USING TABLETS IN THE ESL CLASSROOM

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**Intention**

Read a story or a text and reinvest understanding in short tasks using ICTs (tablets).

**Presentation**

There are many ways to use tablets in the ESL classroom. The different tasks presented in this document are only an overview of the infinite possibilities of how you can use tablets with your students.

- The tasks can be used either at the primary or the secondary level.
- Depending on the level of your students, you can offer less or more support (models, word banks, tutorials, etc.).
- Some tasks (with the tablet) require more time and planning and other can be done in a 45 minutes period.
- The different colours correspond to the level of investment (time related).

*Number of periods using the tablet.*
How-To

1. Select a story.

2. Have your students read the story or read the story with them.

3. Ask questions and explore the text (guided reading, response process, …)

4. Choose one or more tasks from this document.

5. Explore the apps with your students before doing the different tasks (optional)

6. Print the QR code cards related to the chosen tasks.

7. Give the QR code cards to your students.

8. Have them scan the cards with a QR code reader app.

9. Invite your students to read the task or read the task with your students.

10. Make sure your students understand the task.

11. Provide support documents (models, word banks, etc.) if needed.

12. Be creative!
Classroom Management

Your classroom organisation will depend on the number of tablets available, the level of your students and level of comfort with technology. Whether you have one tablet per student or a few tablets available for the whole class, you can choose between these options. Even if you have one tablet per student, you might want to consider organising workshop stations and group your students in pairs.

Option 1
Give one task from the bank.

Option 2
Select a few tasks (2 or 3) and have students pick a task randomly.

Option 3
Have students choose a task from the available bank.
Proposed Apps

Timeline  PicCollage  Moldiv  Mindomo  Tellagami  Socrative Teacher  Socrative Student

Thinglink  VideoShow  Pixlr  ComicStripIt  Book Creator  Aldiko  QR Code Reader

Other Interesting Apps

MindMeister  iFunFace  Magisto  KidsDoodle

Apps to Share Productions
Create a timeline of important events in the story.

Design a greeting card that one of the characters might give to another character.

Make a collage of words and pictures that summarize the story for you.

Create a poster to promote the book.

Create a story map that includes the main events that happened in the story.

Record an audio clip to talk about a character in the story.
Create a quiz about the book.
Create an interactive poster.
Create a movie preview.
Retell events in a comic strip.
Imagine another ending to the story.
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Your task - Follow the steps

1. Think about the story.
   • Beginning
   • Problem
   • Solution
   • Turning Point (Climax)
   • Ending

2. Use 5 pictures (or more) to represent the story or search for images on Pixabay. Save the pictures your photo library.

3. Create your timeline using the Timeline app.

4. Write a label (a word) for each image. Add a short or a long description.

5. Place the images in order.

6. Save your timeline in the library (Photos).

7. Share your production.
Your task - Follow the steps

1. Think about the story.
   • Which character would you like to be?
   • What would you say to another character in the story?

2. Write your text using a model.

3. Open Pic Collage.

4. Select a template of your choice (postcard type) and change your background.

5. Type your message to the character.

6. Add images and stickers

7. Save your card in the library (Photos).

8. Share your production.
Your task - Follow the steps

1. Think about the story.
   - What was the story about?
   - What did you like or dislike?
   - What words and pictures could represent the story?

2. Select words in a word bank that represents the story for you.

3. Open PicCollage.

4. Search for images that represent the story for you. Add effects if you want.

5. Write words, expressions or sentences that summarize the story for you.

6. Add stickers and change the background if you have time.

7. Save your collage in your library (Photos).

8. Share your production.
Your task - Follow the steps

1. Think about the story.
   - What is the book about?
   - What did you like about this story?
   - What would you like to say?

2. Use a model to write your promotional message.

3. Open PicCollage.

4. Select a template.

5. Select one or two images to represent the book.

6. Type you promotional message.

7. If you have time, add some stickers and change your background.

8. Save your poster into your library (Photos).

9. Share your production.
Create a story map that includes the main events that happened in the story.

Your task - Follow the steps

1. Think about the story.
   • Author(s) and illustrator
   • Beginning
   • Problem
   • Solution
   • Turning Point (Climax)
   • Ending
   • Main Characters
   • Settings

2. Open Mindomo.

3. Double tap anywhere to add an idea.

4. Create a story map about the book.

5. Use a picture to represent each part of the story.

6. Save your story map in your library.

7. Share your production.
Your task - Follow the steps
1. Think about the story.
   • Who is your favorite character?
   • Describe the character (likes/dislikes, physical appearance,…).

2. Use a model to write your text.

3. Choose a picture of your favorite character. Save it in your library (Photos).

3. Open Tellagami.

4. Customize your avatar.

5. Add emotions to your avatar.

6. Change your background. Select the picture of the character you chose.

7. Record your message.

8. Save your video in your library (Photos).

9. Share your production.

You can asked students to draw the picture of their favorite character and then, take the picture. If you have more time, students can use a drawing app to draw the background.

Tellagami - Quick Tutorial

Other suggested app

iFunFace
Create a quiz about the book.

Your task - Follow the steps

1. Think about the text.
   - What was important in the text?
   - Make a list of the questions that you would like to ask.

2. Write various questions on the text (at least 5). You can choose between multiple choice, true or false and short answer questions.

3. Prepare the answers to all the questions.

4. Refer to the model provided.

5. Open Socrative Teacher.

6. Create a new quiz.

7. Type in the questions and answers. You may provide a picture for some questions.

8. Save your quiz.

9. Share the Room number with your peers and ask them to answer your questions using Socrative Students!

* Socrative requires a teacher account to create a quiz. You will need to sign up. We suggest you create a classroom account.
Create an interactive poster.

Your task - Follow the steps

1. Think about the story or the text.
   • What is the text about?
   • What did you like about this text?
   • What would you like to say about it?

2. Find or take photos that visually portray the main idea of the text. You can find images on Pixabay. Save them in your library.

3. Create your background image for your poster.

4. Find images, videos or Web links to add pertinent information about the text. Copy and paste your links in the Note app.

5. Open Thinglink.

6. Upload your background picture.

7. Add your different elements (links, words, videos or pictures) to your poster.

8. Save and share your production.

*Thinglink requires an account. You will need to sign up. We suggest you create a classroom account.

Other suggested app

- Thinglink
- Moldiv
- Pixlr
- PicCollage
- Chrome
- Photos
Your task - Follow the steps

1. Think about the story.
   • What are the important events in the story?
   • Select moments in the story to create your movie preview.

2. Use a **storyboard** to plan you video sequence.

3. Take pictures or film clips to create your movie preview.

4. Open **VideoShow** and tap on **Video Edit**.

5. Select your pictures or videos.

6. Add a theme to your movie preview.

7. If you want, edit your video:
   • Add a title or text to your video.
   • Change the background music.
   • Set duration of your clip.
   • Add stickers.

8. Share your **production**.
Your task - Follow the steps

1. Identify the key elements of the story: characters, setting, problem, solution, …

2. Place the elements of the story in proper sequence.

3. Plan and write your text. You can choose an app to write your text.

4. Choose the visual elements that you will add to your comic strip. Take pictures or find images on the Web (pixabay.com). You can add effects to your images using an app such as Pixlr to edit your photos.

5. Create your comic using ComicStripIt.

6. Share your production.
Your task - Follow the steps

1. Identify the key elements of the story:
   - Characters
   - Setting
   - Problem
   - Solution

2. Brainstorm about another possible ending to this story.
   Is it:
   - a happy one?
   - a sad one?
   - does it offer another perspective?

3. Write your text. You can use Notes to write your text or another editing app like Pages.

4. Illustrate your text with a collage of pictures using Pic Collage or Moldiv. Save it in your Photos.

5. Open Book Creator to create your ending of the book. Add your picture and write your text (or copy and paste it).

6. Add an audio track if desired.

7. Save your production.

8. Share your production.
Share the Productions

- DropBox
- Email
- Aldiko (to share books)
- Drive
- Youtube Channel (teacher)

Storytelling Resources

- Tips for Teachers
- Response Process
- Digital Storytelling