

They said it...tips and tricks for CRTs

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The role of the CRT is so varied that no matter what stage of your career you find yourself in, you must always keep growing and learning (be a life-learner) make the most of whatever situation you may currently find yourself.

Be realistic about yourself and, above all, be a good person and lead by example.

- Ashley Cooper

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1. Be firm
2. Speak calmly
3. Be prepared to be flexible
4. Bring story books and activities of your own
5. Ensure you offer support and assistance to children of all abilities

- Rachel Leben

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1. Know the curriculum, and if you're not sure, ask for help
2. Set clear expectations at the start of the day
3. Be fair, but consistent in the classroom and playground
4. Involve yourself in the whole school community
5. Be aware of children with learning disabilities and those who have medical requirements

- Vicki Redwood

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1. Meet with the staff member assigned to CRTs in each school
2. Be punctual
3. Follow the classroom programs, routines and behaviour management strategies
4. Accept as much work as possible
5. Provide positive incentives and be creative

- Angela Caterina Brew

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1. Be positive
2. Be well prepared
3. Always look for the win-win scenario
4. Accept challenges
5. Be versatile

- Ashley Cooper

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1. Be firm
2. Be fair
3. Be friendly
4. ABC (Act, don't react Back off, keep Calm)
5. Practice good listening

- Latrobe Valley CRT network

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Always be prepared to change the learning program if it is not working. Sometimes it is about survival even if that means you stop and read a story or take the class out for a run.

- Rachel Leben

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Make time to debrief with other CRTs and refer CRT friends if you are fortunate to be double booked. Ask schools to join their professional learning seminars.

- Angela Caterina Brew

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Be...

1. Flexible
2. Organised
3. Confident
4. Caring
5. Interested
6. Committed

- Eileen McNeilly

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