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Digital Tools for Online Learning

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1. Connect & Communicate

2. Collaborate & Create

3. Practice & Assess

1. Connect & Communicate

Create clear, consistent, accessible channels for communicating with your students.

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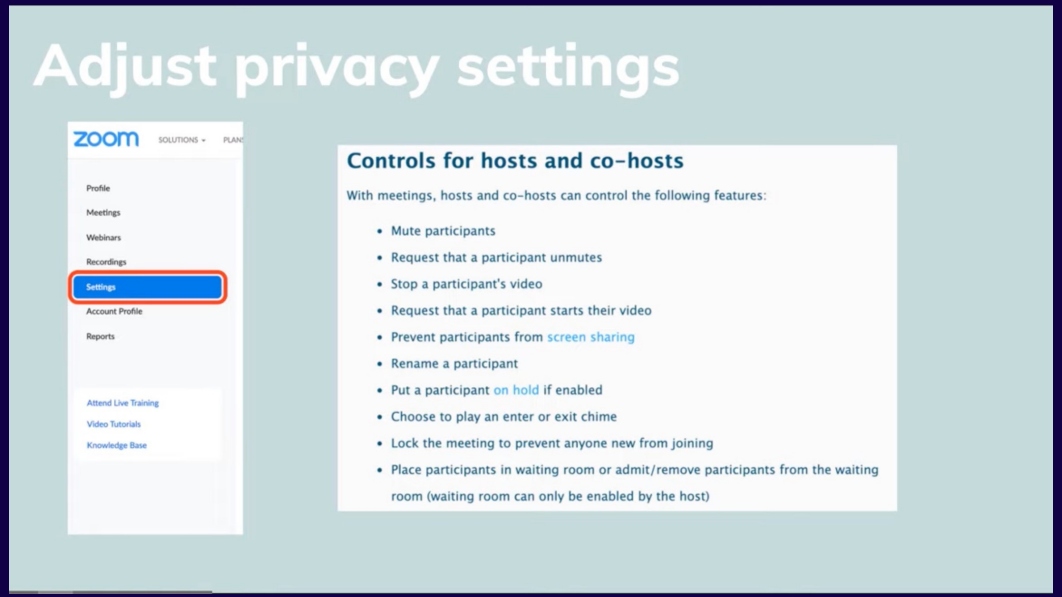
Synchronous Video Meetings

Participants attend the conversation at the same time.

Zoom

A comprehensive video conferencing platform with features like screen share, whiteboard, polling, and breakout rooms.



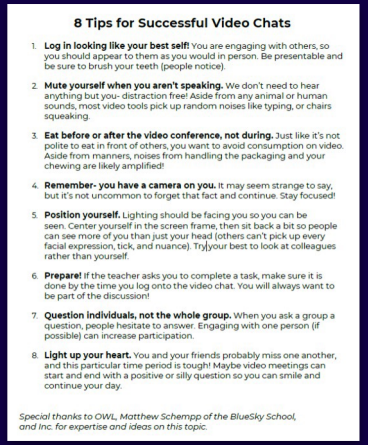
Google Meet

A simple video conferencing tool from Google integrates well with other G Suite apps like Calendar, Gmail, Hangouts, and Drive.

Microsoft Teams

The Teams platform includes integrated video conferencing and chat features.

Additional Resources for Video Conferencing



8 Tips for Successful Video Chats

1. **Log in looking like your best self!** You are engaging with others, so you should appear to them as you would in person. Be presentable and be sure to brush your teeth (people notice).
2. **Mute yourself when you aren't speaking.** We don't need to hear anything but you- distraction free! Aside from any animal or human sounds, most video tools pick up random noises like typing, or chairs squeaking.
3. **Eat before or after the video conference, not during.** Just like it's not polite to eat in front of others, you want to avoid consumption on video. Aside from manners, noises from handling the packaging and your chewing are likely amplified!
4. **Remember- you have a camera on you.** It may seem strange to say, but it's not uncommon to forget that fact and continue. Stay focused!
5. **Position yourself.** Lighting should be facing you so you can be seen. Center yourself in the screen frame, then sit back a bit so people can see more of you than just your head (others can't pick up every facial expression, tick, and nuance). Try your best to look at colleagues rather than yourself.
6. **Prepare!** If the teacher asks you to complete a task, make sure it is done by the time you log onto the video chat. You will always want to be part of the discussion!
7. **Question individuals, not the whole group.** When you ask a group a question, people hesitate to answer. Engaging with one person (if possible) can increase participation.
8. **Light up your heart.** You and your friends probably miss one another, and this particular time period is tough! Maybe video meetings can start and end with a positive or silly question so you can smile and continue your day.

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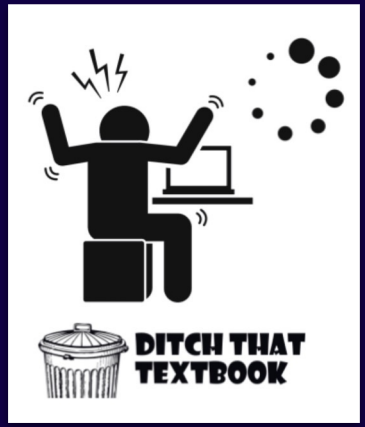
[8 Tips for Video Chats in the New Normal]

[Tips and Tools for Teaching Remotely]



[10 Tips to Support Students with Slow Internet]

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Asynchronous Video Recording

Participants can access the video whenever it's convenient.

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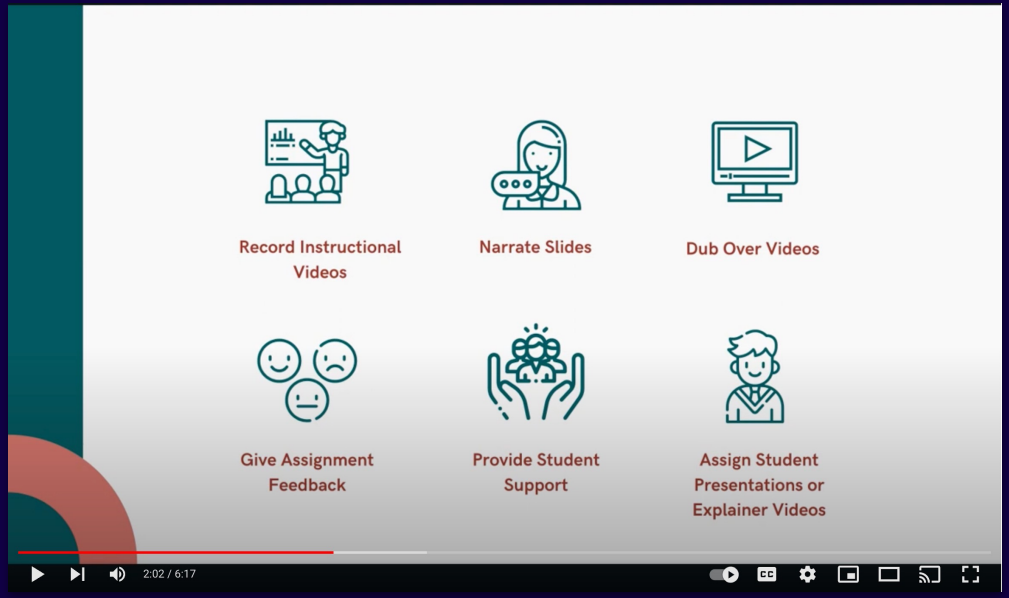
Screencastify

With these screencasting tools, you can narrate a video recording of your computer screen. Enable audio, video, and your webcam for pre-recorded lessons.



Flipgrid

Build community with this video discussion platform. Students login and record short videos to respond to the teacher and peers.

Additional Resources for Video Lessons

[Present an Interactive Lesson Using PearDeck]

[Free Virtual Whiteboard Google Jamboard]

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Discussion Boards

Use text-based discussions to get students interacting

In-Platform Discussion Boards

Platforms like Teams, Google Classroom, Schoology, or Seesaw include chat features that offer opportunities to connect or ask questions.

External Discussion Boards

Use backchannel chat rooms to engage students on a topic for a more dynamic discussion.

2. Collaborate & Create

Engage students in work that is both collaborative and creative

Canva

Create professional-looking presentations, infographics, reports, and posters with this drag-and-drop platform.

19 Innovative Classroom Ideas to Promote Creativity

Canva Tutorial: How to Use Canva 2.0

Padlet

Create collaborative bulletin boards with images, video, and text. Display thoughts, ideas and opinions of your group in a visual format.

Padlet Video Tutorials

30 Creative Ways to Use Padlet

Adobe Spark

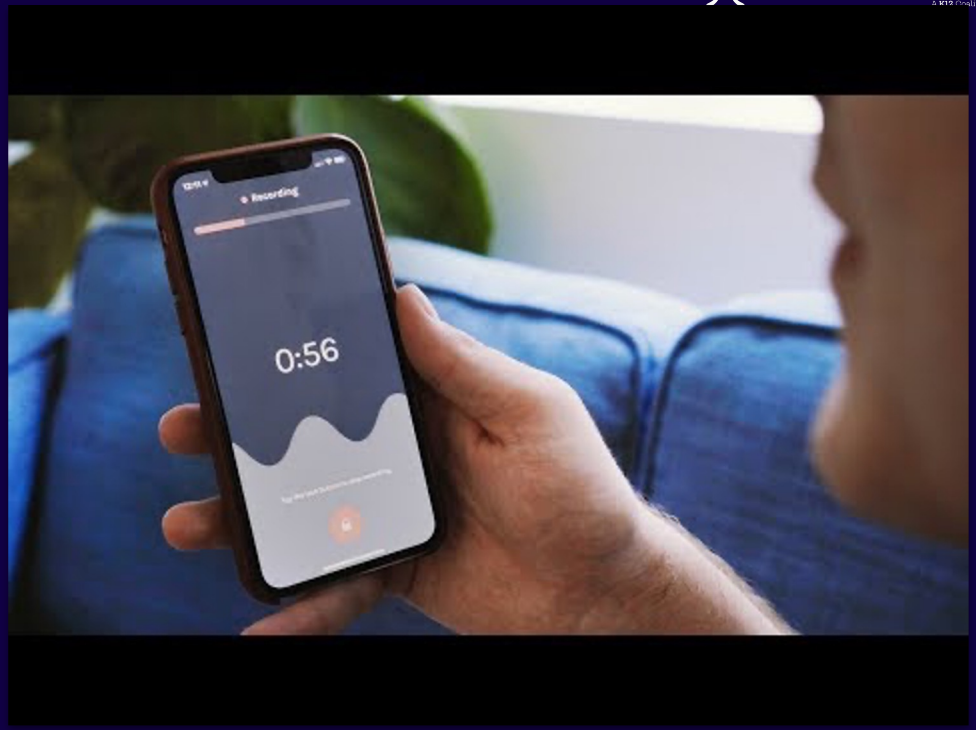
Create multimedia presentations-- posts, videos, and pages with Adobe Spark.

Adobe Spark Tutorials

Using Adobe Spark in the Classroom

Anchor

Anchor.fm is a popular free service for recording, hosting, and distributing podcasts. Students can record and share!



Podcasting Made Easy with Anchor

The Edublogger's Guide to Podcasting

Book Creator

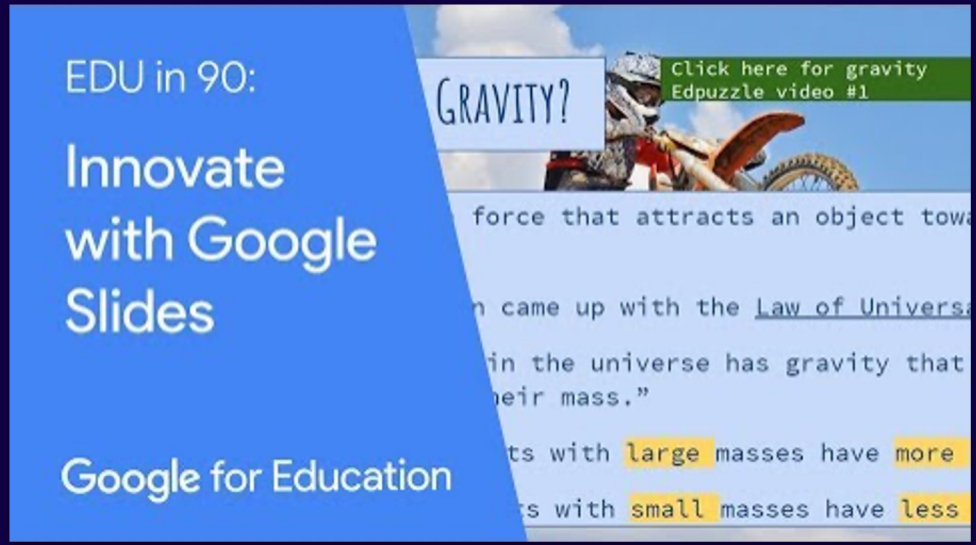
Simple tool for younger students to create books or learning journals that combine text, images, audio and video.

Book Creator Tutorials

50 Ways to Use Book Creator in the Classroom

Google Apps

The sky's the limit for collaborative and creative writing, drawing, and design with Google Apps for Education.



The Versatile Google Slides (Basics) (Advanced)

Student Projects using Google Docs, Slides, and Forms

3. Practice & Assess

Engage students in work that is both collaborative and creative

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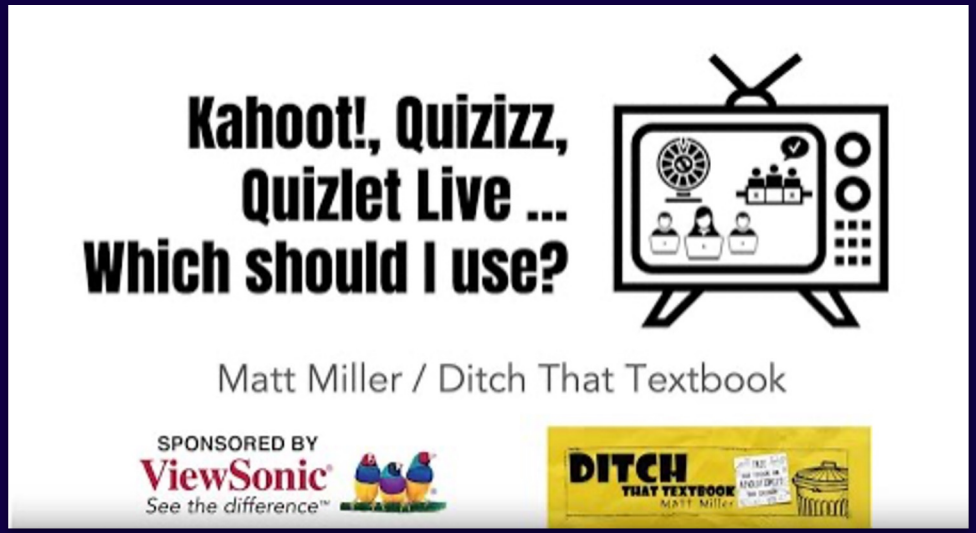
Create game show-style review sessions with your students using these online quiz tools.



Comparing Kahoot!, Quizizz, Quizlet Live and Gimkit

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Kami

This pdf annotation app and extension allows teachers to assign documents that students can write on and mark-up.

How to Use Kami

3 Kami Features that Assist Remote Learning

EdPuzzle

Create interactive video lessons and gather informative feedback as students answer questions along the way.

EdPuzzle Onboarding

Add Links, Images and Other Media into Questions

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Insert Learning

Transform any webpage into an interactive lesson to engage students around online texts. Insert text comments, questions, and video clips.

Getting Started with Insert Learning

Insert Learning Lesson Ideas

Google Forms

Google Forms, allows you to create surveys and quizzes, and collect data all within the Google suite. Embed video, and images, and enable self-grading to save time.

Google Forms Tutorials

25 Practical Ways to Use Google Forms