

# EdYOUfest Webinar

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**A Fun Lesson vs a Boring Lesson**

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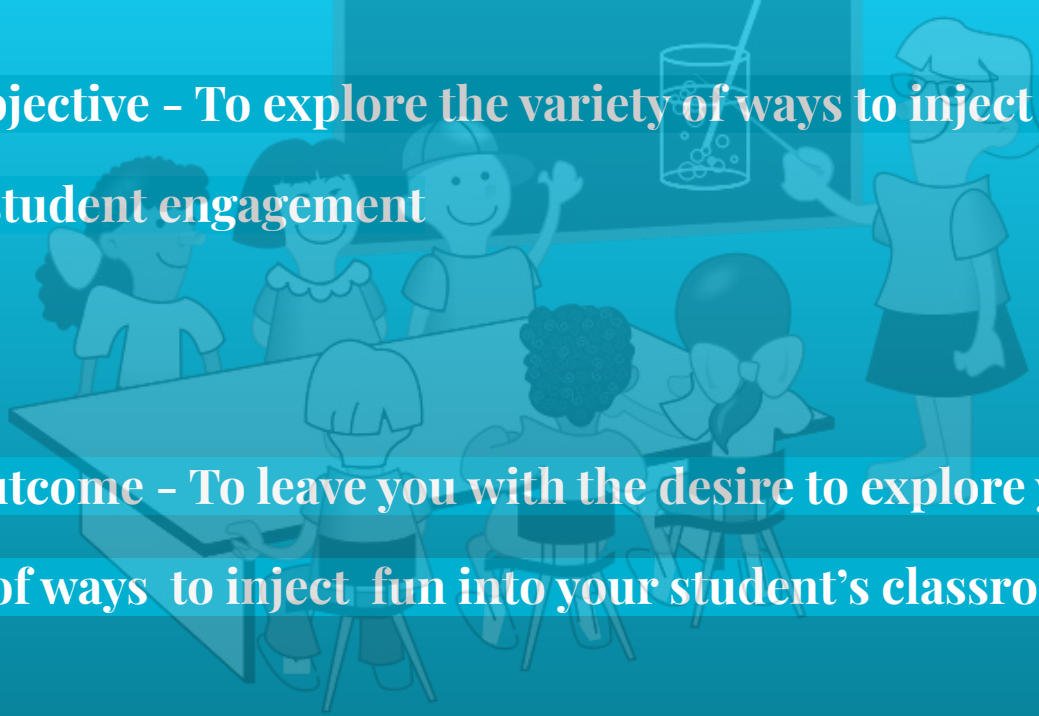
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**Webinar Objective - To explore the variety of ways to inject fun in lessons to capture student engagement**

**Webinar Outcome - To leave you with the desire to explore your selection of the variety of ways to inject fun into your student's classroom experience**



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## Teaching Opportunities that Ignite Motivation and Engagement

- A. The Importance of Intrinsic Motivation in Learning - Internal, Interests, Satisfaction, Enjoyment
- B. Fun as a Catalyst for Student Engagement - Creativity is Intelligence having Fun (Einstein)
- C. Fostering a Positive Classroom Environment through Fun - 'Flow' deepens Learning (Csikszentmihalyi)

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## Teaching Opportunities that Enhance Memory Retention and Learning Outcomes

- A. **The Connection between Emotion and Memory** – + emotions facilitate learning (Um); – emotions facilitates/impairs learning depending on degree (Vogel & Scwabe)
- B. **Fun Activities that Stimulate Cognitive Processes** – Games, Puzzles, Brain Teasers
- C. **Creating Meaningful Learning Experiences** – Real-life activities

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## **Teaching Opportunities that Foster Positive Classroom Dynamics**

- A. Building Positive Teacher-Student Relationships through Fun - Injecting Humour; Celebrating Milestones**
- B. Promoting Peer Interaction and Collaboration - Partner and Group Activities**
- C. Encouraging a Growth Mindset - Team-building Exercises and Challenges**

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### **Teaching Opportunities that Cultivate Creativity and Critical Thinking**

- A. Creating an Environment that Nurtures Creativity - Brainstorming Sessions; Problem-Solving Activities**
- B. Promoting Curiosity and Exploration - Cross-curricular Activities; Field Trips**
- C. Fun as a Catalyst for Developing Critical Thinking Skills - Debates; Analysing Real-Life Issues**

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## Teaching Opportunities that Embrace Active Learning and Student Empowerment

- A. Active Learning Strategies that Promote Fun and Engagement - Role Playing
- B. Giving Students Voice and Choice in their Learning Journey - Personalised Learning; Discussions around their School Experience



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### Teaching Opportunities that Create a Lifelong Love for Learning

- A. **Nurturing a Positive Attitude Towards Learning – Tapping into student's passions and interests**
- B. **Encouraging Autonomy and Self-Directed Learning – Independent Exploration**

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## Conclusion:

Remember, education is not just about acquiring knowledge, it is about fostering a love for learning. By enfusing fun into educational practices, we can create an environment where students thrive, explore and reach their full potential. Let us embark on this joyful journey of education, where fun becomes the fuel that ignites a lifelong love for learning.

Now it's time for Questions