

CATEGORIES OF LEARNERS

a) Fast learners

b) Slow learners / slow achievers / time takers

a) Fast learners

These are learners who can understand and process information in a relatively short space of time.

Characteristics of fast learners

- ✓ They are curious / inquisitive
- ✓ They understand very fast.
- ✓ They have immediate answers.
- ✓ They are confident
- ✓ They are good time managers.

How to manage fast learners

- ✓ Give them more tasks
- ✓ Give them complex questions.

b) Slow learners / slow achievers / time takers

These are learners whose thinking skills develop at a notably slower rate than that of their peers.

Characteristics of slow learners / slow achievers / time takers

- They want to go out all the time
- They have low concentration.
- They rarely respond to questions.
- They like back benches.
- They are noise makers.
- They rarely complete class tasks.
- They take long to accomplish tasks given.
 - They always dodge to take books for marking.
 - They pretend to be sickly.

Reasons why some learners are weak

- Lack of focus and discipline.
- Lack of effort.
- Poor home environment.
- Limited exposure to learning opportunities.
- Poor study habits
- Lack of interest.
- Difficulty with the material.
- Anxiety and stress.

How to handle weak / slow learners

- ✓ Encourage them
- ✓ Don't give up on them.
- ✓ Be supportive.
- ✓ Challenge them
- ✓ Give them feedback.
- ✓ Reward them with praising words
- ✓ Establish rules and expectations.
- ✓ Help them find their strengths.
- ✓ Celebrate their accomplishments.
- ✓ Help them set goals and work towards their weaknesses.
- ✓ Adjust your teaching methods.
- ✓ Providing extra support in school.
- ✓ Encourage parents to get involved
- ✓ Assign responsibilities to them.
- ✓ Have close supervision
- ✓ Round marking during lessons
- ✓ Give limit of work for instance marking the first given number of learners to complete the given task.

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