

CATERING FOR DIFFERENT LEARNING STYLES – IN THE PROPS BOX

Do you include role-plays and summary activities in your training? If you do, an invaluable aid is a props box. When adult learners dress up they free themselves from their inhibitions and are much more receptive to trying out new processes and methods. Over the years I have noticed that learners are attracted to those items in our props box that appeal to their learning styles. So here are my observations – hope you will find it helpful in putting together your props box.

<p>Props for the Activist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun hats • Big ears and glasses • Fun accessories – bright head bands and wigs, bags and umbrellas, • Fun items such as silly toys and gadgets 	<p>Props for the Reflector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big hats (for the big picture!) • Interesting textured accessories – necklaces, ties, fur, capes, walking sticks • Cubes, balls, pyramids in different sizes • Mirrors, feathers, shells
<p>Props for the Pragmatist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE items such as goggles, gloves, harnesses • Uniform items – policeman’s or fire-fighter’s hat, chef’s apron • Practical tools - spanners, electrical cables, wooden spoons • Practical items such as packets of seeds, balls of wool, gadgets etc 	<p>Props for the Theorist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More formal hats, caps and academic wear • Scarves, spectacles, jackets, pointers • interesting and challenging gadgets and items • Books on challenging topics – space, particle physics, dictionaries

Have fun!

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