

Teacher Clarity



Teacher clarity refers to how clearly and effectively a teacher communicates learning goals (intentions and success criteria), instructions, content, and expectations to students. When teachers are clear, **students better understand what they're supposed to learn, how to do it, and why it matters**—leading to improved engagement, motivation, and academic performance.

Key Elements of Teacher Clarity

- Clear Learning Intentions and Success Criteria
 - The teacher communicates *what* students are expected to learn and *how* they'll know they've been successful.
- Effective Explanations and Instruction
 - Concepts are explained in an understandable, structured way using examples, visuals, or analogies.
- Clear Directions and Procedures
 - Students understand how to complete tasks or follow classroom routines without confusion.
- Checking for Understanding
 - Teachers regularly assess whether students understand content and instructions, adjusting accordingly.

Our purpose remains to encourage each student to try by '*seeing their ability to succeed*' and to inform instructional decisions on what to say and do next based on checking for understanding.

Learning Intention

I am learning to write a persuasive text that clearly states my opinion and supports it with strong reasons and evidence."

Success Criteria

I can state a clear opinion on the topic.
I can include at least two strong reasons to support my opinion.
I can provide evidence or examples for each reason.
I can use persuasive language techniques (e.g., emotional appeals, rhetorical questions, strong word choices).
I can organize writing with a clear structure (introduction, body, conclusion).
I can address the opposing viewpoint and explain why their opinion is stronger (optional, for higher levels).
I can edit and revise to improve clarity, grammar, and impact