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## Teachers' Needs

- What do teachers *need* for teaching a foreign language?
- Talk with your group members.
- Circle the number that matches the opinion of your group.
  - 1 = We agree strongly with this statement. 2 = We agree on the whole.
  - 3 = We neither agree nor disagree with this statement.
  - 4 = We disagree with this statement. 5 = We disagree strongly.
- How about making a survey of all the members in this class?

Teachers' personal and professional needs:	Opinions
Teachers need to be experts in their area (English, math, geography, history, etc).	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to develop a wide repertory of teaching skills.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to keep up with new methods of teaching.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to know about the psychology of learning.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need a strong philosophy of education.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to be enthusiastic and energetic.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to be organized and methodical.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to enjoy teaching.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need time to prepare teaching materials.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to reflect on their teaching.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need extra training opportunities (professional development).	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to be trusted and respected by students.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need feedback from students and other teachers.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to listen to the wishes and opinions of parents.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to know how effective their teaching is.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to know how to assess students correctly.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to make a non-threatening learning environment (classroom).	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need teaching methods to suit different MIs (page 17) and LSs (page 31).	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to teach their students about learning strategies (page 64).	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to counsel their students, giving them advice and support.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to give their students test-taking skills.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to help students to be confident.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to use logical arguments instead of authority.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to stimulate intellectual curiosity in students.	1 2 3 4 5
Teachers need to do research.	1 2 3 4 5

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