

# Strategies for Effective Teaching and Learning

## Suggestions for Teaching Students With Learning Disabilities

- Capitalize on the student's strengths.
- Provide high structure and clear expectations.
- Use short sentences and a simple vocabulary.
- Provide opportunities for success in a supportive atmosphere to help build self-esteem.
- Allow flexibility in classroom procedures (for example, allowing the use of audio recorders for note taking and test taking when students have trouble with written language).
- Make use of self-correcting materials that provide immediate feedback without embarrassment.
- Use computers for drill and practice and teaching word processing.
- Provide positive reinforcement of appropriate social skills at school and home.

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