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The flipped classroom - why it is a good idea and how to start off

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fe will never be e same again...

Digital tools and platforms

But there's more...

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Survey (58 secondary school students)

What elements of remote teaching would you keep after we've returned to face-to-face teaching?

- Online homework
- Whatever can be completed digitally (eg. writing tasks, home assignments) should be handed in online. This should make it easier for the teacher as well if they don't need to collect all the notebooks and mark them on paper.
- I really like online classes and not because I can sit at home. I wouldn't mind if we could keep this.
- It'd be great if we didn't have to go to class at times, but we could watch a video at home instead.
- Lots of pair work and group work.

hybrid teaching

flipped classroom

Definitions

Hybrid teaching

Flipped classroom

Traditionally:

New info ~ from teacher ~ in class



New info ~ learner discovery ~ outside class



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Flipped classroom: a definition

In a flipped learning model, independent study is used to input core ideas, concepts, or language prior to group study time. In group study time, students focus on practical tasks that enable them to develop a deeper understanding of their new knowledge and extend their skills.

The traditional model of a classroom – where students receive input, then complete practice tasks for homework – is therefore 'flipped'.

Nik Peachey: Focus on The Flipped Classroom. (OUP focus paper

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FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Independent study: input core ideas, concepts, language

- what sources?
- YouTube videos (TikTok?)
- Powerpoint animations
- Infographics
- Websites (with reliable info)

Teacher preparation:

Check for

- content,
- language level,
- reliability of source



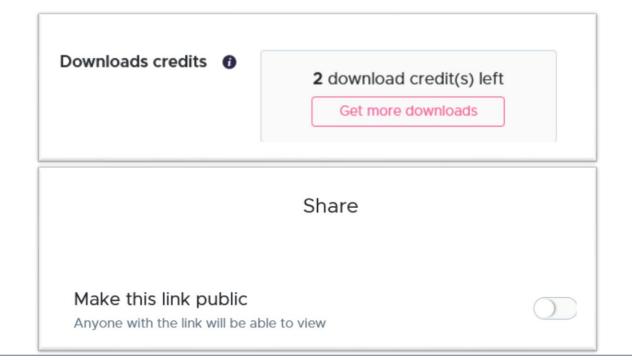
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Independent study: input core ideas, concepts, language

– sources

https://piktochart.com

- Infographics:





Independent study: input core ideas, concepts, language

- what language content?
- grammar points → eg. *Present Perfect*
- vocabulary sets
- reading texts

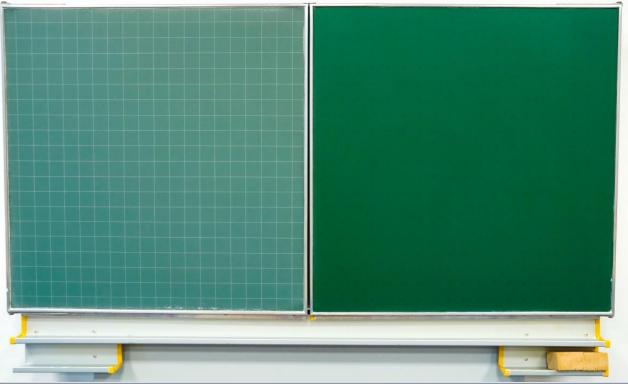
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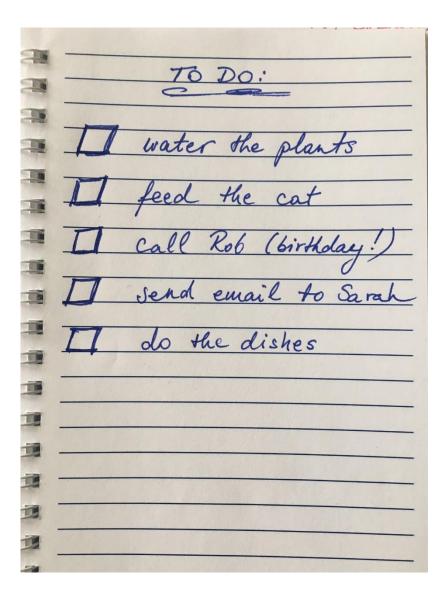


Present Perfect









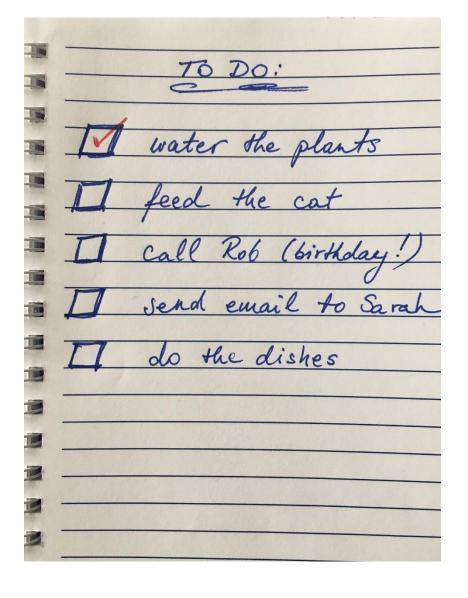
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I have to feed the cat.

I have to call Rob. (It's his birthday!)

I have to send an email to Sarah.

I have to do the dishes.



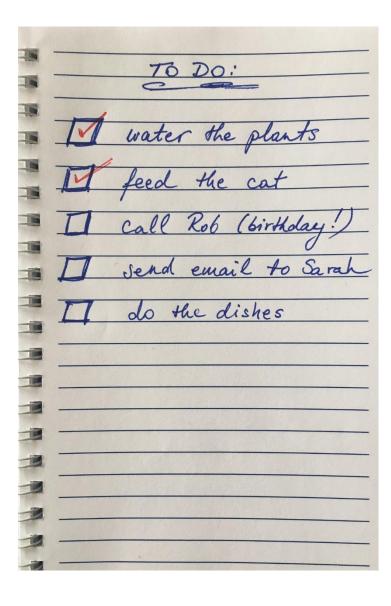


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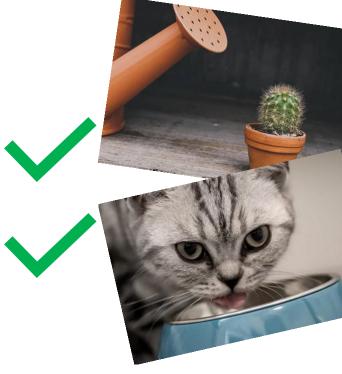
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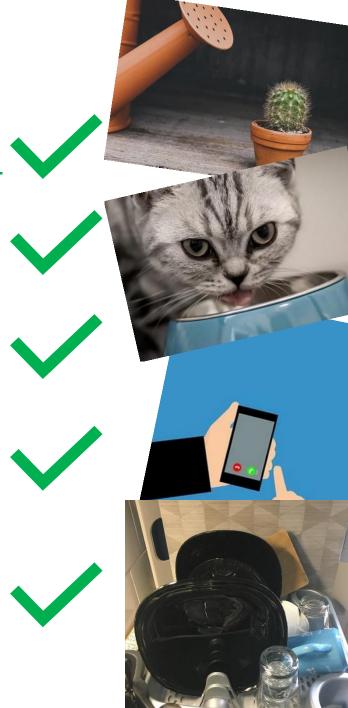
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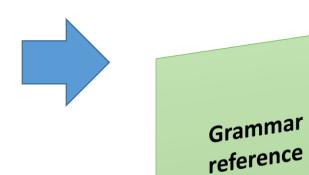
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- Write a to-do list.
- Write sentences: "I have to..."
- Write sentences: "I have [Present Perfect]"

What are we doing? – The benefits

- Changing student/teacher roles
- Giving students agency making them responsible for their own learning
- Allowing time for each student to spend as much as they need on internalising input
- Allowing students to personalise content if it's motivating, they'll want to find out more

 This is, essentially:
- Improving self-esteem, and, in turn, higher level of engagement

→ Learner autonomy

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Learner Agency – Position Paper



Learner Agency: Maximizing Learner Potential



Nurture independent learners who have the confidence to take risks and learn from their mistakes.

- Create more confident, engaged, and effective learners.
- Encourage a growth mindset and a lifelong investment in learning.
- · Get expert advice you can adapt to any context or teaching situation.
- Join professional development events and get exclusive resources.



What are the challenges? Fears?

- Time consuming (producing own materials)
- Giving responsibility to learners some will misuse / abuse this (and might not prepare)
- Little control over what happens next in class
- Different circumstances at home parental support?

Overcoming challenges

- Time consuming (producing own materials)
- Learners who don't prepare
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- Different circumstances at home parental support?

- Do only once build up a bank of resources
- Put them in groups with those who do peer pressure
- Start small: just 1 or 2 flipped class per month
- Think how you can involve parents or get their support

Overcoming challenges – learning from peers, teaching peers

- Learners who don't prepare:

- Put in groups with those who do \rightarrow

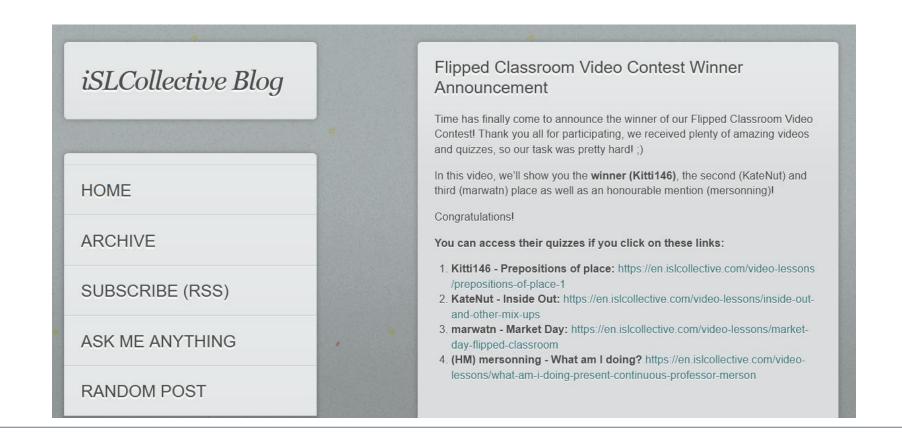
Learning by teaching

Learning from peers (motivation, peer pressure, group cohesion)

Market Day by Marwa Tounsi



Market Day by Marwa Tounsi — *iSLCollective Flipped Classroom video contest*



How to start off – classroom implementation

- Start small and move on bit by bit
- Lots of trial and error abandon if something doesn't work
- Classroom arrangement opportunities for group work and monitoring?
- Be confident with the platforms you want to use / students are asked to use
- Involve parents to support the idea





Questions, comments?

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