Online Interactive Whiteboards For Teachers

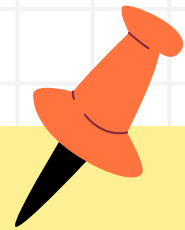School

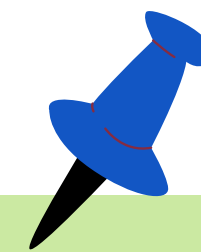Great idea!

On it!

Let's talk about my classroom

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Introduction

What is an online whiteboard?

Currently, in online lessons, teachers have been using for a long time online (interactive) whiteboards. According to Görög (2020), "[t]he purpose of a whiteboard is to visualize thoughts, concepts, write down ideas, explain and teach, plan and create in the group and many other things".

Using online whiteboards...

can help teachers to improve the collaborative process remotely, allows teachers to create groups of students who can work together on a shared board, the teacher can follow in real time what they are doing; helps to boost the efficiency of online meetings and we are able to do workshops and lessons completely digital and remotely without too many difficulties.

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Online whiteboards offer a great range of **possibilities** to convey information in an appealing and **creative** way. In short, the online whiteboard is by far one of the most **innovative** basic tools. It resembles a real in-person lesson.

Pros

① Makes the learning process more fun

Lessons in which teachers use an online whiteboard can be different every day. Many apps offer different kind of resources and elements that we can incorporate in the whiteboard. If these are interactive, the level of fun increases, as students can participate.

② Increases the level of engagement

Students will find a lesson engaging if it integrates text, images, videos and/or audio files. For instance, a teacher can play an audio file to demonstrate the pronunciation of a word displayed on the board. After the lesson, we will be able to save the work done!

③ Makes it easier for students (and teachers)

Involving our students through the use of an online whiteboard will help us to make our students understand the lessons and participate. Plus, online whiteboards are far more easier to read! There won't be students at the back of the class trying to decipher what they see.

④ Allow us to better structure the ideas

We can use the online whiteboard to organize ideas and relate concepts in a schematic way. The space to write is unlimited.

Cons

1 Old generation teachers

Many of the teachers with decades of experience may feel uncomfortable and not ready to use online whiteboards. It is possible that if they are not guided or trained properly, they only have a limited knowledge of how to use one.

2 Needs training to get the best of it

Yes, let's be honest. We may know how to use them, but these kind of devices offer a huge list of resources and possibilities that we do not know in the first instance. That is why it is compulsory to study these tools to get the best of them, and this requires time.

3 Could be expensive

Having an online whiteboard means that both teachers and students need to have a good internet connection and good PC components. And not only that, there are some free whiteboards with limited resources. If you want more options, you will have to pay. This could be costly for schools.

But...

There are several whiteboards teachers can use, all available, many of them free and accessible!

Go to the next lesson to know all about them!

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