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Sometimes when the water is a: extremely deep or b: the trout are real spooky, I don't use an indicator. Even a subtle fly coming in, sometimes spooks them. (maybe its the double pop) When either of these two conditions are present, I keep the line as slackfree as possible. And keep the rod tip following as close to the waterline as possible.

I will miss probably the majority of strikes, because it takes a second or so for the strike to travel up the line and by that time the trout can sense somethings wrong and spit the nymph back out before I can set the hook. (usually when my hands are cold it's best to use an indicator and wait for it to drop).

Still for someone who is just starting out, it's best to match the hatch sort of speaking. If she is being coached with an indicator, your set up should be the same while you are coaching. Even using the same flyrods maybe important - When I started teaching my girlfriend how to flyfish we had different rods. When I hooked a fish and handed her the rod - she felt how light and powerful it was (forget the fish) I had to purchase the same one for her.