

In a rut?

How will I ever get out of here?!

What is a rut?

- ▶ Rut: noun usually singular, a situation that is boring and difficult to change according to the Macmillan English Dictionary.

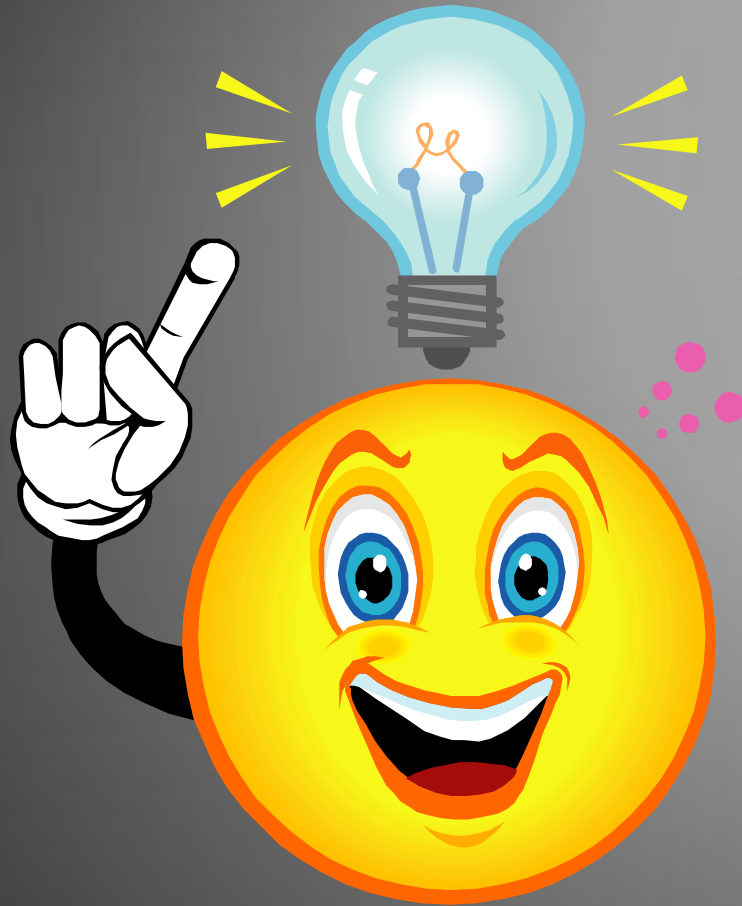
- ▶ Is a rut a bad thing? According to the definition? Yes!
- ▶ Is it bad for English teachers? Yes. We see the effects– how?

In a rut

- ▶ Unmotivated teachers.
- ▶ Students who lack interest.
- ▶ Finally– no more English class.

Is there any hope?

- ▶ If we look at the up side of a rut: it becomes routine.
- ▶ The routine lets learners feel comfortable and they know what to expect and what is expected of them . Therefore they can perform well.



Can we change a rut into a routine?

look at the problem:

- ▶ the book/material is boring
 - the students are unmotivated
 - attendance is down
 - the teacher becomes unmotivated.
- ▶ what needs to be changed?
 - Different book
 - Lesson structure
 - Ways of presenting
 - Material

Think about it

- ▶ Can we find a different book?
- ▶ Do we even need a book?
 - What are we learning (grammar, vocabulary, sentence structure)?
 - What level are we at?
 - What are the students interested in?

What could we do instead of a book?

Think about it

- ▶ Lesson structure– how do we change it?
- ▶ Can we be more active?
- ▶ Can we change the venue?

Think about it

- ▶ Ways of presenting
 - Using different media?
 - Having the students present?
 - Creating relevance with different material?

Taking the next step

- ▶ which alternatives do we have?
 - Games
 - Relevant material or news
 - Media and presentation
- ▶ Homework

Why should we do it?

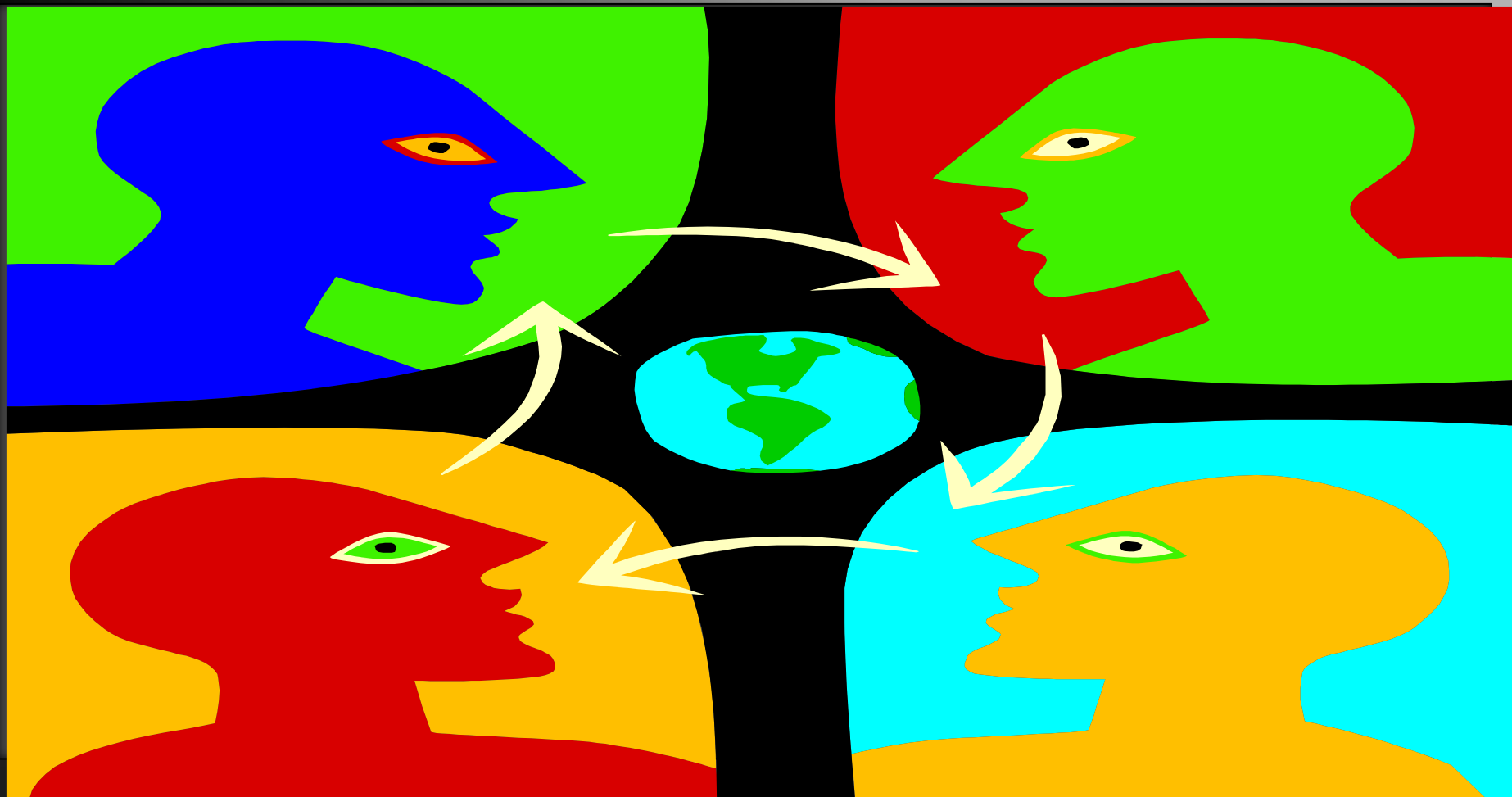
- ▶ If we find a way to get the student more involved, we will have:
 - higher attendance levels
 - Better learning–more progress
 - Increase in student ownership
 - Our job will be easier

Final words

- ▶ These are only some ideas and will not fix all the problems that can come up in class.
- ▶ Not all of these suggestions will work for everyone—but everyone can find something that does work for them.
- ▶ Remember: teaching should make the student happy to learn BUT the teacher needs to be happy too.



Any questions >>



Thank you and have fun communicating >>>
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