

# How to Create Engaging Lessons through Virtual Formats

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# Outline



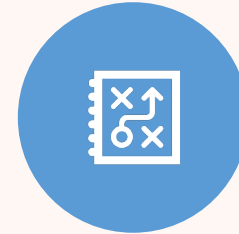
WHY VIRTUAL  
PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT



ADVANTAGES



DISADVANTAGES



STRATEGIES



TOOLS

# Online teacher training – Why?

## Pandemic

- Virtual

## Closed the gap in access for those with connectivity

- It is relevant
- “Cheaper”


## Further increased the gap for those without connectivity

- Limited access
- Creativity
  - WhatsApp
  - Telegram



# Advantages

- Allows to reach people all over a country
- Allows worldwide reach
- Provides teachers with virtual tools that can be implemented in the classroom
- Allows educators to have a portfolio of tools that can be used in person
- Provides hands on experience to understand what students can go through when using the tool

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- Requires connectivity most of the time
  - Requires practice and basic technological knowledge
  - Requires careful planning and follow up
  - Requires additional materials – tutorials, demonstrations, more time to get a feel of the tools



Disadvantages

# Strategies



BREAKOUT ROOMS



SILENT READING



SILENT LISTENING



GROUP READING



GROUP LISTENING



SKITS/ROLE PLAYS



WHOLE GROUP  
DISCUSSIONS



**KEY: PLAN ACTIVITIES  
IN BLOCKS OF 15-20  
MIN MAX.**



# Examples of Training Sessions

## Sesión 3: Student Interaction

Horario	Tema	Actividades	Recursos necesario para el desarrollo del tema
2:00 – 2:15	Review	Respond individually to polls	Mentimeter and Poll Everywhere
2:15 – 4:00	Stages of Development, Feedback, Interaction, Differentiating Instruction Discussion	Group Presentation Group Discussion  Discuss their notes in small groups	Power Point Note Taking Template
4:00-4:10	Brain or Bio Break	Breathe, Take a drink	Music
4:10 - 4:35	Use of Tools Padlet Jamboard Google Doc Mentimeter Poll everywhere	Facilitator explains Share	Guided Tour of Tools Tutorial in Infographic
4:35 - 4:45	Questions	Facilitator responds	Development, Feedback, Interaction, Instruction Material
4:45 – 4:55	Reflections on Interaction, own experiences Prep Week 3	Discuss what they experience in their classrooms regarding interaction	Plenary Group Discussion
4:55-5:00	Closing	Facilitator	N/A

## Sesión 1: Key concepts in ELT

Horario	Tema	Actividades	Recursos necesario para el desarrollo del tema
2:00 – 2:15	Introduction	Conversation	Handout (Platform)
2:15 – 2:35	Diagnostic	Link to test	Cambridge website <a href="https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/test-your-english/">https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/test-your-english/</a>
2:35 – 2:55	Key Concepts in ELT Brain Break	Breakout Groups	Group discussion material
2:55 – 3:05	Application	Breathing or Biology break Spokesperson provides examples	Group or individual
3:05-3:20	Debrief	Opinions from peers (orally)	Plenary
3:20-3:35	Paragraph (Opinion)	Writing – 8 sentence paragraph	Plenary
3:35-4:00			Forum
4:00-4:15	Competencies	Facilitator reviews doc	Padlet
4:15-4:25	Review peer entries	Individual	Padlet platform
4:25-4:40	Reflections	Individual	Plenary
4:40-5:00	Preparation for Week 2	Proposals based on topic	Plenary

# Tools



GOOGLE SUITE OF  
TOOLS



VIDEOS



SHORT READINGS, EXCERPTS





# Tools

Mentimeter

Padlet

Flipgrid

Voicthread

Nearpod

TED Talks

You Tube  
Videos

FB Groups



# Try it!

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- Flipgrid: <https://flipgrid.com/4e04b262>
- Padlet: <https://padlet.com/grazziem01/4lmgtsiajcumqbey>
- TED Talk: [https://ed.ted.com/best\\_of\\_web/xC6cEbLC](https://ed.ted.com/best_of_web/xC6cEbLC)
- Nearpod: nearpod.com code: upagy

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