# Motivating Ourselves to Motivate Our Students!



### Hi There!

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## Who are you?

- \* Please get into groups!
  - \* What is your name?
  - \* What level do you teach? (ELE, JHS, HS)
  - \* What city do you live in?
  - \* What is one interesting fact about you?



# Today's Menu

- Look at student motivation
- \* Examine different learning styles
- \* Discuss general ways to motivate students in our lessons
- \* Let's "spice up" some lesson plans!
- \* Final thoughts



### Let's think...

- \* If your STUDENTS rated your performance/lessons, what grade would they give you? Why?
  - \* A=Perfect Score, C=Okay Score, F=Failing Score, etc.
- What is your biggest strength as an educator? What is your biggest weakness?

### Student/Teacher Motivation

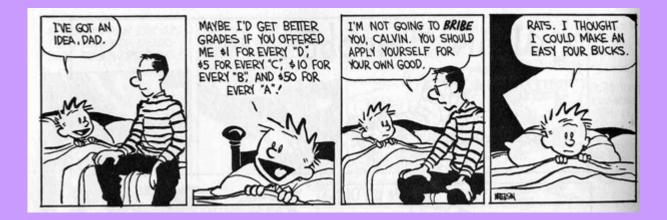
- Motivated Teachers=Motivated Students
- \* The classroom environment reflects the teacher
- \* Student/Teacher expectations

#### I teach at...

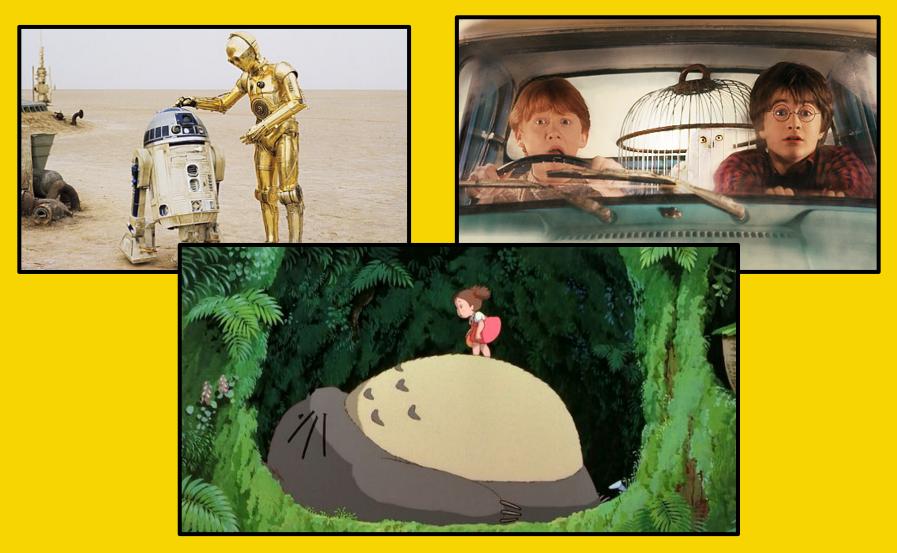
- Tsubame Secondary School (JHS and HS)
- Mitsuke High School (HS)
- \* Sanjo Technical High School (HS)
- Yoshida Special Education School (ELE, JHS, and HS)

### Levels of Motivation

- \* Three categories:
  - \* Students who are NOT motivated
  - \* Students who are motivated by external factors
  - \* Students who are motivated by internal factors

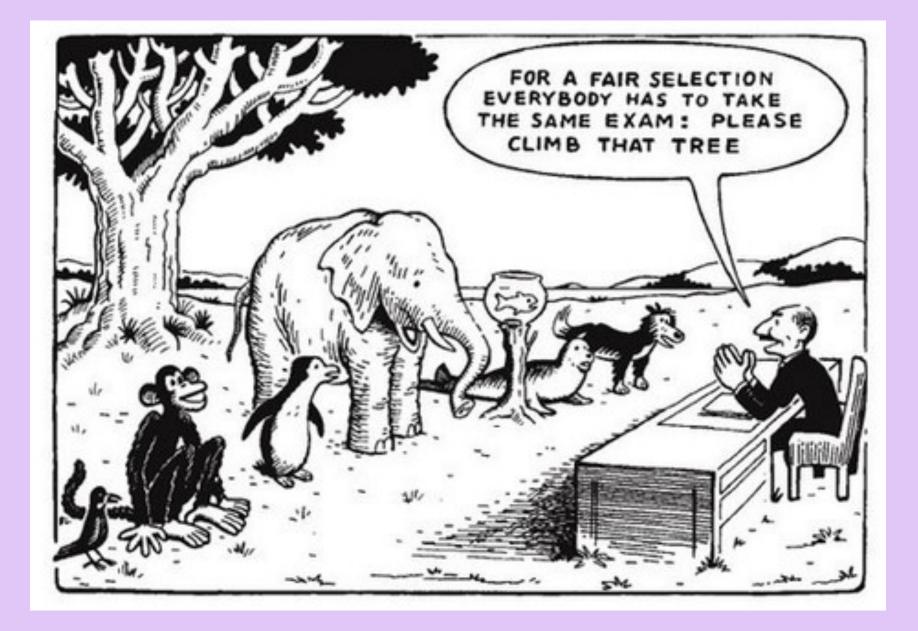


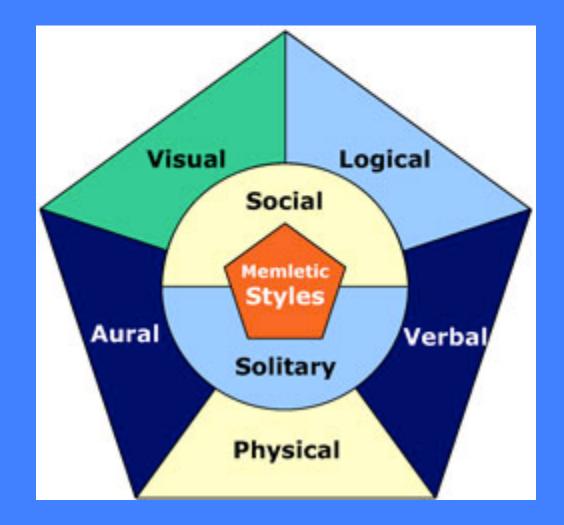
#### Motivation and Accommodation are Best Friends



### Accommodate and Differentiate

- \* Students with different levels of motivation
- \* Students with different learning styles
- \* Students with different levels of ability





# Learning Styles

- \* Visual (spatial) You prefer using pictures or images
- \* Aural (auditory/musical) You prefer using sound or music
- \* Verbal (linguistic) You prefer using words; both speech and writing
- \* Physical (kinesthetic) You prefer using your body/being active
- \* Logical (mathematical) You prefer using logic and reasoning
- Social (interpersonal) You prefer to learn in groups or with other people
- \* Solitary (intrapersonal) You prefer to work alone or self-study

# We can motivate our students through lessons that are...

...accommodating to *different* levels of motivation, abilities, and learning styles.

#### AND are (choose one below)

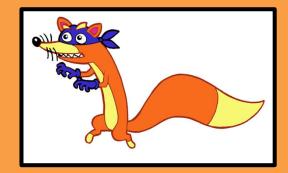
...authentic (from the real world).

...relevant (popular culture, can be used in the future).

...meaningful (makes the students think deeper).

...fun OR funny OR exciting OR interesting.

#### etc...

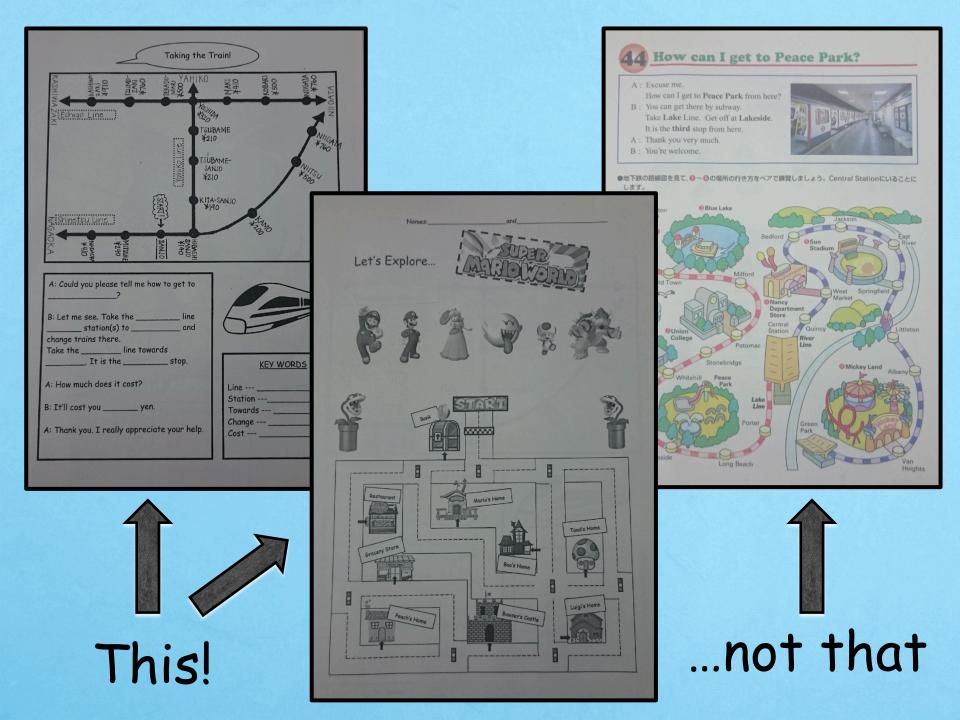


# "The best teachers are the best thieves."



#### Let's "spice up" some common English Lesson Activities (JHS, HS)!

- Reading and practicing dialogues
- \* Writing new dialogues
- \* Practicing new vocabulary
- \* Reading passages and answering questions
- \* Writing reports
- \* Grammar drills/practice
- \* Usual topics: introductions, shopping, restaurant, map directions, taking the train/bus, clothing, weather, etc...



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#### **SELF - INTRODUCTION** Hello. My name is years old. Iam I live in school. I go to My parents are My favorite food is I like iSLCollective.com ...not that

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# Final thoughts...

- Student motivation is not fixed
- \* Learn about your students and their wants/needs (inside and outside of the classroom)
- \* Accommodate to their wants and needs
- \* Add variety (differentiate) as much as possible
- \* Evaluate yourself—Would YOU want to be a student in YOUR classroom?

Questions? Comments? Concerns?

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