



Gaining and Maintaining Attention During Instruction

Technique	Prompts/Ideas
Cue words to ask for attention	<p><i>"As you put your attention on me..."</i></p> <p><i>"All eyes up front..."</i></p> <p><i>"Here we go..."</i></p> <p><i>"We are all ready to move on..."</i></p> <p><i>"Alright, and we're off!"</i></p> <p><i>"Thanks for turning your attention to me..."</i></p> <p><i>"Tell your partner to turn to me..."</i></p>
Start only when you have attention	<p><i>"I am waiting for your attention..."</i></p> <p><i>"I'll wait for you..."</i></p> <p><i>"We are losing our passing period..."</i></p> <p><i>"I'll just wait until you're ready..."</i></p> <p><i>"This is your time you're wasting now..."</i></p>
Maintain close proximity	<i>Hovering like a helicopter without missing a beat!</i>
Keep a swift pace	<p><i>"Keep up with me..."</i></p> <p><i>"Stay with me..."</i></p> <p><i>"We're lagging behind, let's keep up..."</i></p> <p><i>"Let me know you how I'd like you to..."</i></p> <p><i>"Guys, let's speed up our work. You can do it..."</i></p> <p><i>"We need to stay together as we work on this..."</i></p> <p><i>"I'm going to give you 10-seconds to work through this next section. Go!"</i></p>
Connect with students	<p><i>"Tristan, let's have your group share with us now..."</i></p> <p><i>"Stephen, remember when you told us about XYZ last week? This is like that..."</i></p> <p><i>"Good job guys! Excellent work."</i></p> <p><i>"Yes! We got it right!"</i></p>
Add joy	<p><i>"I knew you could do it..."</i></p> <p><i>"Let's watch Tabitha as she shows us..."</i></p> <p><i>"You are excellent!"</i></p> <p><i>"I know you're working hard..."</i></p> <p><i>"You're tired, but you can do this!"</i></p>
Teach with enthusiasm	<p><i>"Let's not let this work get the best of us..."</i></p> <p><i>"Thank you so much for your hard work..."</i></p> <p><i>"I am so excited to see you..."</i></p> <p><i>"Let's try it this way and see if we get better results..."</i></p> <p><i>"Turn to your partner and tell them 'you're great!'"</i></p>