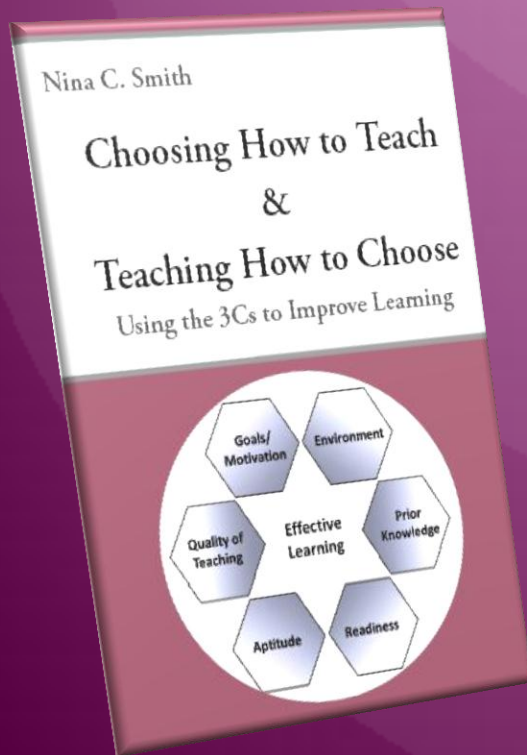


# How do **YOU** want to teach?

What's the best way to improve teaching and learning?

Empowering the very people who work hands-on with it in their profession –  
**teachers!**



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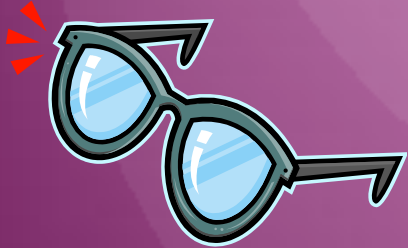
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# The Key

There is one single key for improving teaching practices anywhere, anytime – regardless of the curriculum or structure of the education system: The teacher's desire to empower her/his students to learn autonomously.



# The three Cs



The three main concepts

– lenses, if you wish – to define and focus on :

**cognitive, constructive, and cooperative**

The three main areas on which to focus:

**context/motivation, the environment,  
and interactions.**

# Teaching how to choose

Choosing is combined process of multiple skills tightly related to our ability to understand connections, which contributes to higher level thinking skills.



Choosing is a skill that grows with use, just like language fluency. The first step is to make students aware that there *is* a choice.

# How to do all this?



We teachers are communication professionals, we live in dialogue.

Open and honest communication helps students become confident learners - but we must walk the talk.

Student accountability is built on the foundation of their autonomy. How could you be accountable for something you don't have control over?

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