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How Can I Use Everyday Interactions to Instill a Growth Mindset in Students?

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Sometimes what we call

"failure"

is really just that necessary struggle called

learning.



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How do ...



... we support our students in the struggle that is learning?





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How do you respond when ...



... a student receives a C- on an early, major assignment?

"This kind of struggle is common on early assignments. Let's identify some different strategies for studying that can help."

... a student dominates discussions in unproductive ways?

"You're great at talking part of discussion but great discussants develop additional skills such as active listening and encouraging others. Let's work on those."

... a students complains about your use of active learning pedagogies and asks you to return to a lecture format?

"Being able to learn in a variety of formats is critical for your future success"



How do you respond when ... mistakes happen?



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