

Survive teenagers

- Teenagers may like English.
- But they certainly hate studying it!

- Teenagers are more right-brained.

Right hemisphere

= emotions!

Teenagers

- Are less logical, rational, analytical, less objective
- Operate on a „here and now“ basis
- Are more intuitive, subjective
- Have low concentration span
- Are easily distracted

They need

- Kinaesthetic,
- visual
- sensory stimuli

They live

in a different world than that of ours

Be interested in

- Their lives
- What they like listening to
- Their hobbies
- TV programmes they watch
- Webpages they use, games
- Celebrities they worship

Complaints from teachers:

- They are always sleepy
- Teaching grammar is a nightmare
- They show no interest in the lesson

Sleepiness

- Internal clock delays
- They start feeling sleepy often until 11p.m. or later
- = they don't sleep required number of hours!
- Fight sleepiness rather than the sleepy teens!

Grammar

- Should always be contextualized
(meaningful and relevant situations for teenagers)
- Art and music are typical for right hemisphere activities
(pictures, cards, scenes of a film, music ...)

Interest

- Discovery activities work best
- Short
- Direct connection to their real lives

- = humour, music, jigsaw, drama
- = different sitting arrangements

„Attention is a pre-requisite for understanding.“

*Thornbury, S.: Uncovering grammar, Macmillan
2001, p.59*