



Making Online Lessons (Even More) Interactive Part 1

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Objectives

- Create lessons and standalone activities using Nearpod and Pear Deck
- Make PowerPoint and Google Slides presentations interactive
- Analyze assessment data by accessing reports generated by these tools



Thinking back to January

- Google Forms
- Quizizz
- Padlet
- Other forms of assessment: Zoom chat, WhatsApp text/picture/audio messages, role-plays and presentations, etc.



Nearpod

- Interactive lessons that incorporate various kinds of content and activities
- Lessons can be live or student-paced (like Quizizz or Kahoot)
- Free account offers all types of content and activities, but limited storage
- Paid plans start at \$120/year, offering more storage and other features; check to see what your organization offers



Nearpod examples

- “Have you ever”
- Advice with “should”



Nearpod fundamentals

- Content
- Activities
- Uploading slides
- Starting a lesson
- Reports



Things to note

- Quick Launch and Videos (similar to Edpuzzle)
- Adding an activity
- Embedding websites (Google Forms, Padlet, etc.)
- Immersive Reader



More things to note

- Preview and other tools
- Google Slides add-on
- Mobile app (recommended by Nearpod)
- Nearpod Library



Discussion

1. How would you like to use Nearpod with your students? Which types of content and activities are you most interested in?
2. When presenting lessons online – via PowerPoint, Google Slides, or another method – do you feel that they are interactive enough? If not, how could you improve them?
3. What other kinds of assessment have you used online? What do you use for in-person instruction?



Homework

Create a Nearpod lesson. Send it to me for feedback (either assign it as a student-paced lesson or select “Share With Teachers”). Feel free to contact me with any questions!

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Nearpod resources

- [Video tutorials](#)
- [Live trainings](#)
- [Help center](#)