



Mona Lisa Listening Skills

Getting the kid's attention can sometimes be a challenge when teaching a lesson. Here is a wonderful tip to make it easier for you and still fun for the kids! At your very first lesson, set up the Mona Lisa print where everyone can see it. Then follow this step by step:

1. Ask the students to quietly raise their hands if they recognize this painting.
2. Ask them to raise their hands if they know the name and artist.
3. Give a few brief details - how famous it is, when it was painted, who painted it, etc.
4. Now tell them to notice how she's sitting. What are her arms doing? Is she talking or is her mouth closed? Where is she looking?
5. Now they're all going to do their best Mona Lisa impression, try and sit just like her!
6. Commend them and explain that when you need to get their attention during the lesson, you're going to yell out "Mona!" And they're all going to call out, "Lisa!", and then immediately do their best Mona Lisa impression, even if they're in the middle of painting or even walking, everything stops to act like Mona Lisa with their arms folded, head up, mouth closed and attention on you
7. Practice it a few times and then move on to your art lesson.