

## **Teaching Tips For a More Dynamic Class**

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1. Use clips from movies and TV shows for listening practice. FluentU suggests showing the names of the main characters in the clip. Have the students pick one character to pay close attention to. At the end of the clip, have students report on their character. Questions can include: What is his/her job? What was he/she trying to say? Describe how he/she looked. What was his/her personality like?
2. Get the students up from their seats using total physical response (TPR). You can use games, like Simon Says, or simply lead stretches.
3. Welcome the students' feedback. The last few minutes of class can be allotted for class reflection. They can answer what was helpful? What wasn't helpful? If this direct approach isn't successful, try having the class anonymously share their comments with you. One way to do this is by using a game called Snowball Fight. Each participant writes their response on a piece of paper that is crumpled into a ball. Everybody divides into two teams, which line up across each other. For a minute or so you have a "snowball fight". Once the time is up, each participant picks up a ball and reads what's written.