

## Digital Literacy for ESOL Success: Measuring Student Work

The most useful measurement of skill mastery occurred in the online classes on Fridays. I tracked students' progress of specific skills needed for success in our online ESOL classes.

Here is my skills-tracking chart from **August 8, our first online class**. I have changed the student names to numbers, but each column represents a student and how they performed on 8 specific digital skills or questions.

DIGITAL SKILL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Access google classroom? <small>(visual directions on What's App)</small>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Self-regulation of microphone?	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Self-regulation of microphone in longer speech?	Book	Car Key	Watch	Phone	Good olive oil	Car Key	Coffee Cup <small>(last)</small>
Respond in chat to plural game?	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Break out room?	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	-	-
Change background?	Yes	Yes	?	Yes*	No	Yes	Yes
Access to typing.com?	I need to check when they are live. No access to reports in free version.						
What is a new skill/info that you learned in this	CC	Icons	Chat	Icons	Icons Plurals	Plurals	Plural

class?							
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**Here is another skills chart from August 15, 2026, one week later.  
In this class, I learned that many of them needed more  
instruction and practice with gmail.**

Digital Skills	1	2	3	4	5
Logged into GoogleMeet via Google Classroom	On time	On time	On time	9:40	10:00
Able to respond in CHAT What activity is best?	reading	movies	reading	Music	
Breakout room #1	Y	With me	Y	Y	Y
Group discussion: favorite food and why? Self-regulation of microphone.	Mango, corn	Watermelon with lemon	Banana fish oatmeal	Fruit yogurt wings	Fish and rice
EMAIL about favorite birthday	He wrote and sent but ?	Sent email but just a hi!	(Did not return after break)	Wrote well and sent email	Asked questions but no response.
Game about professional vocabulary	Y	Y		Y	Y
Feedback in chat: what did you like best in today's class?	Email	Email		Email	-

**By the end of the class, many students had made good progress not only with online class skills but with replying to email prompts as well. See below from two students who really struggled in the beginning of August.**

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to me ▾

Wed, Aug 27, 2025, 7:56 PM ☆ ↶ ⋮

Good Evening Amy,

When i woke up this morning i brushed my teeth and took a shower, after that i made my haitian culture dish of rice and chicken having it for lunch. After which I decided to go visit my cousin at his house meeting his nice kids

Best wishes,

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Homework Inbox x

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to me ▾

Tue, Aug 26, 2025, 12:25 PM ☆ ↶ ⋮

**Dear Mrs Amy**

**How are you today ?**

**Excuse me teacher because I write you this letter . My child is sick It's very difficult for him, he cannot to come in the class today.**

**I ask you to excuse my child's absence from class today.**