

Why Your Classroom is Non-functional/Dysfunctional

(Observations over seven months)

What are routines in the classroom?

Those regularities in the behaviour of a teacher that learners come to recognise and respect because of the persistence of those routines from one day to the next.



Observed Routines in Dysfunctional Classrooms

- 1 Teaching Despite Chaos around you
- 2 Constant
 loudness/screamin
 g of the teacher
 throughout the
 lesson
- Frequent placing of learners outside the classroom

Triggering the learners sometimes unnecessarily

5 Just waiting for Bell

Three Types of Routines that could change your classroom

Professional Routines

Management Routines

Pedagogical Routines



Professional Routines

Being on Time

Being Prepared

Being a Team-member



Management Routines

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Settling down the class (before you teach)

Advertising/reminders of the rules

Insisting that the rules are followed



Pedagogical Routines

1 Teaching every minute

2 Teaching that connects (engages)

3 Teaching that inspires

A Small Homework Task

Spend one period in the class of a highly effective teacher and document (one page) what s/he does that establishes and maintains routines in their classrooms

