed them different lectures and documentaries in English that I found online. Afterward, I ask questions related to the video.

10. To help me plan lessons I look at many different resources that are available online. This helps to reduce the stress of maintaining the project during busy times.