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Book title: How to Teach

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### The review

**1. What is your overall impression of the book?**

The book is accessible, engaging and offers concise advice. I also like his fairly colloquial style of writing as I find it easy to read and often humorous.

**2. Who do you think would benefit most from reading the book? What will they learn?**

NQTs, PGCE students and teachers are looking to refresh many of their key skills.

**3. What did you think about the quality of the writing? Please consider the tone, structure and ideas. Does it suit the audience?**

The writing style is relatively colloquial and personal. He presents his ideas in short and sharp paragraphs which help to simply present the his ideas. It is thoroughly readable and insightful which includes humour. This suits the audience as is likely to engage an NQT who wants to gain some excellent insight quickly.

**4. Please discuss the research used to underpin the ideas. What evidence does the author use? Is it robust and up-to-date?**

The author mainly uses examples from his own professional experience being a teacher.

**5. What did you learn from reading the book? What ideas/approaches/practice will you change or adopt as a result of reading this book?**

The book incorporates a wide range of topics which are important to know about in teaching.

I have learnt some really beneficial tips on key skills. For example the following quote is beneficial in understanding how to transition from different activities.

“Insist on them listening when I am speaking – keep stopping on waiting until they understand that is how it must be.

Effective transition management:

1. Recognising when it is time to halt the activity.
2. Insisting on pens down.
3. Insisting students look at you.
4. Pause before speaking.

Then get everybody to look at me.”

**6. Could you share a quote from the book that particularly resonated with you?**

“To achieve a positive relationship with your student all you have to do is give of yourself. Be yourself”.

“Praise more than I criticise”.