Features of Effective Instruction

1. **Explicit Instruction with Modeling**
   a. Focus instruction on critical content
   b. Provide step-by-step demonstrations
   c. Provide models
   d. Use clear and concise language
   e. Deliver the lesson at a brisk pace
   f. Provide an adequate range of examples and non-examples

2. **Systematic Instruction with Scaffolding**
   a. Sequence skills logically
   b. Break down complex skills and strategies into smaller instructional units
   c. Design organized and focused lessons
   d. Begin lessons with a clear statement of the lesson’s goals and your expectations
   e. Review prior skills and knowledge before beginning instruction
   f. Provide scaffolds for difficult tasks

3. **Multiple Opportunities to Practice**
   a. Provide guided and supported practice
   b. Provide distributed and cumulative practice
   c. Ask a large number of questions and check the responses of all students
   d. Obtain a high success rate
   e. Engage students in weekly and monthly review

4. **Immediate Corrective Feedback**
   a. Check for student understanding
   b. Provide immediate affirmative and corrective feedback

5. **Progress Monitoring**
   a. Monitor student performance closely
   b. Require and monitor independent practice

**References**