## CELTA Online Orientation Task 9: Position in the Classroom

Below are **six** statements about where the teacher can be in the classroom at different stages of the lesson. Read the statements and decide which ones you think are true, false or you are not sure about. Click on the appropriate button for each answer. The first one has been done for you.

1. When the students are reporting back to the teacher and to the whole class, the teacher should stay in the middle of the horseshoe. **True.** When students are reporting to the teacher and the whole class, the teacher needs to remain in the middle so that all the students can see them.
2. When the students are reporting back to the teacher and to the whole class, the teacher should always stand. **False**. The teacher can sit down and in this way the teacher can maintain eye contact at the same height as the students. This can be less intimidating than when the teacher is standing up.
3. When the students are working alone the teacher should stay in the middle of the horseshoe. **False.** The students may need help so the teacher can move around the room to help students where necessary.
4. When the students are talking in pairs, the teacher can walk behind them and listen. **True.** The teacher can walk in front of the students or behind the students to make sure they are doing the task. It is important for teachers not to loom over students because it can be intimidating for learners so the teacher may wish to crouch or move their chair if possible.
5. When the teacher is writing on the board, the teacher should be at the board where all the students can see. **True.** It is important for the teacher to make sure that all the students can see the board and the writing on the board clearly. In addition, if the teacher is talking to the students while standing by the board, it is crucial to face the students, not the board.
6. When the teacher is giving students instructions, it is useful to move around the room. **False.** It is very difficult for learners to follow and understand instructions if the teacher is moving around the room. The best position for the teacher to be in while giving instructions is in the centre or front of the room where all the students can see them.