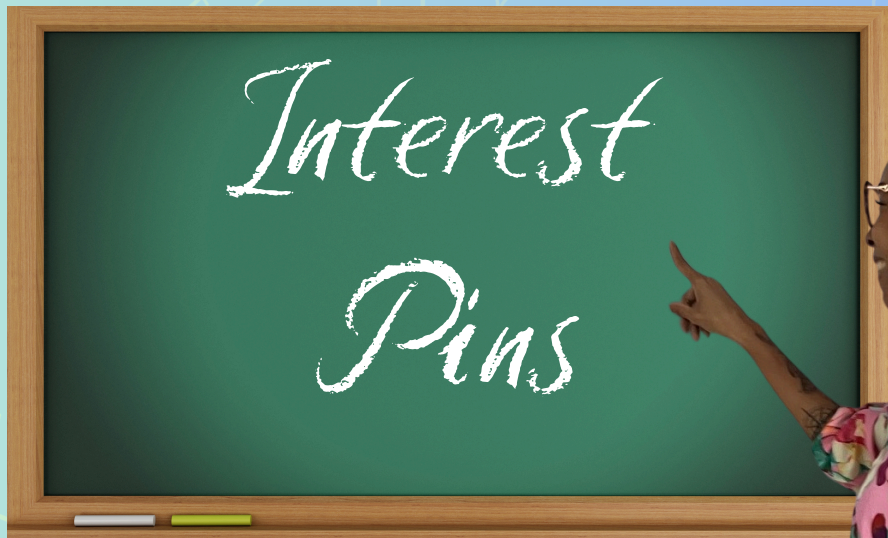


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"The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time." -Thomas Edison

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Experimentation for the Win!

At the beginning of the school year, Ms. Faith set a powerful goal: to have her students speak more English in the classroom. She started with Interest Chats, allowing students to choose topics to discuss with their peers—but only in English. However, as she experimented with this strategy, she realized it wasn't bringing her students closer to the fluency she envisioned. Did she give up? Not this determined teacher! Instead, she refined her approach, blending student voice and choice with an additional goal—boosting reading comprehension. Through trial, error, and unwavering commitment, Interest Pins was born—a brilliant strategy that merges student-selected topics with research and presentations. Innovation at its finest!