

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

Teachable Moments are spontaneous opportunities that offer the mentor a chance to:

- Fill in instructional gaps
- Help the new teacher make good choices
- Help the new teacher to take “the next step”

When taking advantage of a Teachable Moment, it's important to:

- Share in the spirit of support
- Be brief – focus on the essential
- Be strategic
- Avoid using jargon or sounding pedantic

Some possible stems include the following:

One thing to keep in mind is...

If you're interested in ____, it's important to...

What I know about ____ is...

It's sometimes/usually helpful to ____ when...