

Easy 5

G 1 - Differentiation

I Make sure you have a range of activities that can extend Gifted learners. You could have differentiated worksheets, task cards or word problems which will give all students the opportunity to have a concept retaught, practiced or enriched.

F Practice planning a lesson that's challenging for your Gifted students and then differentiating for other learners by providing supports that will enable them to access that higher thinking learning opportunity.

T You can also require different outcomes while still exploring the same material.

E 2 - Group work

D Give opportunities to do group work in with like minded people, not always in mixed ability groups.

Often when Gifted are put in a group they struggle as they feel they need to be the leader or do all the work themselves.

3 - Independent Project

Often gifted students have extra time on their hands as they finish work quickly.

Offer them the option of doing an independent project where they can explore a special area of interest to them related to the topic being studied.

4 - Competitions

Involve gifted and high achieving students in an academic competition. These provide an opportunity to develop skills in leadership and group dynamics as well as challenging them academically.

5 - Mentors

Find a mentor for your gifted student, someone who is willing to work with them in an area of interest. There are parents, local organisations and other teachers who may be able to help.

Don't turn your student into a teacher aide in class. That is not their role and often they are not the best teachers as their brain works differently.