Checklist for Stretch and Challenge in Lessons

You model a STRONG COMMAND of the subject			
Lesson Objectives allow students to build SUBJECT MASTERY and expertise			
Success Criteria allow students to develop HIGHER ORDER skills and thinking			
You use exciting LEARNING HOOKS and BIG GOALS to excite students' curiosity and connect up the learning			
The lesson is appropriately MATCHED so that students can progress from where they were without unnecessary repetition			
Classroom rules/ behaviour encourage and reward curiosity, creativity, risk taking and resilience and VALUE DIFFICULTY			
You and your students use HIGHER ORDER questions to probe the topic			
The lesson contains (a menu of) CHALLENGE activities supported by appropriate resources including higher level texts			
The lesson and/ or homework contains opportunities for students to learn and use INDEPENDENT working skills			
You model and expect answers that are PRECISE and EXTENDED in SUBJECT SPECIFIC or sophisticated formal English			
The lesson contains at least one element of SURPRISE or RISK TAKING			
Students are able to CONNECT and EXPAND on what they have learned using EXTENDED ABSTRACT THINKING			
The homework encourages students to go BEYOND and AROUND the subject, building connections to other learning and taking their learning further			
Assessment outcomes encourage challenge and allow students to go ABOVE and BEYOND their targets			

Independent work skills

- Group work
- Debate and discussion skills
- Extended speaking
- Planning and research skills
- Problem solving
- Reviewing work
- Meta-cognitive skills