



## Breaking the Mold

Motivation flags after a few weeks of a semester. Can you think of a way to change the “usual routine” in your classes? Here are some ideas for easy ways to keep students engaged.

- Ask students to choose a different place to sit.
- Design a small project or other assignment that will encourage students to get out of a rut.
- Incorporate small group work occasionally.
- For F2F classes, make an “Online Day” activity and follow it up with a “Report Out” day.
- For online or blended classes, change the format of the information presentation—perhaps use a Ted Talk or other video rather than reading.
- Take a field trip (which could be a virtual trip using technology).
- Use a jig saw activity in which students become experts on a small sub-topic and report out. See <https://www.jigsaw.org/> for a complete explanation.