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The Chocolate Museum

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ABSTRACT

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“I may not have been the best teacher, and they may have not gotten very far in their textbook, but we had FUN,” blogs a new ESL teacher.

Teachers strive to create an enjoyable classroom atmosphere with motivating topics and texts, new and entertaining activities. Teachers worry that a class that is difficult or “boring” will displease students.

I’m going to argue that learning is a more desired outcome than entertainment. By keeping our students from the real work of learning, we are disadvantaging them. This lecture and discussion examine classroom goals and techniques for making studying both successful and enjoyable.

BIOGRAPHY

Dorothy Zemach taught ESL and other foreign languages for over 20 years, in Asia, Africa, and the US. She holds an MA in TESL from the School for International Training in Vermont, USA. Now she concentrates on writing, editing, and publishing ELT materials and textbooks and conducting teacher training workshops. A frequent plenary speaker at international conferences, her areas of specialty and interest are teaching writing, teaching reading, academic English, testing, and humour. In 2012, Dorothy launched Wayzgoose Press, a small independent publishing imprint for fiction, non-fiction, and educational materials.