

# What's Our Attention Level?

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Intensely Focused

**Looks like:** Students give total attention.

**Sounds like:** The class is silent and almost motionless. There are no distracting sounds from furniture and stationary.

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Very Attentive

**Looks like:** Students are very focused and on task

**Sounds like:** The class is very quiet and still. There may be some slight distracting sounds from pens or fidgeting. There is no talking.

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Attentive

**Looks like:** Almost all students are focused and on task.

**Sounds like:** An occasional word or two of undercurrent talk may be spoken but this stops quickly. There is some restlessness and distracting sound.

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Generally Listening

**Looks like:** Students are mostly well focused and on task.

**Sounds like:** There are some students who are less attentive than others. There is obvious restlessness and distracting sounds. There is some undercurrent talk, but those who do talk make an effort to talk quietly.

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Chatty

**Looks like:** Undercurrent talk is occurring around the room. Effective learning is starting to be disturbed.

**Sounds like:** The conversations tend to be at a normal speaking volume, or else there is a substantial hum of quieter undercurrent talk. There may be some occasional call-outs.

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Noisy

**Looks like:** Talking is common. A core of students may be actively engaged in other activities. For some students learning is being impacted.

**Sounds like:** Some talking may be quite loud, or the combined effect of many people talking is loud. Call outs may occur, directed at the teacher or across the room.

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Very Noisy

**Looks like:** The lesson continues but many students are not listening. People may move about the room.

**Sounds like:** Loud conversations compete with the teacher. Loud call outs are common. The teacher may make frequent pleas for attention.

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Extremely Noisy

**Looks like:** The teacher is continuing with the lesson, but very few students are engaged in it. Some people may move about freely.

**Sounds like:** Loud call outs occur frequently. Comments and advice may be made to the teacher. Teacher's attempts at getting attention fail.

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Riotous

**Looks like:** The lesson has been effectively aborted although there may still be some vain attempts by the teacher to keep it going. The teacher may be given 'cheek'. Fights and abuse are common. Things are thrown around the room. People move about at will, including out of the room. Learning is impossible.

**Sounds like:** Total chaos.