

# Learning Intentions

*... back to basics ...*

# Definition of a learning intention:

The learning intention (or objective) for a lesson is a statement which describes clearly what the teacher wants the students to:

Know, understand; and be able to do

as a result of the learning and teaching activities.

# Examples...

what I want students to know

- know about different types of energy
- know how to construct a pie graph
- know why rabbits are an ecological disaster
- know what causes thunderstorms

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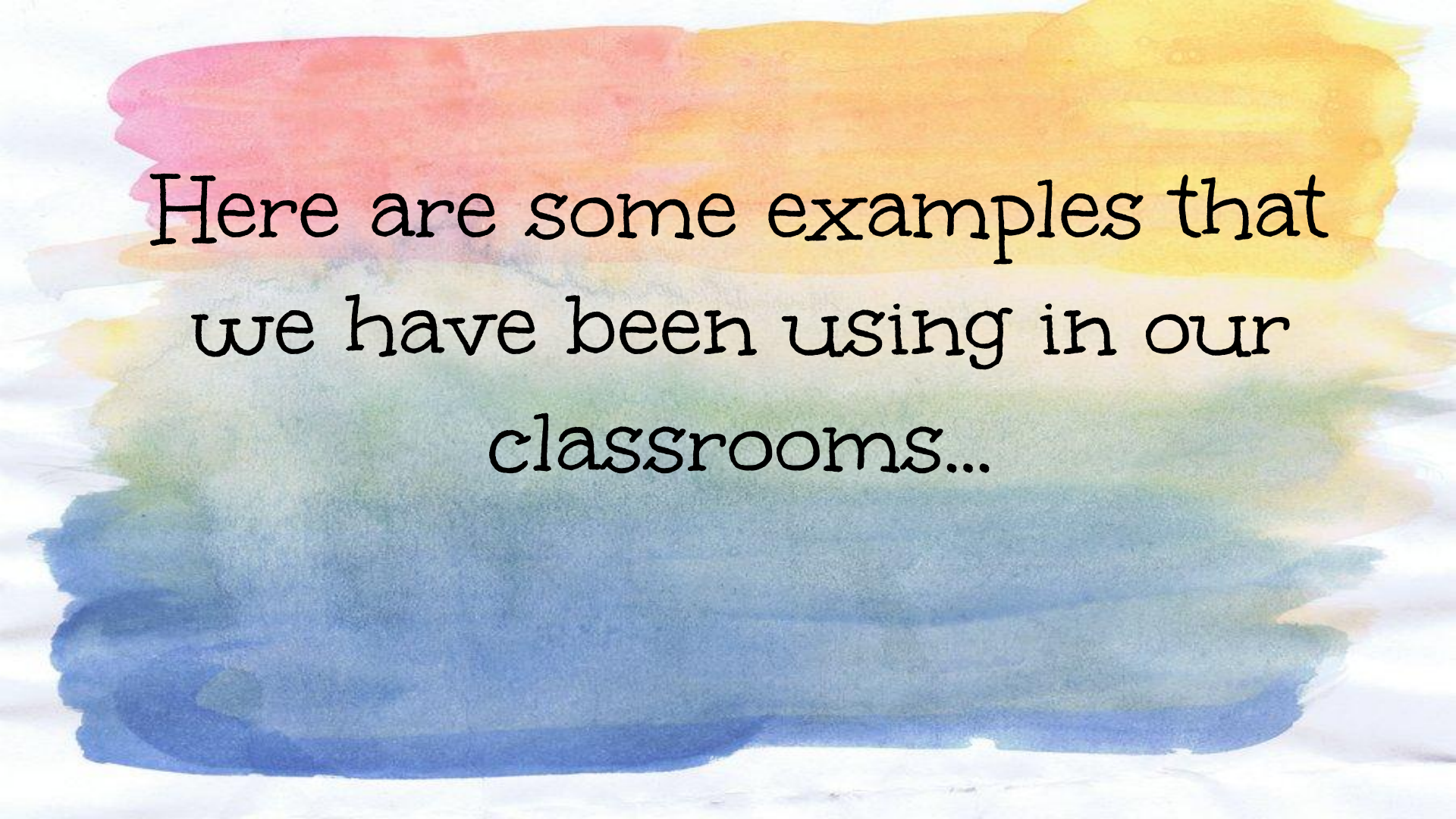
what I want students to be able to do (skills)

- to be able to write a recount
- to be able to solve a problem using more than one strategy
- to be able to work as part of a team
- to be able to identify persuasive strategies used by the author or an argument
- to be able to experiment with a variety of media in order to achieve a stated effect

# Examples...

what I want students to understand

- understand the causes of an historical event
- understand the effects of diet on health
- understand how persuasive language can position the reader to agree with the author
- understand how the internet can be used for research purposes
- understand what happens when our bodies consume carbohydrates
- understand why X causes Y



Here are some examples that  
we have been using in our  
classrooms...

# Maths Learning Intention:

To be able to compare and order unit fractions to see if any patterns can be found (NA12)

## Success Criteria:

- I can locate unit fractions on a number line
- I can describe what I notice about the value of a fraction as the denominator increases
- I can use a calculator to show a unit fraction as a decimal

# English Learning Intention:

To be able to write an introductory paragraph for a narrative

## Success Criteria:

- I used an opening sentence at the start
- I included 3 or more supporting sentences
- I finished with a concluding ('linking') sentence



# Health Learning Intention:

To identify the impact of the sun on our health

## Success Criteria:

- I can list two positive effects the sun has on our health
- I can list two negative effects the sun has on our health
  - I identify 3 strategies that promote 'sun safety'