

## How can we motivate our students?

### Teaching English with the British Council: Series 3 episode 8 overview

Welcome to episode 8 of Series 3 of our podcast. In this episode, we ask the question: How can I motivate my students? Chris and We'am discuss what motivation in English teaching means to them and the importance of motivation for learners. First they talk to Liam Printer, an expert in motivation in language teaching. He explains the different types of motivation and how we can help learners to really enjoy learning. Next they talk to Azadeh Moladoost, a PhD researcher on teacher motivation. She gives some tips on how teachers can stay motivated, even when they have restrictions on what they can do in the classroom.

Show notes and transcripts in English and Arabic are also available to download.

### Detailed notes

<b>Introduction</b>	
Welcome to episode 8!	If you missed any of our previous episodes, you can catch up <a href="#">here</a> .
The key for motivation is to maintain your ability of questioning	You can listen here to our episode on <a href="#">critical thinking</a> .
flourishes	Definition: to grow or develop successfully
relatedness	Read more about this in <a href="#">Liam's blog post</a> .
How can I motivate my students?	The British Council TeachingEnglish website has lots of useful materials about motivation – <a href="#">read on</a> .
<b>Interview 1</b>	
Liam Printer	Visit Liam's <a href="#">website</a> . Liam also has an excellent podcast called <a href="#">The Motivated Classroom</a> . This weekly podcast sees Liam talking all things education, language teaching, motivation and engagement. Episodes focus on linking research to practice as well as giving teachers zero-prep comprehensible input activities to boost motivation that can be implemented into classrooms immediately.

coercion	Definition: the use of force to persuade someone to do something that they are unwilling to do
manifested	Definition: to show something clearly, through signs or actions
agency	Definition: the ability to take action or to choose what action to take
comprehensible input	Visit <a href="#">this webpage</a> to understand this term.
all British food	Why not visit <a href="#">English with Lucy</a> and see if you agree with We'am!
incremental	Definition: small, in a series of amounts
<b>Interview 2</b>	
Azadeh Moladoost	Azadeh is currently a PhD researcher at the University of Warwick in the UK. Her focus is on 'Teachers' feedback-seeking behaviour for professional development'.
ESP	Visit <a href="#">this helpful British Council page</a> for a definition of ESP. You can also listen to <a href="#">Series 2 episode 8</a> of this podcast to find out more.
rubrics	Definition: a set of instructions, especially on an exam paper
revitalising	Definition: to give new life, energy, activity or success to something