



TOOLS FOR TEACHING ONLINE



Here are some of tools I've found really helpful for preparing and delivering lessons online during lockdown.

As we're all overwhelmed with the amount of tools available to us right now, I've chosen three that I find useful for different aspects of my job as a teacher:

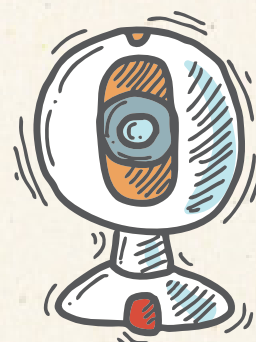
1. Introducing new concepts to students
2. Allowing students flexibility when expressing themselves
3. Interesting and ready-to-use content

TOOL #1: Loom



Loom = screencasting tool ➡

- * It is extremely useful for introducing new concepts to your students and creating tutorials.
- * You can record your whole screen/just part of the screen. And for a personal touch, you can also include your face and your voice.
- * Tip: Instal the app rather than just the extension on Chrome for extra features like the annotation tool.
- * Sharing your video is easy: You can send via email, or as an MP4. Getting feedback is even easier: You receive notifications when students have watched the video, and students can leave written comments.
- * Try making your own very professional-looking videos in very little time!



TOOL #2: Padlet



Padlet = an online corkboard for posting ideas ➡

Step 1: register

Step 2: create your padlet

Step 3: share the link with your students...

and let their creativity flow!

Ideas for use with your class:

- To answer a specific question
- To brainstorm vocab on a specific topic
- To round-up at the end of the lesson

TIP: If you're not familiar with Padlet, I recommend you watch Russell Stannard's Padlet tutorial on his website Teachertrainingvideos.com: Tutorial ➡

Encourage your students to share their ideas, photos and videos with their peers.

**TED**Ed

TOOL #3: TED-ED

TED-ED = a goldmine of student-friendly videos with pre-prepared lesson plans! ➡

Lessons are pre-prepared by video and include:

- introduction
- comprehension questions
- discussion section

For additional resources,
check out the Dig Deeper
and Discuss sections.

TIP: Sign up for their newsletter for weekly lessons on different topics, delivered straight to your inbox.

If you register on the website, you can also customise these lessons or create your own.

Some of my favourites:

How the rubber
glove was invented ➡

How blue jeans
were invented ➡

A brief history
of graffiti ➡

I hope these platforms will be useful for your lessons.

If you'd like to share some of your favourite platforms,
I'd love to hear from you on Twitter (@usosol).

Enjoy experimenting!

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