Interactivity in Distance Learning

Personalize the Class:
- Send a letter of welcome
- Make a roster
- Learn student names/voices
- Plan get-acquainted activities (roll calls)
- Come early to class so students can ask questions
- Teach from each site sometime during the semester
- Provide personal contact outside of class time

Nonverbal Interaction:
- Make eye contact with camera (use tighter camera shots)
- Vary vocal and facial expressions
- Use appropriate gestures
- Use good listening skills

Instructor-centered Interaction:
- Questions from the instructor (ask, “What questions do you have?”)
- Questions from the students (expand on ideas, acknowledge responses)
- Planted questions
- Experts answer specific questions

Student-centered Interaction:
- Oral reports
- Group response
- Collaborative exercises
- Demonstrations
- Role playing

Materials-centered Interaction:
- Reading
- Fill-in blanks workbook
- Tests
- Casework
- Lab work