Why should we make space for the discussion of learning?

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Today we are going to:

- Discuss a common teacher fear and its impact on lesson planning.
- Make the case for including the discussion of learning in all lessons.
- Give a practical model for planning these discussions.

So that:

 Your students have a healthy balance of input and discussions of learning within every lesson.

Fear leads to...

I don't think this will last 3 hours.





What if I run out of material?

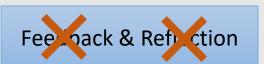
...Front-loading:

I could add in a grammar presentation.

I could start with 5 idioms about the topic.

I could turn this into a running dictation

I've got a good reading on that.

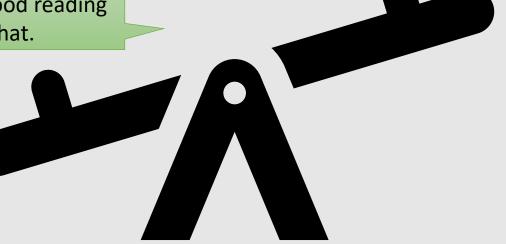




Controlled practice

Skills input.

Language Input

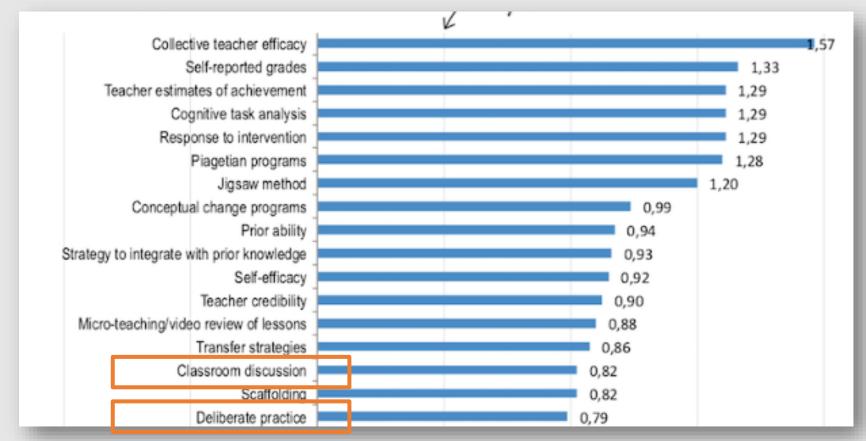


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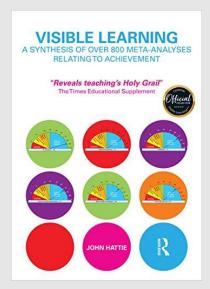




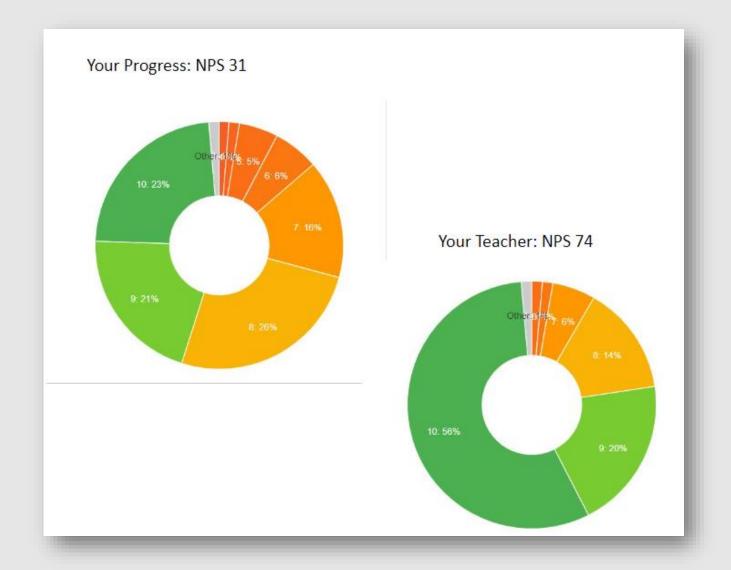
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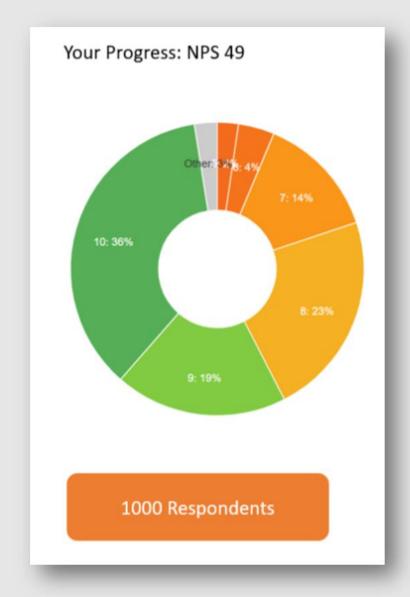






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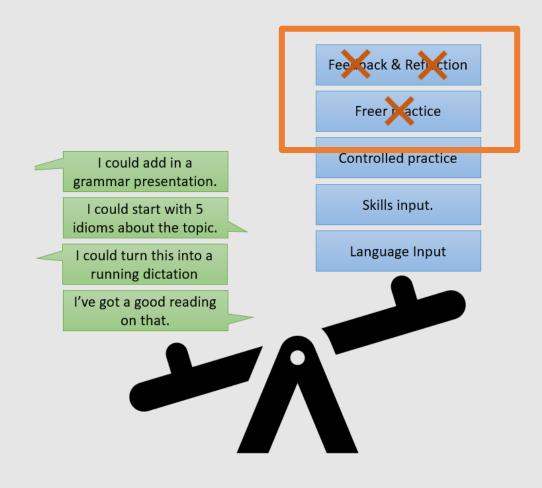


What is an effective lesson?

Students are better at doing something.

Teacher & students know how much better they are.

Students know how to apply it to their lives.



Typical Stages of a Lesson

Set the stage:

Chatting & settling

Activate schemata

Input:

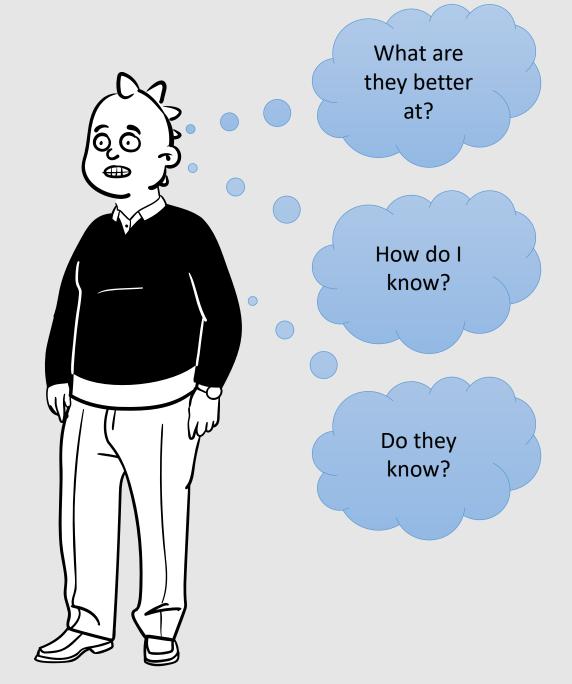
Text & comprehension

Language / skills input

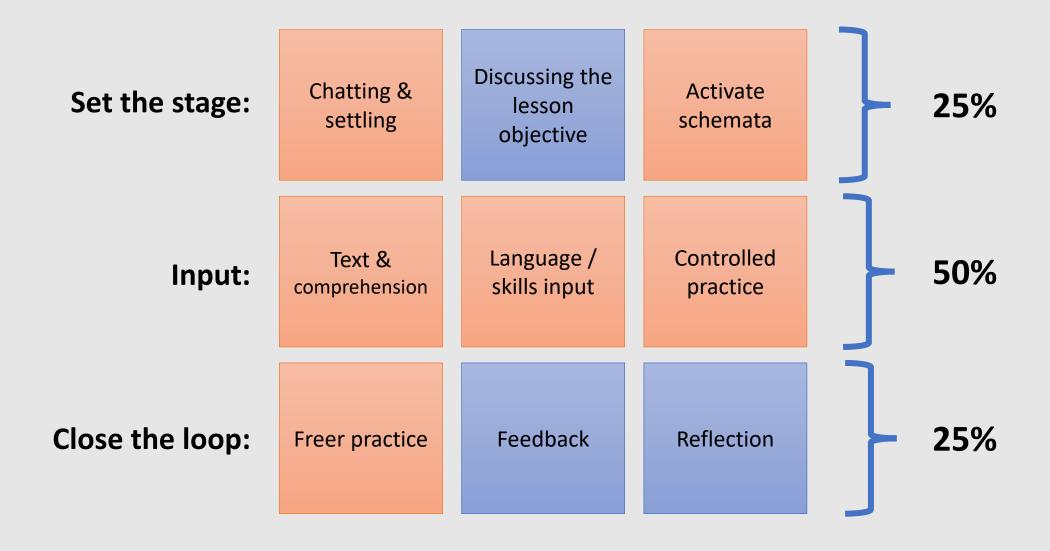
Close the loop:

Controlled practice

Freer practice



Let's *plan* for the important stuff:



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