



Create a dream classroom

Your task is to create a classroom of your dreams. Working in a small group, decide on the purpose of these changes together with your teacher, using the stages below to identify and meet the needs of your dream. Examples of a dream could be to plan special group work, or organise a meeting with an interesting person, or maybe organise a school competition, or rearranging the classroom.



STAGE 1



Empathising & identifying needs

Think about your needs and the needs of the group, ask questions and work out guidelines for the next steps

At this stage:

You should collect information on your peers. Ask them about the activities they like and working styles they prefer. Find out about their needs in the context of the reason why you want to introduce changes in your school space. Also, note down additional information that may not be directly related to the topic (e.g. favourite colour) but can be useful later on.



STAGE 2



Analysing needs & resources

Think about the resources you have and what you need to finish your task

At this stage:

look at what is available in the classroom, what possibilities and limitations you have in terms of space and equipment, and what you need to meet the needs of the group. Work out a general plan and decide what to take into account to fulfil your goal without assuming additional costs:

- seats for people
- number of desks you have in the classroom
- number of chairs you have in the classroom

Consider each person's individual needs, make sure that the new working conditions are comfortable, don't forget about access to electricity and light, and any special needs requirements among the group. Remember that you have to make use of the equipment that you already have!



STAGE 5



Testing

Test the selected ideas

At this stage:

If possible, introduce the planned changes in the classroom according to the design. Test their usefulness and check if they really meet the needs of the group.

Congratulations! You have shown that you are able to design a classroom of your dreams!



STAGE 4



Prototyping

With the use of the available resources prepare sample projects based on your ideas

At this stage:

Choose one of the ideas that best matches the needs, making sure it is plausible. Take measurements of the classroom and furniture and make a design to the scale of your choice. Present the project to others and get feedback. Make improvements and modifications based on the feedback.



STAGE 3



Generating ideas

Organise a brainstorming session and find solutions that meet the needs of the group

At this stage:

Think about what your dream classroom should look like. Take note of various ideas that meet the needs and present them in any form you want (e.g. a drawing, a model or a collage). If necessary, make a list of things necessary to make your ideas reality.

