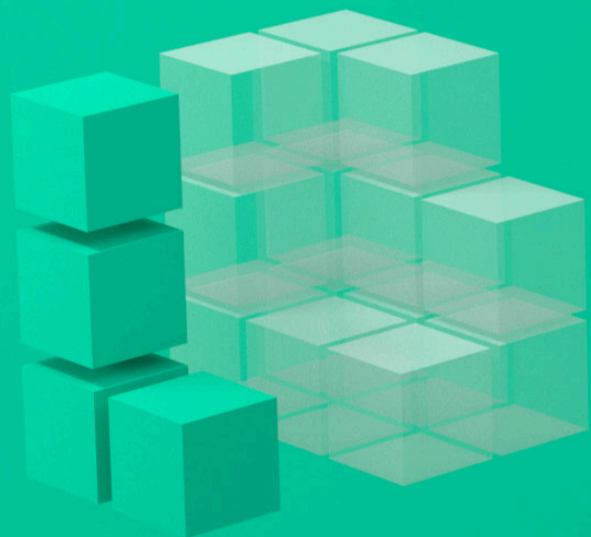


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Creating a supportive environment



Great teachers create a supportive environment for learning

A supportive environment is characterised by relationships of trust and respect between students and teachers, and among students. It is one in which students are motivated, supported and challenged and have a positive attitude towards their learning.

- 1** Promoting interactions and relationships with all students that are based on mutual respect, care, empathy and warmth; avoiding negative emotions in interactions with students; being sensitive to the individual needs, emotions, culture and beliefs of students
- 2** Promoting a positive climate of student-student relationships, characterised by respect, trust, cooperation and care
- 3** Promoting learner motivation through feelings of competence, autonomy and relatedness
- 4** Creating a climate of high expectations, with high challenge and high trust, so learners feel it is okay to have a go; encouraging learners to attribute their success or failure to things they can change