

Dos & Don'ts For Teacher Observation

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to create a teacher-friendly, teacher-centered experience. • Provide an opportunity for teacher to be successful. • Provide an environment for the teacher to grow/gain confidence. • Give teacher control of time, date, if possible. • Explain your presence to the class, but stay in the background. • Consider what teacher wants you to focus on. • Take notes of what you see and hear, including both learners and teacher. • Take into account teacher's level of experience. • Choose a few substantive issues to address (when meeting with teacher). • Offer to help. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't interpret or make judgments in your notes during the observation. • Don't let on during the class that you think something is not going well. • Don't try to take over activities. • Don't focus on negatives exclusively. • Don't sweat the small stuff. • Don't try to "fix" everything at one time (when meeting with teacher).