Engaging students: Interactive Grammar & Vocabulary Activities

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Important

**Demonstrations**
I only demonstrate a program and some features without teaching how to create them.

**Interactive**
Polls etc. Participation is optional.

**Live demonstrations**
I will demonstrate how to create something in real time.

**Practice**
You have access to the same slides practice files. You can work along with me (optional).

**No troubleshooting**
We can’t troubleshoot for you.

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**GENERAL DISCUSSION**
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ASYNCHRONOUS & SYNCHRONOUS

ASYNCHRONOUS: Content

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AT HOME (asynchronously)

IN CLASS (synchronously)
ASYNCHRONOUS: Practice

- **Writing**
  - Real-life simulations
  - Blogs/Diary
  - Essays
  - Question answers

- **Vocabulary**
  - Online flashcards
  - Interactive PPs
  - Games
  - Video tutorials

- **Grammar**
  - Interactive exercises
  - Tutorials with practice

- **Speaking**
  - Recordings
  - Conversations
  - Simulations

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ASYNCHRONOUS: Collaboration

- **Writing**
  - Group projects
  - Student – teacher projects
  - Interviews

- **Culture**
  - Group projects
  - Interviews with community
  - Interviews with native speakers

- **Grammar**
  - Study group homework
  - Comments or annotations
  - Student projects

- **Speaking**
  - Online voice chats
  - Recordings
  - Interviews
ASYNCHRONOUS: Self-assessment

- Examples for comparison
- Rubrics

Writing

- Quizzes

Culture

- Quizzes with feedback
- Interactive exercises

Grammar

- Examples for comparison

Speaking

SYNCHRONOUS: COMMUNICATION

- Text, Audio & Video
- Images & infographics

Prompts

- Simulation Tasks
- Games
INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

QUIZLET

• Online tool for practicing vocabulary
• The system transforms your vocab list into flashcards, games and tests
• Can be used synchronously (new!) or asynchronously;
• A wide variety of flashcard sets from other educators
• Easy to create or modify existing sets;
• Can be embedded into LMSs.
INTERACTIVE QUIZZES

MENTIMETER

Pros:
✓ Wide variety of functions
✓ Free (basic features)

Cons:
✓ The free features are very basic
✓ It’s still in the Beta stage

Next activity is happening outside of Zoom.

You will need to access KAHOOT.IT & MENTI.COM from your phones or a different device.

To access the activity, type in the number that will appear at the top of the screen into the code field.

Survey mode
• Menti

Quiz mode
• Kahoot
• Menti
FLIPGRID

• Interactive communication

See the posts and the comments come in

FLIPGRID: LET’S TRY IT

TASK: record a quick video introducing yourself and telling us what you wanted to be when you were a kid.

Use link or the code to get to our FLIPGRID

• https://flipgrid.com/dyer0321
WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Use the wheel to:
✓ Call on people
✓ Assign random topics

There are many engines online to create the wheels.
✓ wheelofnames.com

LEARNING APPS.ORG

• Create **activities to share** as apps with your students.

• Use activities in **live classes** for interactivity.

• **Free** basic features.

• **Very user-friendly.**
LEARNING APPS.COM

• You will see this grid on the next page. Use ZOOM Annotate feature to mark the words right on the grid.

• Once I see the annotation, I will mark it online.

PADLET

www.padlet.com
Free in basic features
You can add:
✓ Images,
✓ Videos,
✓ Text to the gallery.

Great for collaboratio
**PADLET**

- **TASK:** Memes became a major part of our lives. Share your favorite meme(s). If they are in a foreign language, add a translation.

To open our Padlet
- Click on the link (chat)
- Scan the code.

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**PADLET: idea**

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**30 DAY WORLD LANGUAGE CHALLENGE**

Respond using a world language you know (other than English). Don’t forget to tag #leadwithlanguages!

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<td>A word you keep forgetting</td>
<td>Your favorite food</td>
<td>A word you learned from a movie</td>
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<td>An obscure word you know but never use</td>
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<td>A “Hitler” word you often use</td>
<td>An object you see every day</td>
<td>An idiom</td>
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<td>A phrase you often use</td>
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<td>The object you use</td>
<td>The last word you learned</td>
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<td>A word borrowed from another language</td>
<td>A nature that shape the language</td>
<td>One reason you’re learning the language</td>
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**Day 4: Your favorite food**

- **Burrito**
- **Pizza**
- **Salad**
MEME GENERATORS

https://www.kapwing.com/
• Create your own meme pictures or short videos

http://iphonefaketext.com/
• Create your own fake iphone messages (still or animated)
SUMMING UP

There is nothing more engaging online than communication.

INTERACTIVE POWERPOINTS
DESIGN BASICS

3 objectives of a good instructional PowerPoint

- Deliver instructional message
- Engage learners
- Make content memorable

Design Basics

Tools in PowerPoint

- Text
- Design
- Media
- Colors
- Sounds
- Animation
- Interactivity
What is the most important aspect of any good design?

- Consistency

**DESIGN BASICS: TEXT**

- Use lots of text and different **fonts** and **many colors** and LOTS AND LOTS OF CAPS!!!
- short statements
- simple fonts
- same font type
- same font size
- italics or **bolding**
- **contrastive colors**
DESIGN BASICS: IMAGES

1. Use pictures with good quality

2. Empty space on the screen improves readability.

• 3. Use pictures that:
  - **visualize** your content
  - **engage** your learners
  - help learners **remember** the content

DESIGN BASICS: SOUNDS

Don’t use the sound effects unless they are important to illustrate your content.
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DESIGN BASICS: COLORS

• Use colors to **highlight** important information.

• If using **color-coding**, use it consistently.

• Select colors with **high contrast**

• Don’t use bright colors for **background**.

DESIGN BASICS: ANIMATION

What can be animated in PowerPoint?

- **Text**: Text can be animated with entrance, exit, motion, and emphasis effects.
- **Shapes**: Shapes can be animated with entrance, exit, motion, and emphasis effects.
- **Images**: Images can be animated. Also, animated gif files can include simple animations or even videos.

• **Best animation type** (suggested): **Appear / Disappear**
DESIGN BASICS: ANIMATION.

⚠️ • A word of caution ⚠️
• Don’t overuse animation,
• Especially the one that goes in a loop.

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DESIGN BASICS: INTERACTIVITY

• Hyperlinks to **external websites**
• **Embedded** audio and video
• **Hyperlinks within** PowerPoint
• **Clickable buttons** within PowerPoint
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DESIGN BASICS: common mistakes

• Overload of text on one slide.

• Inconsistency of design.

• Using images that don’t have any function or any relation to the content.

• Not using hyperlinking or animation to compress the content to one slide.

(example, question and answer each take one slide instead of appear on the same one)
DESIGN BASICS: common mistakes

- Overusing effects in animation, color and sounds.
- Overusing links to external websites that each open in a new window.

DESIGN BASICS: Examples
INTERACTIVE POWERPOINTS

• Some interactive features that I will be showing might not be available on your PowerPoint if you have an older version.

• My demonstration is on a PC computer.

• Many animated features don't transfer well into the Cloud

• Features also vary on MAC vs PC versions of the PowerPoint.

• Trigger animations are not available on MACs. You cannot create them, but you can copy paste them to achieve the same interactivity.

POWERPOINT: MUST-KNOW BASICS

If you’re using PowerPoint beyond the text & picture format, you must know how to:

• Basic editing
• Edit pictures
• Embed audio & video
• Link to external websites
• Link within PowerPoint
• Create animations

Tons of tutorials on Youtube, including my tutorials on technology (and Russian language)
PPT MUST-KNOW: SELECTING ELEMENTS

• If you have multiple elements on the screen (pictures, text boxes, shapes, etc.), you can select them all by hitting Ctrl+A or selecting everything with a mouse.

• To select some of the elements: press and hold the Shift button while selecting the elements.

• To unselect one of the multiple elements, press and lock the Shift button on your keyboard and then click on an element to deselect it.

PPT MUST-KNOW: SELECTION PANNE

• Selection panel under the Home tab

  • Allows you
  • to see the names of the objects on the screen
  • to rename objects
  • to hide/show objects
PPT MUST-KNOW: EDITING PICTURES

Editing pictures

• Paste the picture into the slide
  OR use the printscreen button on your computer
  • Select the picture on the screen → Picture Format will appear.
  • Select Crop, modify your picture and click on Crop again.

PPT: animations

WHY ANIMATIONS?

Investigating effects of computer-based grammar tutorials
Kolesnikova, Anna (2011)
Computer-based grammar tutorials can create balance between form-focused and meaning-based instruction

- Free-up class time for communication
- Opportunities for conscious learning;
- Systematic base for language acquisition

Comparing various tutorials

- Tutorial with no animation at all.
- Tutorial with animated text.
- Tutorial without animations but with a teacher video.
**Tutorials Work!**

**TEST SCORES**

![Graph showing test scores in Experiment 1 (VC)]

**PERCEIVED DIFFICULTY**

![Graph showing ratings of test difficulty in Experiment 2 (SPV)]

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**BASIC ANIMATIONS**

- You select the element that you want to animate (text, image, shape, embedded elements).

- Select the animation type.

- It will happen when you click anywhere on the screen.

**Animation options**

- **Entrance** – makes the text or shapes appear
- **Emphasis** – the text or shape is always on the slide, but on click it can display some animation.
- **Exit** – the text or shape appears on the slide by default, but on click it can disappear with some animated effect.

**More effects**

You see the most common effects in the window, but you can see more effects at the bottom.
Matching Task: Template

Matching Task: DIY

Click on Arrow

Under Animations, select Wipe (or any other Entrance effect).

If Wipe is selected, under Effect options select From left

Copy and paste the arrow to connect the other words
TRIGGER ANIMATIONS: Type 1

Clicking on **one object** triggers some kind of animation in **another object**

TRIGGER ANIMATIONS: Type 2

Clicking on **one object** triggers some kind of animation with **this object**.

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Fill-in-the-Blanks Task: Example & Template

• Today is ?
• I’m taking part in an online ?
• I hope it will be ?

Templates for copying:

Sample Fill-in-the-Blanks: DIY

• Enter text here.

Shape 1: on click anywhere
Click on the shape.
Under Animations select any EXIT effect
→ It will disappear when you click anywhere on the screen.

Shape 2: on click on the shape (like a button)
Click on the shape
Under Animations select any EXIT effect
Under Trigger select the same form (in this example it’s Rounded Rectangle)
→ It will disappear only if you click on this form

For both shapes: you can duplicate, resize and move them around.
Vocabulary Gallery: examples & template

**Apple picture**
Picture disappears when you click on it to reveal a word. Picture is a button created with Trigger animation.

This is only a demo. To create your own picture/word elements like this one you’d need to add animations to all your pictures.

**Word example**
In this example, you will have a word in a white box and the word associate with it in the grey box. When you click on the picture, word appears, when you click on the word, a picture appears. Basically, they serve as each other’s buttons.

This examples is a template. You can copy paste the elements and add your own words.

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Vocabulary Gallery: DIY

**Apple picture**
Drag the apple picture over the word box.
Click on the picture. Under Animations select any **Exit** effect.
→ When you click anywhere on the screen or on the keyboard arrows.

**Word example**
Make sure to know how your elements are called (see Selection pane). Remember you can also rename them if you have too many elements on the screen.
Click on the white WORD box. Under Animations select any **Exit** effect. Then, under **Trigger** select the same box.
Click on the white WORD box again. Under **Add Animation** select any **Entrance** effect. Then, under **Trigger** select the same box.
Drag the white word box over the grey word box.
→ When you click on the white box, it should disappear. When you click on the grey box, the white one should reappear.
Multiple Choice Quiz: Template

• Add your question here.

- Response 1
- Response 2 (correct)
- Response 3

- To add more responses, simply copy both the response (correct or incorrect) and the associated icon and change the text in the text box.

- To rearrange the correct/incorrect responses, drag both the text box and the associated icon to rearrange its location.

Multiple-Choice Task with Reset: Template

Add your question here.

- Response 1
- Response 2 (correct)
- Response 3

This example has a Reset button. If adding more options to the responses, make sure to include them under the Reset animation.
Example: Guess the word

Add your question/prompt here

Each box for the letter has two items: box for the letter and the box for the cover.
Select all white boxes and move them aside.
Edit the letters of the word.
Move the white boxes back.

or

Use the Selection Pane to edit the text in the boxes:
hide all covers then adjust the letters in the letter boxes (you can delete them for shorter words or duplicate them to make longer words),

Example: Guess the word with letters

Add your question/prompt here

Each box for the letter has two items: box for the letter and the red crossing line.
Select both elements. Copy and paste.
Click on the letter box and edit the letters. (you might need to move the red line away while you’re editing)
LINKING PAGES

• You can link the pages within the same presentation.

• You can create:
  • Table of contents
  • Interactive grids or galleries
  • Jeopardy-like games

Contents

• Matching with arrows: Template & DIY
• Fill in the blanks: Template & DIY
• Vocabulary gallery: Template & DIY
• Multiple-choice quiz: Template 1 & Template 2 (with reset)
• Guess the word: Template 1 & Template 2 (with letters)
• Jeopardy Template
The pages that are here are already interlinked with the grid.

To add pages:
1. Duplicate the page first. Make necessary edits on the new (duplicated) page.
2. Add a number to the chart. Highlight it.
3. Click on Insert tab.
4. Select Link
5. Select Place in this document.
6. (Scroll to) Find the slide you want to connect it to.
CANVAS: PAGES

- Regular Pages
- Pages with Co-editors
- Embedding apps into Pages

CANVAS: ASSIGNMENTS

- Assignments with online submissions:
CANVAS: QUIZZES

SURVEY
• No correct answers needed

QUIZ
• With correct answers & immediate feedback

COMING UP

WORKSHOP 4: "Project-based and Community-based Language Learning in the Online Environment"
FRIDAY, June 5: 4:30-6:30 pm EDT (3:30-5:30 pm CDT)