

4 Signs Of A Good Teacher

1. On time and prepared for the lesson.

If he or she is late for the interview, then it's likely he or she will continue to be late for future lessons.

(On the other hand, I remember my first few months in Prague. I would leave for an appointment with plenty of extra time, then quickly find myself lost and on a street without a name.)

2. Makes you do most of the talking.

Listening is great! I highly recommend you listen as much as possible to podcasts, audio books and the BBC.

But when you sit down with a teacher, that's your chance to speak, to practice new words, and to receive feedback.

So make sure he or she lets you do most of the talking.

3. You have good chemistry.

When we were kids, school was work and a lot of our teachers were not nice people.

But now that we're adults, and no one is making us learn, we need to have a different attitude toward English: it should be fun and you should look forward to seeing your teacher. (Otherwise, you'll soon dread lessons and sooner or later will quit.)

So find someone you like speaking to.

4. Understands what you need.

One of my students told me this story: She met a new teacher and told him that she needed help writing her Ph.D thesis. So what did he do in the first lesson? He gave her grammar games to play.

She then had a great idea – look for a new teacher!