When you build lessons with MimioStudio software, do you sometimes have trouble knowing where to begin? Or do you sometimes get stuck in a rut, re-creating the same thing over and over?

The MimioConnect® community is dedicated to creating quality lessons, and we have some tips to share. Lessons that achieve positive learning outcomes with students are built with the following instructional design components:

**Interactivity**
Does the activity have numerous opportunities for the student to practice the skills they need?

**Aesthetics**
Are pages uncluttered, making effective use of space?
Are the activities laid out relative to the information they contain?
Is there attractive use of media, line, space, shape, texture and color?

**Instruction**
Are there learning objectives that are student-focused, observable, and measurable?
Is the lesson sequenced from few-to-many and easy-to-difficult?
Are the activities and feedback meaningful and relevant?

**Originality**
Is the lesson innovative or memorable?
Do the activities provide new or unusual experiences?

**Collaboration**
Does the lesson provide opportunities for multiple students to participate?

To see these instructional design components in action, watch for the “before and after” lesson examples we’ll be sharing on mimioconnect.com. And if you have ideas for increasing the level of instructional design for any lesson posted on mimioconnect.com, please post your comments to let the whole community benefit from your expertise!