

Materials compiled from participant chat contributions during QATESOL webinars
What works for you – Virtually? via Zoom on 6 and 14 May 2020

Digital resources and tools

What's working for students (see below for websites mentioned)

- Bitmoji [avatars/cartoons]
- Visual jokes on Zoom.
- Screen-sharing, both from and to students
- Padlet for kids to add very brief comments and 'like' each other's comments
- I put a comic strip up to chat with students who come in before our Collaborate session formally begins
- Turning on your camera. Students do look really excited to see their teacher and other students the first time they log in [to virtual classroom]. Big smiles
- Kahoots! and while it sounds boring, they love interactive worksheets
- Break out rooms for speaking practice
- Taking turns with SS to read out short stories together
- Recording the [read-aloud] stories and then posting on the WhatsApp Group
- Making students email teachers everyday with sentences about what they did (Beginner/Post Beginner levels). This assists in becoming more skilled in emailing
- Using a good variety of activities delivering classes via Zoom, e.g. a game of 'Pictionary' on the Zoom whiteboard. Using the annotation tools is not only fun, but a great vocab warm up
- Embedding videos from teachers in OneNote to accompany physical booklets [sent out to students] (for those who have access to Internet)
- Using songs - videos and audio tracks for adults
- Breakout groups for conversation and discussion groups in Zoom
- Daily video greetings on seesaw app that our school is using
- Greater connection; "in the face space" is what I have termed it; if the class is small we can practice conversation much more
- After school drop in teams meetings for extra support/ tutorial style – different groups on different days e.g. EAL/D girls or students with questions
- Ringing the students and asking them to read a story over the phone
- Diary writing (2 sentences daily) then sharing the next morning -
- Daily check-ins on health and well being
- Microsoft Forms surveys to gauge challenges and support required
- One of our teachers who uses seesaw translates the instructions to the parents first language so they can support their children
- Hang man is a quick game to revise words
- Back 2 the board. Students love them!
- Do a discussion activity each morning about the day (taking an idea from <https://www.daysoftheyear.com/>). Today we talked about 'Photo Month', and I asked students to show one of the photos on their phone to their partner and talk about it (who, what, where, when, why) in breakout rooms. It worked really well.
- Use the bell 🔔 for team competition activities work for higher level students - I let students line up, two teams, they have to compete to ring the bell to answer questions

Best activities for engaging students

- Sing With Me - UrbanLyrebirds <https://www.urbanlyrebirds.com/>
- Pictionary on the Zoom whiteboard for a vocab warm up
- Polls on zoom at the beginning
- Spelling City <https://www.spellingcity.com/>
- Teleconferences (Zoom / Skype / Collaborate)
- A physical little hand held whiteboard for games on Zoom as I can't write or draw reasonably on the Zoom board using a mouse
- Develop computer literacy
- Record PPT slideshows with audio for phonics lessons
- Pre-record YouTube videos of lesson instructions or when there are difficult concepts
- Introduce children/family members in online sessions – building connections
- Use PowerPoints for minimal pairs (pronunciation) with video of mouth and audio of sounds for students to practice at home, send out as an attachment with instructions in the message on how to open an attachment
- Routine - we discuss the day, date and weather at the start of the session and what we plan to do in each session - of course, we never finish what we have planned but that's not a worry.

CLOZE tasks.

- Wizer <https://www.wizer.me/>
- Boom cards <https://wow.boomlearning.com/> Can use it to create short cloze
- Prezi <https://prezi.com/>
- <http://adelescorner.org/> Mostly interactive grammar

Websites for fun collaborative online games as warm up activities

- Jeopardy games are great in the classroom, but haven't tried in the online space <https://jeopardylabs.com/>
- Who wants to be a millionaire style quizzes - I have a PPT template that I use that I get them to then put their answers into OneNote collaboration space and everyone can jump in
- Great templates for making games <https://tekhologic.wordpress.com/downloads/>
- Quizlet <https://quizlet.com/> live games
- Online Pictionary <https://skribbl.io/> (unsure if OK for EQ – popups blocked, in-game purchases)
- Microsoft Forms <https://forms.office.com/> for creating quizzes and polls to check in and get a gauge of how students are feeling

Cartoons

- StoryboardThat for comic strips
- Bitmoji

Best online resources

- Adobe Spark to make a webpage with links and activities for my students to do at home <https://spark.adobe.com/sp>
- AITSL COVID-19 online teaching resources www.aitsl.edu.au/secondary/comms/australianteacherresponse
- All things grammar <https://www.allthingsgrammar.com/>
- All things topics <https://www.allthingstopics.com/>
- Bitmoji <https://www.bitmoji.com/> - downloadable app
- Breaking News English <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/> / Breaking News Australia ??
- British Council English for Kids <https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/>
- British Council-Learning English <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/> great resources for learners
- Camtasia <https://www.techsmith.com/video-editor.html>
- Colorin Colorado for young learners <https://www.colorincolorado.org/> - info for teachers??
- EAL Nexus <https://ealresources.bell-foundation.org.uk/> (primary/secondary)
- EdStudio resources - ? - [Metropolitan EAL/D Program EdStudio](#)
- Englishclub.com <https://www.englishclub.com/> for quiz/games all levels
- ESL Library - great as we currently have the ability to set online activities for our students <https://www.esllibrary.com/> (now not permitted to use by TAFE)
- Jeopardy <https://jeopardylabs.com/>
- K12 Reader <https://www.k12reader.com/>
- Kahoot <https://kahoot.com>
- LearnEnglishTeens.com - ?? - <https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/>
- Learning Chocolate <https://www.learningchocolate.com/> - vocabulary
- Living English [LivingEnglish](#) videos from ABC Australia via YouTube
- Lyrics Training <https://lyricstraining.com/> for songs - listening, gap fills, spelling
- Literacy Planet (paid site) <https://www.literacyplanet.com/au/>
- Mathematics <https://www.mathletics.com/au/>
- Microsoft Forms <https://forms.office.com/>
- NCTE Online Learning <https://ncte.org/resources/resources-virtual-instruction-online-learning/>
- OneNote - this link shows some of the functionality of OneNote <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7x6B8aPTc8>, also [Best Practice Tips](#)
- Online timers and stopwatches: <https://www.online-stopwatch.com/classroom-timers/>
- Oxford Owls leveled readers. Just set up a class and give students the class username and pswd
- Padlet <https://padlet.com/>
- Pageturners books <https://pageturners.prace.vic.edu.au/> online adult readers are free at the moment to download
- Perfect English Grammar <https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/>
- Tekhnologic PowerPoint, Excel & Word games <https://tekhnologic.wordpress.com/downloads/>
- Prezi.com <https://prezi.com>
- Quizlet <https://quizlet.com/>
- Quizziz <https://quizziz.com/>
- Randal's ESL cyber listening lab <https://www.esl-lab.com>
- Reading eggs for High School Intensive English students - they can do this on any device <https://readingeggs.com.au/>
- Seesaw <https://web.seesaw.me/> (see below)
- Skribbl.io <https://skribbl.io/>
- Spelling City <https://www.spellingcity.com/>

- Spreeder – speed reading app <https://www.spreeder.com/app.php?intro=1>
- Storyboard That – comic strip creator <https://www.storyboardthat.com>
- Storyweaver has levelled texts in L1 - so important for EAL/D students to have access to texts in L1 <https://storyweaver.org.in/>
- Sunshine Online have the PM Benchmark reading books <https://www.sunshineonline.com.au/>
- Survey Monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com>
- Teach This <https://www.teach-this.com/> is great for Secondary and ELICOS
- The sounds of English by Pronunciation studio <https://pronunciationstudio.com/> - free starter pack (1 chapter + online audio), full book £20, also courses available
- Timers and stopwatches <https://www.online-stopwatch.com/classroom-timers/>
- Twinkl <https://www.twinkl.com.au> ereaders and materials through twinkl.com.au (mostly geared for primary students but it does have EAL focused resources) [*twinkl is free for a short time*]
- Urban Lyrebirds songs: e.g. I'm Going Shopping <https://www.urbanlyrebirds.com/>
- Zoom <https://zoom.us/>

Digital tools (Windows/Office)

- Dictate function on Office for students with disability / low language levels
- Document camera
- Formative Quizzes in MS Forms to review the learning from previous lesson before I move into new content
- Immersive reader
- Online timers can be inserted into PPTs and other platforms I have been using <https://www.online-stopwatch.com/classroom-timers/>
- Polls on Zoom: My students write questions with multiple choice answers to quiz each other at the end of the day. I use some of them to create polls.
- Screenshare on Zoom to show students how to access resources
- Snipping Tool makes it so easy to demonstrate what to do
- Stickers in OneNote for quick feedback
- Steps Recorder (on EQ laptops) takes screenshots and identifies where you click to get to a certain website
- Use comment on Adobe so that students can write directly onto the PDF without losing the formatting
- You can use the "screen recording" function in MS PPT to be able to create instructional videos for your students