





## Practising clear communication during a lesson

To practise when students are present:

- Gain all students' attention before giving an instruction.
- Provide manageable, actionable steps in a sequential order to prevent adding unnecessary
  <u>cognitive load</u> while students are focused on their learning. For example, saying 'Pens down.
   Thank you' followed by 'Attention with me. Thank you'. Only combine instructions when they become
   habitual for students.
- Pause and scan to check that students understand and are following the instruction.
- Be consistent with your language when giving instructions to support students to become familiar with your expectations.