

**REPEAT OFFENDERS:  
*KEEPING STUDENTS  
COMING BACK FOR MORE***

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# Watch This!!



# Complaints

- Lack of motivation
- Low Attendance
- No Engagement
- Boredom



# Solutions

- Grab their attention
- Connect with them
- Engage them
- Make it fun



# Did you know...

- Adult learners..... 15-20 minutes
- Best attention span = Beginning
- Attention spans decreases to 3-4 minutes

**Stimulate  
Their  
Interest**



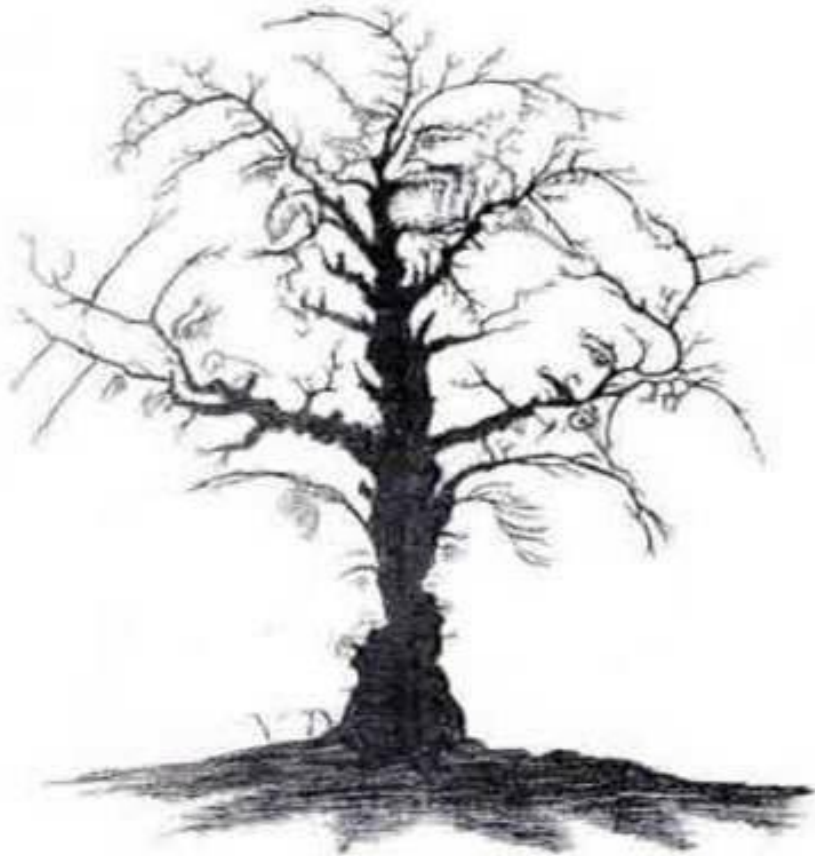
# Grab them . . .

- ⦿ when they come in the door....
- ⦿ so you keep them guessing



<http://go.funpic.hu>

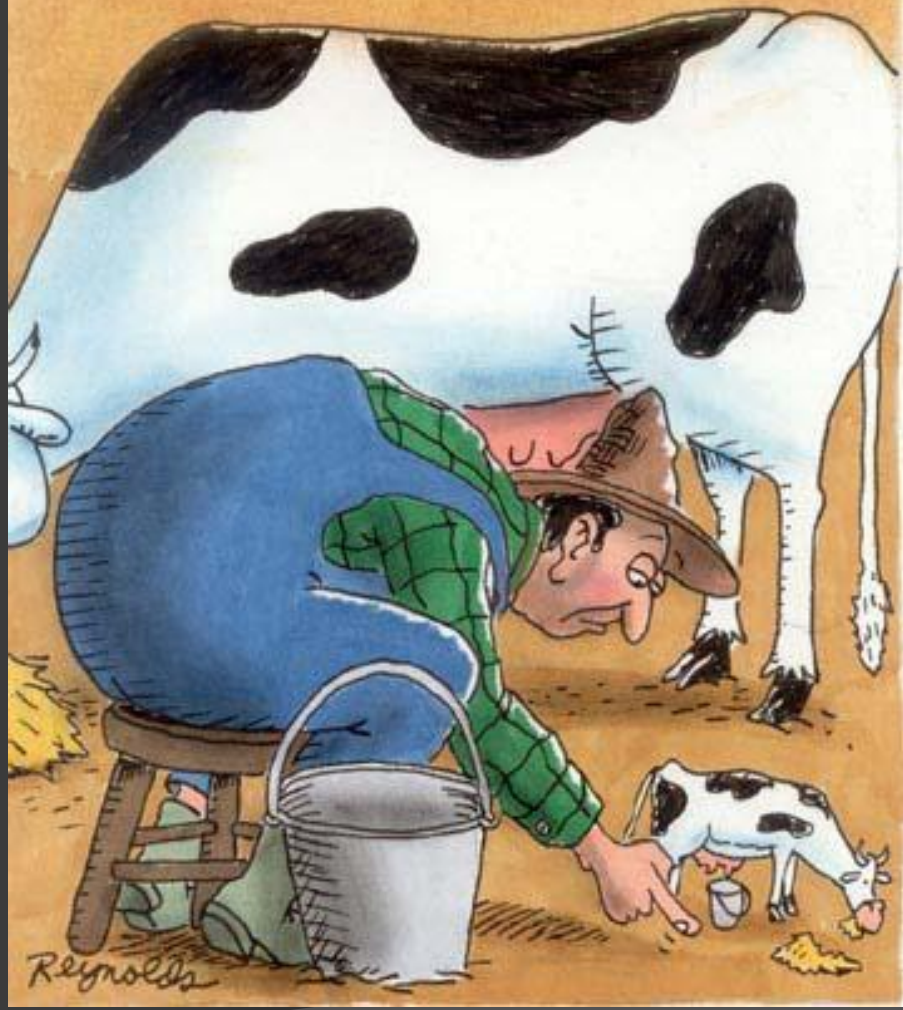
Can you see  
10 faces?



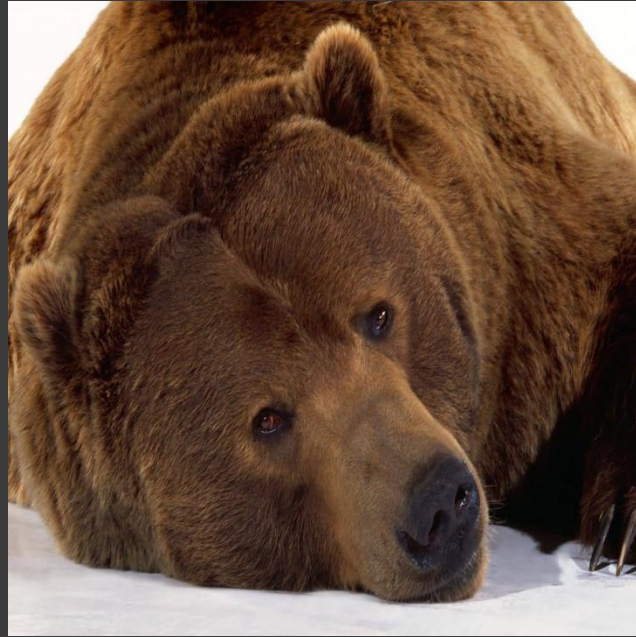
Do you see a  
beautiful woman  
or a skull?



Where 2% Milk  
Comes From



JOB IN JOB



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On this day in history...

Babe Ruth hits 60<sup>th</sup> homer of 1927 season



Friday,  
September 30,  
2011

[www.history.com](http://www.history.com)

# Connect with them...

- Learn their names
- Encourage them to learn each others'
- Participate in campus activities



Did you know...

Most people do **not** have a bad memory...  
They have bad listening skills!



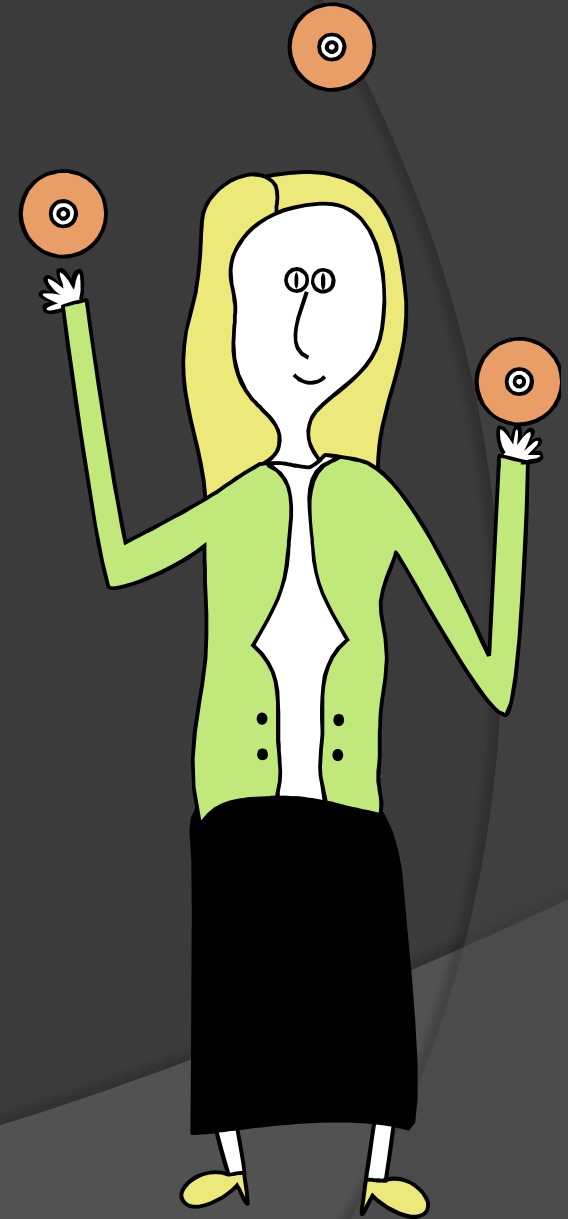
# Engage them...

- Ice breakers--“My New Best Friend”
- Appointment Clock
- Videos [“Boy calls 911 for Math Help”](#)
- Avatar assignments
- Journals



# Engage them...

- Power point
  - 4x4 / 50 word rule
  - Images
  - Did you knows
- Props / noise makers
- Bring candy



# Get them moving

- Move the furniture
- Sit on the floor
- Go outside
- Newsprint & markers



# Stop explaining / Start doing



# Get them thinking

- Agree / Disagree
- Fact or Fiction
- Informal debates
- Current events



# Make them Laugh...

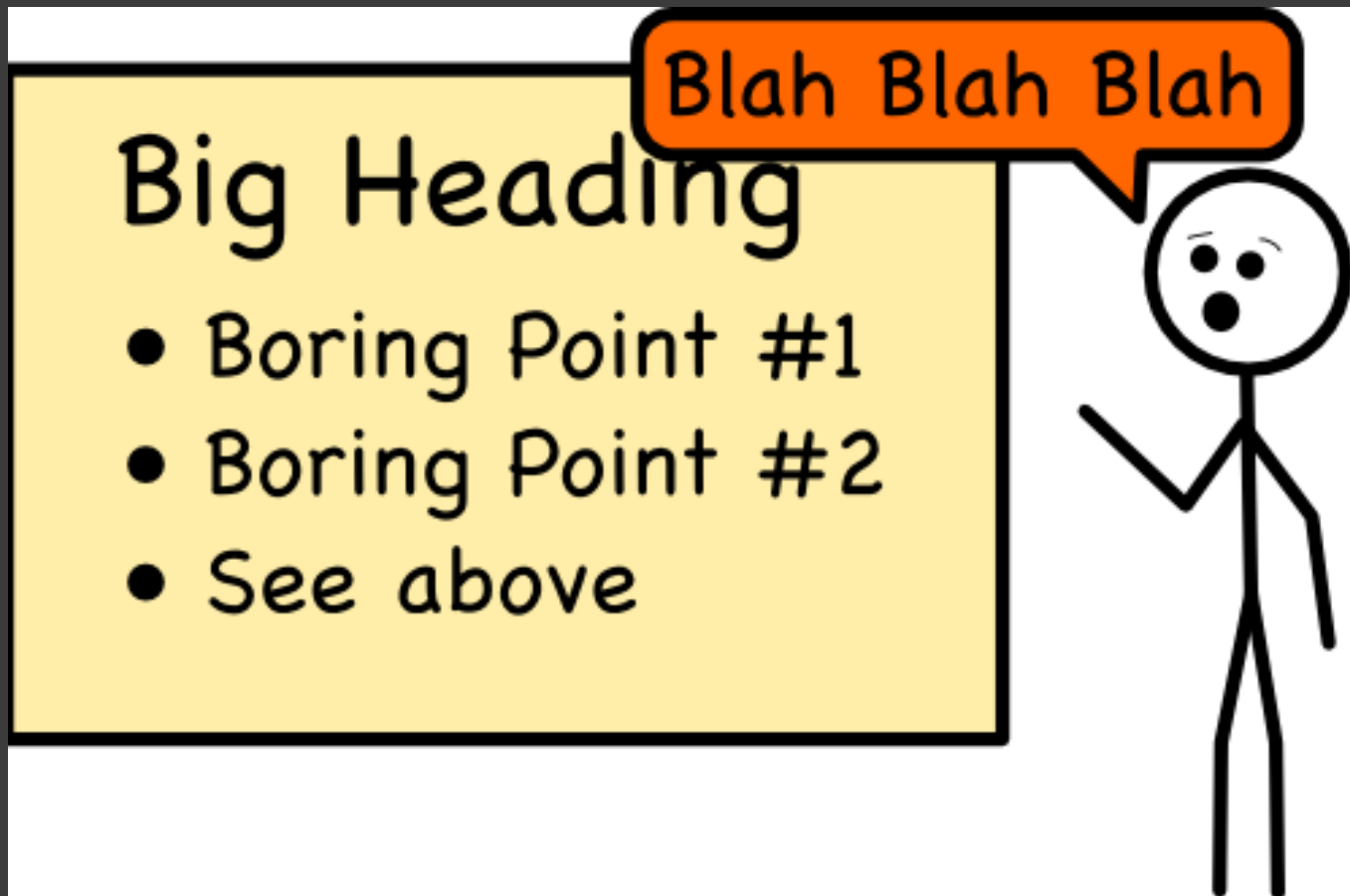
- One-liners
- Tell stories
- Throw things
- Pictures



# Feeling Connected = Success



# Telling is not Teaching





Hearing is not Learning

They don't  
need us for  
the content

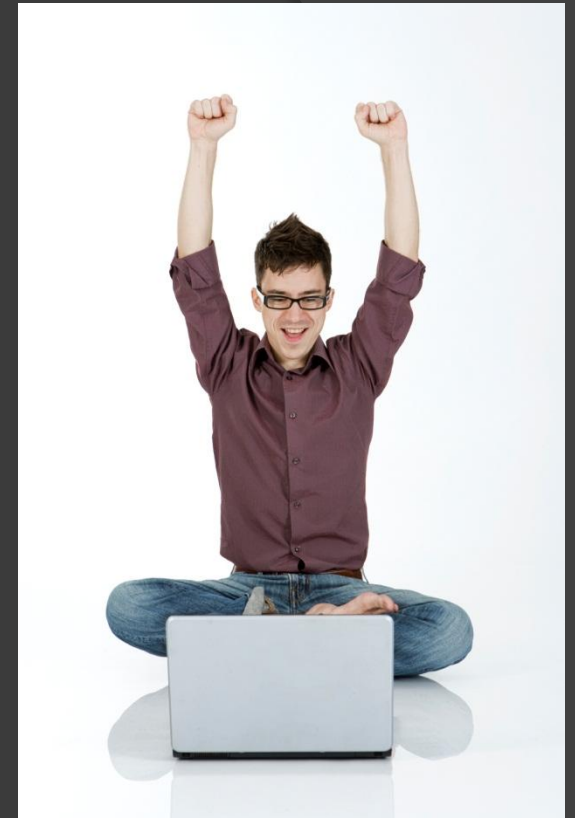
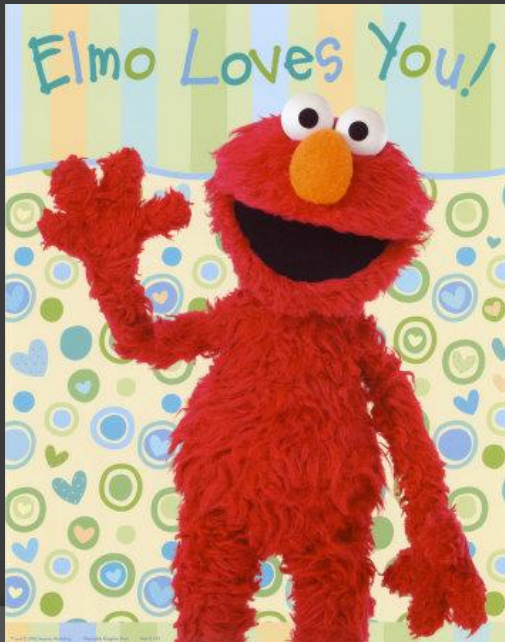
They need us  
for the  
relationship





- talk to them
- listen to what they say
- allow them to show off
- praise them for what they do

- ① understand them
- ② see them as special
- ③ and tell them so



# Patience and Wisdom...



Two  
of the  
greatest  
qualities  
in life



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