

Teachers and their classrooms

Listening Comprehension

1) *You will hear four teachers talking about their ideas of ideal classrooms. Listen and take notes.*

2) *How do you picture the different teachers? Do they remind you of a teacher that you know?*

3) *Which of the rooms would be the best for you. Why? Which teacher do you identify with most? Why?*

5) Synonyms

Replace the underlined words taken from the listening text with synonyms provided in the box. Find more possible synonyms.

entirely information	ask	respected	calm	find
fantastic	many	require	traditional	basic

- a. First of all I need a medium sized room.
- b. (...) so I can get my students to look things up on the net.
- c. A large interactive whiteboard would be amazing.
- d. I have tons of games, books, CDs and DVDs (...)
- e. I believe that they can create a peaceful atmosphere.
- f. I think the room itself should be as plain as possible.
- g. The typical layout with long corridors and closed classrooms is hopelessly outdated.
- h. (...) teachers have different needs that need to be addressed.

6. Questions

Form questions that lead to the following answers.

a. It should neither be too small and nor too large.

b. One thing that has always annoyed me is that I have to walk to my students' classrooms.

c. As far as furniture is concerned I prefer chairs without casters.

d. I would love to have the tables set for groups of four, because I do a lot of group work.

e. From my point of view many teachers fill their classrooms with too many distracting things.

f. The typical layout with long corridors and closed classrooms is hopelessly outdated.

g. Another section should have a large table for groups to share their ideas and work together

7. Neither ... nor ...

It should neither be too small and nor too large. Make three statements about classrooms using "neither ... nor ..."