Adding Some TEC-VARIETY for Online Motivation and Retention

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What did Jean-Luc Picard say?



That's right, Engage!



Poll #1: Million Dollar Ouestion: What words come to mind when I sav that I want to motivate learners?



Motivation Research Highlights (Jere Brophy, Michigan State University)

- 1. Supportive, appropriate challenge, meaningful, moderation/optimal.
- 2. Teach goal setting and self-reinforcement.
- 3. Offer rewards for good/improved performance.
- 4. Novelty, variety, choice, adaptable to interests.
- 5. Game-like, fun, fantasy, curiosity, suspense, active.
- 6. Higher levels, divergence, dissonance, peer interaction.
- 7. Allow to create finished products.
- 8. Provide immediate feedback, advance organizers.
- 9. Show intensity, enthusiasm, interest, minimize anxiety.
- 10. Make content personal, concrete, familiar.



Intrinsic Motivation

"...innate propensity to engage one's interests and exercise one's capabilities, and, in doing so, to seek out and master optimal challenges

(i.e., it emerges from needs, inner strivings, and personal curiosity for growth)

> See: Deci, E. L., & Ryan, R. M. (1985). Intrinsic motivation and self-determination in human behavior. NY: Plenum Press.



Framework: TEC-VARIETY for Online Motivation and Retention

- 1. Tone/Climate: Psych Safety, Comfort, Belonging
- 2. Encouragement, Feedback: Responsive, Supports
- 3. Curiosity: Fun, Fantasy, Control
- 4. Variety: Novelty, Intrigue, Unknowns
- 5. Autonomy: Choice: Flexibility, Opportunities
- 6. Relevance: Meaningful, Authentic, Interesting
- Interactive: Collaborative, Team-Based, Community
- 8. Engagement: Effort, Involvement, Excitement
- 9. Tension: Challenge, Dissonance, Controversy
- 10. Yields Products: Goal Driven, Products, Success, Ownership









































































































