# Multisensory approach to teaching English



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# Sensory dictation

I see	I hear	I feel	I taste	I smell



# **Total Physical Response**

TPR (total physical response) is a method of teaching language using physical movement to react to verbal input. It allows students to react to language without thinking too much, facilitates long term retention, and reduces student anxiety and stress.







# Body-mind connection



#### "Each of us has within us whatever we need in order to achieve what we want to"



# Theory of multiple intelligences (Howard Gardner)



# Multisensory approach



Whole-brain approach

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# Language work

#### Lexis + grammar + pronunciation



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"Moving in time" Irregular verbs

### Grammar

Mime the grammar

- While I was watching a comedy the cake got burnt.
- I'm going to ski down the hill.
- I've won in a lottery and now I can buy a car.
- I've been painting the wall for three hours and now I'm tired.

# Pronunciation

"Sound Machine" Storytelling

### **Punctuation**

"Percussion punctuation"

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"What are you doing?"

"I'm looking for my keys." "Your keys? Lost them in the garden, did you?"

"No, in the house."

"Then why are you looking for them in the garden?"

He straightened his back and looked up to her: "The light is better in the garden!"

# **Punctuation**

Peter, where Mary had had "had had" had had "had". "Had had" had the teacher's approval.



#### "Human camera"

# Internalizing the language

Internalising a poem I....t....I....t....a....n....s...h.... s....u....a...l...h...b...t....g.... t....s...a....c.... t....h....f...a.....

# NB!



- Studens' motivation depends partly on how "addressed" they feel in the class.
- ✓ Students realise that they can approach the language from their strength areas.
- Students not only have the opportunity to use their strongest intelligences but also develop their weaker ones.

"...you are only human insofar as you can play, and you can play insofar as you are human..."

