

TIPS & PRACTICES for Teacher Presence



IMAGES

Include an image or a video to introduce yourself and/or the course. This builds connections between teachers and students. While students love to see you, if you are not comfortable in front of the camera, use an avatar or a cartoon version of yourself. The more human the better!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Use announcements to remind students of important activities, upcoming due dates, troubleshoot technical issues, or simply wish them a happy holiday.



FEEDBACK

Timely feedback is an important tool for communicating with students about their progress. Add in a personal connection to interests they express through their work.



MESSAGING

Build relationships with students through online communication tools like direct messaging, course check ins, and reminders.



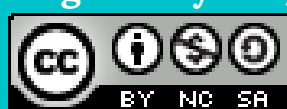
LANGUAGE

Use conversational language in assignment instructions. If you get a pre-made course try adding in a couple labels or changing a few assignment and project instructions to make it sound like your voice and language.



For more information, check out the "Engaging Online Learners" resource at <https://sway.office.com/371Tt15Xxcz7HKEr>

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