

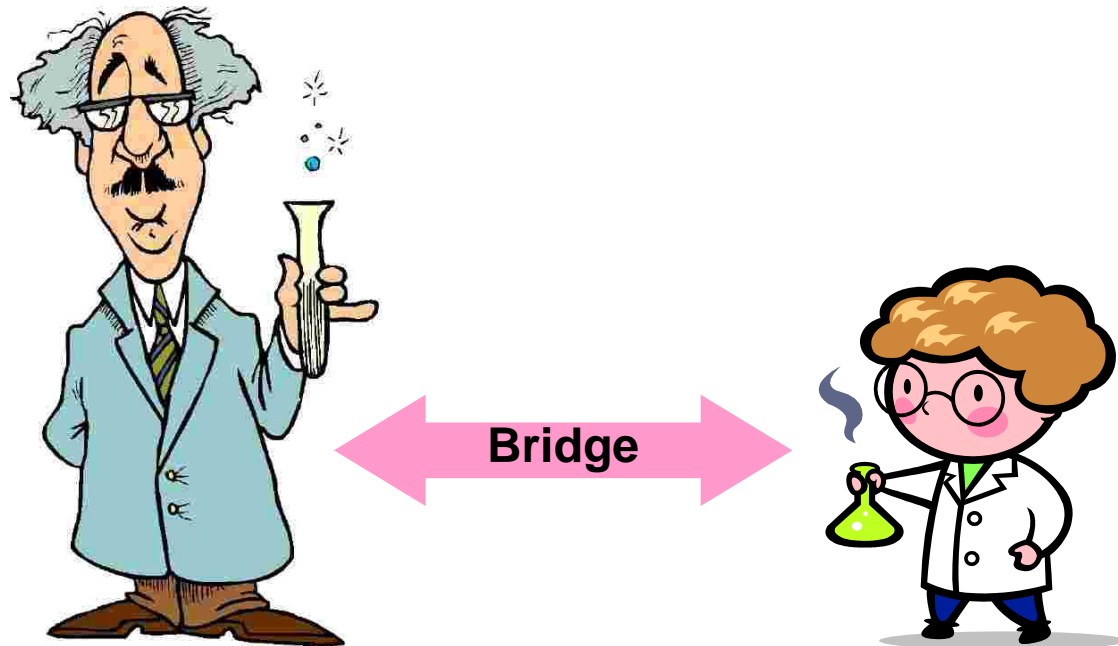
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Common difficulties and problems which TAs faced when teaching

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Roles of TA

- ✓ Assist professor in the instruction, advising and evaluation of students
- ✓ Help students to understand the teaching materials better and provide constructive advice for their learning



Do you face these problems???

Teaching in English
Lack of confidence

Limited knowledge towards the subject

Poor presentation skills

Lack of teaching experience

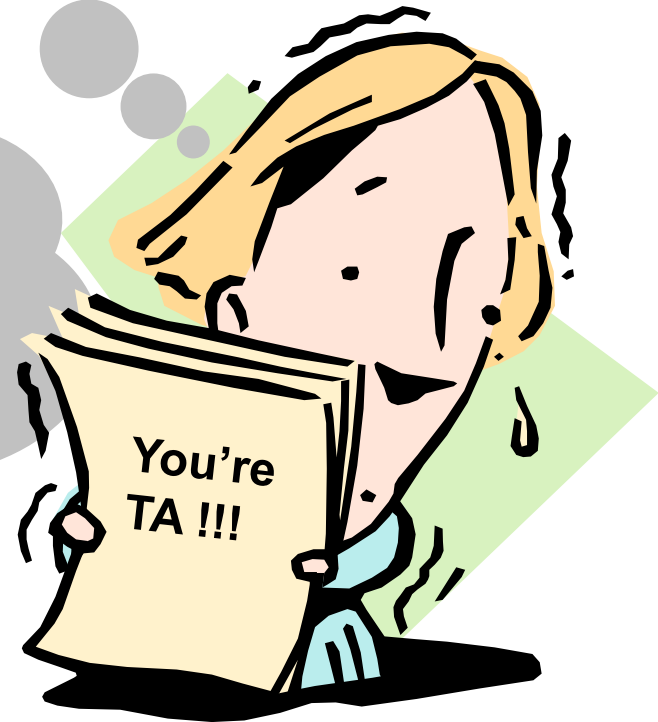
Large workload: Teaching Vs Research

Motivating students

Class discipline

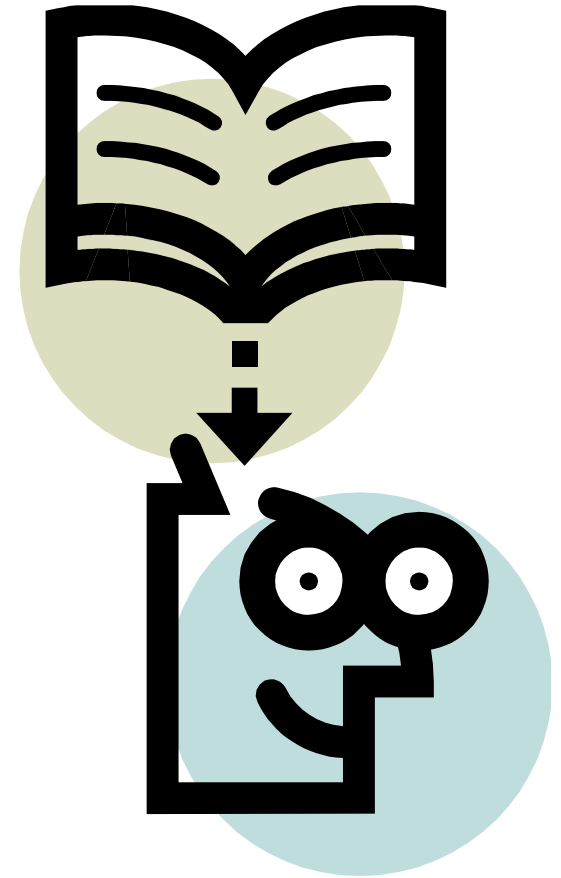
Time management of the class

Improving student's ability to think



Good Preparation...

- Be knowledgeable about the teaching materials
- Be mentally ready as a TA
- Meet with the Professor beforehand



The FIRST lesson...

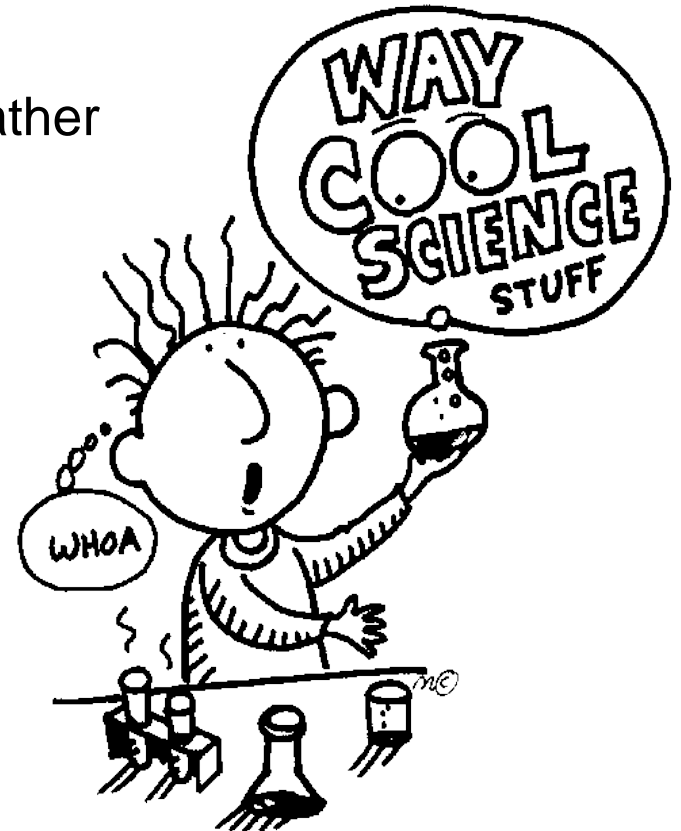
- Introduce yourself
- Introduce the course content/ requirement and your expectation
- Set the rules of classroom/ laboratory
- Create an active learning climate



In the classroom...

Motivating students and improving their abilities to think are always difficult!

- Build up good relationship with students
- Correlate the teaching materials to their daily life or future career
- Be learning/ student-oriented rather goal/ mark-oriented
- Ask some inspirable questions
- Encourage discussion



How to improve my teaching?

- Seek help or advice from the professor, technicians or other experienced TAs
- Always review your teaching plan
- Try to use different teaching methods to suit the needs of different students



What is important?

- Genuine attitude toward students
- Enthusiasm

