

Expert learners and how to develop them

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What are expert learners?

In a UDL context, expert learners are:

- ▲▲ **purposeful and motivated** (they can manage themselves when they get stuck, collaborate with others, focus on a task, are resilient)
- ▲▲ **resourceful and knowledgeable** (they can find and curate information, connect ideas to create new understandings, transfer understandings across contexts)
- ▲▲ **strategic and goal-directed** (they can break-down a task, manage deadlines, organise resources, communicate thinking).

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Characteristics of an expert learner

David Rose, Co-founder of the UDL describes the characteristics of an expert learner.

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Barriers to developing expertise

Katie Novak describes how our current teaching practices often don't allow students to become expert learners.

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Who can be expert learners?

Developing expertise
applies to everyone.

The goal of developing expertise applies to all participants: students, teachers, and all of the personnel in the system itself.

If everyone is focused on developing expertise as a learner, the context is suffused with great models.

Anne Meyer, David H. Rose, and David Gordon

Source: [Universal design for learning: Theory and practice](#)

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Reflection questions

How does the idea of expertise in learning impact on your thinking?

How could the idea of expert learners impact your practice?

How do students develop expertise as learners?

What attitudes and habits indicate that learners are developing expertise?

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Useful resources

Top 5 UDL tips for fostering expert learners

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