PAL Leader Training: Session 2

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Recap

Managing group dynamics

- On your own, go through the different scenarios.

- After 5 minutes, you'll be put into breakout rooms to discuss anything you're unsure of/think may be difficult.

1. Facilitation Techniques

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Facilitation Techniques

- PAL leaders do not teach, they facilitate a group

- There are different techniques which can help you to do this

- In groups, use your handbook and the internet to put together a 4 minute lesson on your facilitation technique
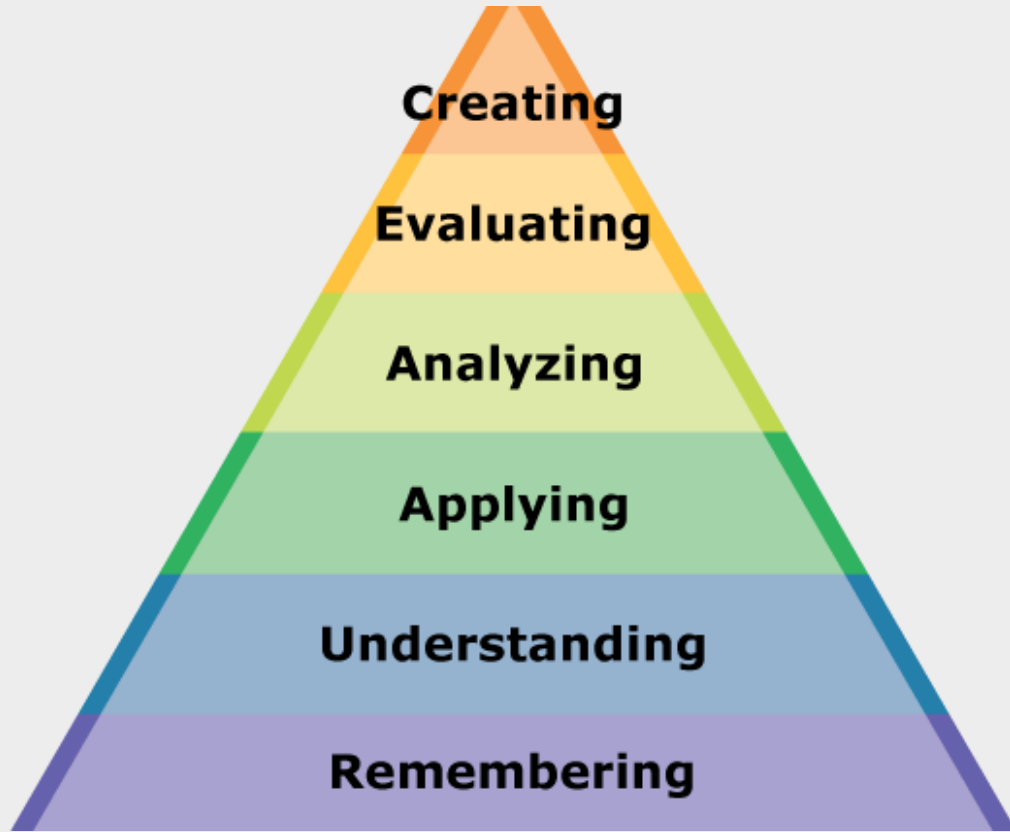
- You'll have 25 minutes to plan your lesson

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2. Mixed ability groups

Managing different abilities

- Students in your session will have different levels of knowledge, different strengths and weaknesses, and different ways they learn best

- **Variety** is key to making sessions accessible to everyone

Bloom's taxonomy

- Often seen as a hierarchy, explained as working up the levels.

- However, you need all levels to be able to answer questions.

- Each level is a different skill set.

Using Bloom's Taxonomy

- Bloom's taxonomy can help change the content of your session.

- In groups, imagine you're planning an essay writing session. Use the different levels to think of different activities you could run to help your group improve their essay writing skills.

- Think about time, resources, feeding back etc.

Planning an activity

- How are you arranging the group?

- How long will the activity take?

  - Feeding back to the room can take a long time if each group are participating

- Do you need any resources?

- Do you need to make breakout rooms?

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3. PAL Taster Session

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PAL Taster Session

- For the first year ever we will be running PAL taster sessions.

- This will be an opportunity for us to showcase what PAL has to offer.

- They will be 20 minutes and in-person during either induction week or week 1.

- I will contact you in your subject groups to let you know the time/location of your session.

Session Plan

- How do you think we should showcase PAL?

- In your subject groups, come up with some topics and activity ideas which would be useful and get students excited about PAL.

Any Questions?