

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Effective communication between teachers and students has the potential to improve the learning experience and create a positive environment in the classroom. However, the relationship takes work on both ends. Communication barriers in the classroom certainly make it difficult for students to get the most out of their education. Many times, teachers fail to create engaging lessons and struggle to connect with their students on a one-to-one basis. Students also have unaddressed language or speech difficulties which lead to poor communication.

Classroom communication often suffers when students are bored or unenthusiastic about their schoolwork. Thought-provoking assignments, technology-enhanced lectures and creative projects spur classroom communication and interaction. On the other hand, outdated and monotonous assignments create communication barriers, and students just want the class to be over.

Communication between teachers and students might also be hampered from personality differences between the two. Many students feel uncomfortable connecting on a personal level with their teachers and avoid communicating with them. This personality dynamic can be frustrating for teachers who attempt to bond with each student, only to find their efforts unsuccessful.

This could probably be the least likely reason. However, peer pressure can create communication problems in the classroom when students respond to teachers by acting funny, cool or disengaged. Students might refuse to build relationships with their teachers in order to maintain their not-so-interested-in-school reputations. The best way for teachers to combat communication difficulties resulting from peer pressure is to reward positive behaviour.