

Inclusive Language Teaching

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Task 1: In this video, Dr. Smith describes things you can do to support learners with special educational needs. Watch the video and sort the answers into the correct column of the table.

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Task 2: Answer the following questions in your own words.

According to Dr. Smith,

1) what is meant by the term “inclusive teaching”?

Inclusive teaching is not only about the students who may have a specific learning difference, but about creating a classroom culture in which everybody feels equally valued and motivated.

2) what is the basis or foundation of good inclusive practice?

The foundation of inclusive teaching is getting to know the learners and encouraging them to get to know each other and, most importantly, themselves. The basis of good inclusive practice are good relationships.