

# Are Great Teachers Born or Made?

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# Introduction

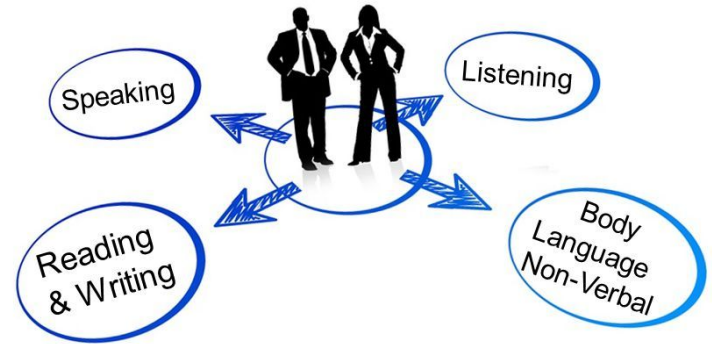
- While good teachers are essential, great teachers are invaluable. We always remember our greatest teachers. They are the ones that not only educated us, but the ones that motivated and pushed us to our greatest potential. They were driven by the passion of intellectual aspiration.
- These are the teachers that we are so fortunate to have had in our lives.
- But what makes up a great teacher?

# What Makes a Great Teacher?

## 1. Communication Skills:

Successful teachers use good listening, writing and speaking skills on a daily basis to communicate with their students. They break down complex concepts and information so that students can understand them.

Ways we Communicate



## 2. Deep knowledge and passion for the subject

- There is a saying that a teacher is only as good as what they know. If a teacher lacks knowledge in a subject, that dearth of understanding is passed along to the students.
- The best teachers are those that clearly love their subjects and pass that passion and desire to learn more on to their students. When the teacher not only has the right answer to a student's question but can expand the discussion with vivid examples.

### 3. Develop Strong Relationships With Students

It's not enough just to know what you're talking about, though, and a great teacher doesn't only teach from the head. In the best classrooms, hearts are involved, as well. In order to create successful learning environments, great teachers need to be able to build caring relationships with their students. It is the caring student-teacher relationship that facilitates the exchange of information.

1. Recognizing students
2. Listening
3. Respecting
4. Being-even handed

## 4. Preparation and Organization Skills

Great teachers spend endless hours outside of the classroom preparing, designing lessons, learning more (both about their subject matter specifically and how to teach, in general), participating in professional development, and thinking of fresh and interesting ways to reach the students.



## 5. Adaptability

Good teachers adapt themselves to changing circumstances. Teachers may often find themselves dealing with changes, such as unexpected situations involving students or the school.

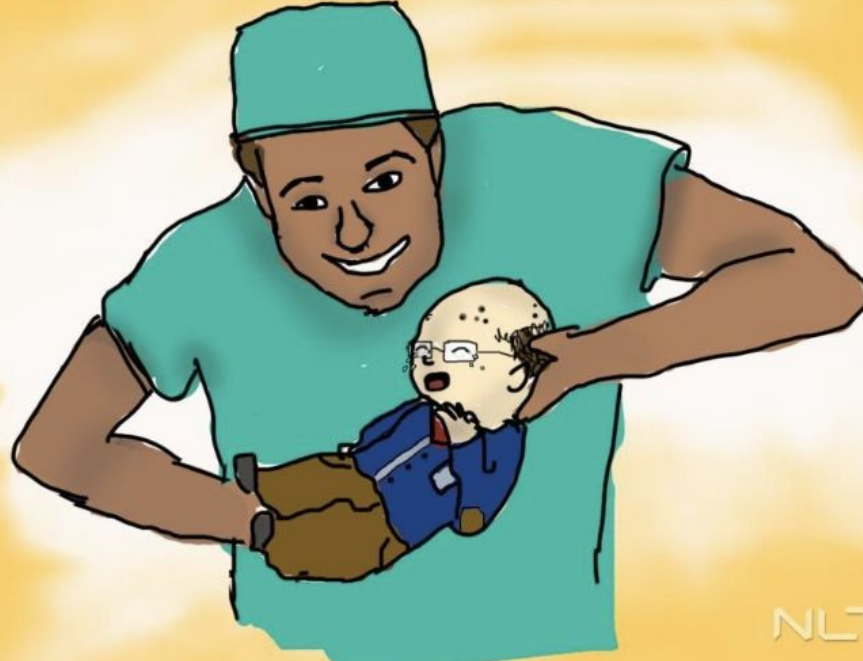


## 6. Creativity

Teachers who are creative in their teaching approaches come up with innovative ideas. They make the classroom lively and engage in students' interests. For instance, they may use different approaches to deliver their lessons, such as engaging in hands-on activities or bringing students outdoors.

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*Congratulations... It's a teacher!*



## It's in the Genes

- Some believe that genetics and the structured DNA sequence that makes up an individual play a significant role in how that individual can excel within the classroom as a teacher.
- Having a caring, patient, encouraging, and joyous personality really makes a 'born' teacher stand out compared to a 'made' teacher. These innate characteristics along with many others can not be learned or acquired from reading a textbook or by taking education courses; you either have them or you don't.

## It's in the Books/ Made

- Being good or great at something does not always mean that there will always be passion. People who may not possess a natural talent for teaching, but are determined to still become a teacher, may have more passion than those born with the gift.
- Teachers' work reflects on the students' work. Studies have shown that teachers, with no means of education training or certification, have a negative influence on students in the classroom. Teachers without this proper training, have a higher percentage of students in their class that scored lower on standardized tests

## It's Both

- Having the qualities, characteristics, and drive in becoming a good teacher is one thing, but taking classes to better educate yourself on how to better your students really takes it over the edge into becoming a great teacher.
- Teachers are a lot like athletes and artists. All three were born with talents, and those talents will be refined because of the training and performance that comes along with each career.
- Even the people that were born with all the traits that would make them an excellent teaching candidate, they still might be missing something. If they do not have the desire, drive, or passion to become a teacher.

**Thanks for listening**

**Any Question?**

