

Active learning and teaching for Africa (1)

Classroom management for learner-centred teaching – Quiz 1.1

Activity 1.1 Learner-centred Education Quiz

'Learner-centred teaching' is mentioned in the Zambian Revised School Curriculum, but not defined. There are a number of common misconceptions about learner-centred education. Doing this quiz will give you the chance to reach a shared understanding of what it means.

Indicate whether you think each of these statements about 'learner-centred education' are true (T) or false (F). Do this on your own. When everyone has finished, compare your answers with a partner and agree the answers. If you don't agree, discuss why and agree a final answer. Once you agree as a pair, share your responses with another pair and discuss any differences. The aim is that everyone in the room will eventually agree a set of responses.

1. Learner-centred means that the learners are in charge.
2. Learner-centred means taking account of the needs of all learners.
3. Learner-centred means taking account of what learners already know.
4. If you are teaching in a learner-centred way, you do not need to plan your lessons.
5. In a learner-centred lesson there will always be a lot of noise.
6. A learner-centred teacher believes that all children can learn.
7. If learners are working in groups, then the lesson must be learner-centred.
8. Learner-centred approaches are not possible with large classes.
9. Good learner-centred lessons require careful planning.
10. Learner-centred lessons always require a lot of resources.
11. Learner-centred means not telling learners when they are wrong.
12. A learner-centred teacher encourages learners to talk about their ideas.