

Students' Needs

- What do students *need* for learning a foreign language?
- Talk with the people in your group.
- Circle the number that matches the opinion of your group:
 - 1 = We agree strongly with this statement.
 - 2 = We agree with this statement on the whole .
 - 3 = We neither agree nor disagree with this statement.
 - 4 = We disagree with this statement on the whole.
 - 5 = We disagree strongly with this statement.



Students' personal and educational needs:	Opinions
Students need to be enthusiastic and passionate about learning.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need to have a positive attitude to learning.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need to be self-directed (autonomous).	1 2 3 4 5
Students need teachers who are good role models.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need to be treated fairly and equally by teachers.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need to be respected and trusted by teachers.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need teaching methods which treat them as individuals.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need teaching methods which suit their MIs. (page 17)	1 2 3 4 5
Students need teaching methods which suit their Learning Styles. (page 31)	1 2 3 4 5
Students need less emphasis on the textbook (more supplementary activities).	1 2 3 4 5
Students (S) need less TTT (teacher-talking-time) and more STT.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need a clear statement of the aims and content of a course.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need a variety of assessment methods (formative and summative).	1 2 3 4 5
Students need a comfortable learning environment.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need collaboration rather than competition.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need to learn study skills and learning strategies.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need help in dealing with stress and anxiety.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need help in managing emotions (anger, fear, depression, etc.).	1 2 3 4 5
Students need to learn how to assess themselves.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need to know about their progress.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need to know the results of all assessments.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need to see the relevance of subject material to their careers.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need to learn how to become good citizens.	1 2 3 4 5
Students need freedom to criticize their learning institution (school).	1 2 3 4 5
Students need to participate in educational decisions (syllabus, curriculum).	1 2 3 4 5

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