

Teacher Beliefs / Learner Beliefs

Look at the following statements. Which do you agree with? Why? Which do you think your teacher agrees with? Why do you think so? Add two more beliefs of your own.

	Me	Teacher
<i>If a student misses a class, the teacher should check up on them and make sure they are ready for the next class.</i>		
<i>Students and teachers need textbooks.</i>		
<i>Learners learn by producing language.</i>		
<i>Speaking and listening are more important than reading and writing.</i>		
<i>English learners should aim at a native-speaker like accent.</i>		
<i>Passing a test or completing a task in class means your language skills are improving.</i>		
<i>Students without realistic goals will find it harder to learn.</i>		
<i>Students must understand exactly what is happening in class.</i>		
<i>It is vital that teachers set rules, and that students follow them.</i>		
<i>If students break the rules, they should be punished.</i>		
<i>Grammar is very important and mistakes should be corrected in class often.</i>		
<i>It is OK for learners to use their first language in class in some situations.</i>		
<i>Language is pointless if you have nothing to say.</i>		
<i>Teachers should support students by giving them clear tasks</i>		

Part Two

Talk to your partners about WHY you agree or disagree with each statement, and why you think your teacher agrees or disagrees. Try to give examples (class activities, situations, homework assignments) which demonstrate your feeling. Take notes

Part Three

What are the main differences between you and your teacher? Between you and a classmate? Can you think of ways it has affected your satisfaction on the course? Have you been surprised, disappointed, irritated or confused? Discuss with your partners.