Week 1

practical sessions

Getting to know each other

The activity below has been partially taken from http://www.teachervision.fen.com/teaching-methods/classroom-management/6721.html.

Read it carefully and please answer the questions.

First of all, pair up with someone you do not know well. Then, ask him/her and write down all the similarities you can think of (physical characteristics, family stuff, things you both do, things you are both interested in, and so on). Now, repeat the process with two other students. If you want, you can use the following questions as a guide:

- What is something funny, weird, unusual, or special about one person in your family?
- What kind of people do you like?
- What’s one place you would like to visit in your lifetime? Why do you want to go there?
- What are your hobbies?
- What’s your favourite TV show and why do you like to watch this show?
- If you had to eat the same meal everyday for a month, what would it be?
- What’s one thing you would like to change about your neighbourhood that would make it a better place to live?
- What’s one thing you would like to change about the university that would make it a better place to learn?
- What country are you from?
- What worries you the most about the world you live in today?
- Name one thing you could teach someone else how to make or how to do?
- What do you expect to learn in this subject?
- What’s your favourite holiday of the year? What makes this holiday your favourite?

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STUDENT'S REFLECTIVE LOG QUESTIONS (RLQ)
These logs express your individual’s response to the previous activity, will serve as a written record of your individual thinking, and will be used as a basis for group discussion. You are expected to keep all completed reflective log assignments throughout the year for documentation and critical evaluation of your own learning process.

RLQ 1 – What did surprise you most about what you discovered you had in common with your classmates?

RLQ 2 – How many similarities did you find the first time? And the last time? Did it get easier for anyone? Why?
RLQ 3 – Describe what you have learnt about the students you have interviewed:

Please remember that when we are HAVING A DISAGREEMENT OR HAVING TROUBLE working together, it is especially important to remember what we have in common.