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USEFUL APPS IN TEACHING ENGLISH & OTHER SUBJECTS- part 2.

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Adobe Spark- an easy app to use (for iPads and iPhones), it produces great videos for social media and websites. It is very intuitive. As they promise, it will be available for Android soon.



EDpuzzle **EDpuzzle** is the easiest way to engage your students by means of videos. This is a handy tool for personalizing movies. We choose the film - either own or from a wide database of available movies, and then we can tailor it to fit our needs, by adding a sound track, notes or quiz questions. Even the use of film in the classroom brings with it extraordinary educational value. The EDPuzzle also adds the ability to personalize movies for our needs. It is a universal tool that can be used by teachers regardless of the subject taught.

Example areas of use: developing listening comprehension skills using questioning, developing your imagination by completing the story you see, checking the knowledge of the topic through the quiz, engaging students to discuss and share their impressions, learning foreign languages.

https://spark.adobe.com/page/LZqJAYG7X1oN7/?w=0_6585



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The teacher creates content on the laptop, creates a class, invites students, generates the password for them and the students can see the content either by means of a browser or an app EDpuzzle.

Teachers can create their own films using the videos from youtube or borrow the films from a library. Once you have the chosen film, you can prepare some questions to it. Try not to write too many of them. Remember to add the question after the whole film, which could be a moral. It is good to mark: „Avoid skipping” option so that your students watch the whole film. As for the questions, you can create multiple choice questions, open questions, true/false questions or written comments. You can ask two questions in the same place of the film.

Another great option of using EDpuzzle is that we can use the videos, delete voice and then ask the students to create their own script to the „picture” they see, record themselves. This way they will develop their creativity, imagination, language skills and have a lot of fun at the same time.

Examples of educational videos made by my course tutor Mario Roman Portillo:

<https://edpuzzle.com/media/595ba2bb90f8bb4fb455dd19>

<https://edpuzzle.com/media/5964a2c427c7076d78a5cb11>

<https://edpuzzle.com/media/5922f8466e30f53e1e3615ba>

<https://edpuzzle.com/media/58f7775ec4f79d3e295d0486>

<https://edpuzzle.com/media/58ee22b4edc3705301135076>



Fun Easy Learn- 6000 words is an app for learning languages in an easy and fun new way- whether you like listening to music from other countries, travelling abroad, working for an international company, or talking to foreign friends. All words have professional native translation in 50 languages. Each app has 7 test games to choose from. You will have access to more than 6,000 words of vocabulary with images, audio recordings and native translation which are arranged in 140 thematic topics, with all words professionally categorized into 15 main and 140 sub-topics.



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Fun Easy Learn- 5000 phrases- is an app which allows you to have fun, learn and talk – you can discover basic phrases for conversation. There are 30 languages available so you can choose the language you want to learn. This learning app is free, fast and effective.

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Screencast-O-Matic- is a handy tool for recording screenshots and sharing them with friends or colleagues for a number of different purposes. With just a few clicks, you can start recording your screen, and once you are satisfied with your video, you can upload it directly from there.



Ziteboard is an online zoomable realtime whiteboard for shared teamwork collaboration on any desktop or mobile device. There are the following tools: vector design, sketch drawing, shape recognition, tutoring, meeting. You can explain, sketch and teach anything. You can design layouts, workflows and prototypes. You can extend video conferences with visual teamwork: discussions, meetings, daily presentations, online training, tutoring or even mind mapping.

QUIZZZ **Quizizz** is an application which is very easy to use and intuitive. It is similar to Kahoot, colorful and addictive. Just like in Kahoot, students log in using the generated pin, they write their name, which we can immediately remove if it is inappropriate. Finally, we get a compilation, which we can also download as an Excel file. It is clearer than in Kahoot.

The basic differences are the ability to select only one correct answer, the questions mix up each time independently of us and, most importantly, the questions are seen by the participants directly on their screen without having to look at the screen displayed by the



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teacher. After completing the quiz, the participants see in their screen a summary of all their answers with the correct answers. The teacher is constantly monitoring the progress of the students on their account and screen. When the time is up - the question does not disappear, students should answer it, but then the correct answer is only 600 points. When we fit in time, the available points are in the range of 700 - 1000 depending on our reflex and state of knowledge.



Canva- you can create beautiful designs and professional graphics with Canva. You can edit photos, add text, elements, stickers, borders, frames and more. There are hundreds of professional templates. You can make presentations, postcards, leaflets, certificates, diplomas, photo collage, announcements and advertisements. When you have your project, you can share it by means of Facebook, Twitter, email or download it as JPG, PDF, PNG.

My first Canva postcard:



Prezi Next is the latest generation presentation platform built on HTML5 technology, which gives people a consistent, high resolution, and smooth experience for



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conversational presentation needs. It helps engage the audience in your story. Prezi Next helps the presenters convey their message in a memorable way through conversational storytelling.

Here is the link to the tutorial:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=7&v=QVqINW0pPNM



emaze Emaze is a website <https://www.emaze.com/education/> for creating presentations, blogs, websites, photo albums and e-cards.

Emaze for educators is an advanced presentation technology designed for optimal classroom engagement with interactive elements. It fosters active learning through "smart" layouts that facilitates greater course material synthesis. You can present the material with beautiful designs and bring fun and excitement back to the classroom. You will encourage collaborative learning through an easy to use and multi-device platform.

Emaze for students: you can easily create an engaging and captivating, gorgeous presentation in minutes, using Automaze and "Smart" templates. You can enhance your presentations easily with all types of video, audio, GIFs, live data, and more. You can work on it everywhere where's Wifi, it works on all laptops, ipads, tablets and phones. You can share and collaborate on your project with everyone through email, social media, websites and blogs.



Popplet- in the classroom and at home, students use Popplet for learning. Used as a mind-map, Popplet helps students think and learn visually. Students can capture facts, thoughts, and images and learn to create relationships between them.



DU Recorder is a free, stable Android application that allows you to record smooth and clear videos with your phone's screen recordings. With various features such as screen capturing, movie recording and editing, and the lack of access to your Root account,



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DU Recorder makes it easy to record movies on the screen, such as video games, video calls, and live shows.



Sketch n go is a sketch-like drawing application. People who don't know how to draw love it as the brushes can give you a very special effect. You can try it without install here: <http://www.mrdoob.com/projects/harmony/>. Minus: ads.



Planner 5D is a simple-to-use app that enables anyone to create beautiful and realistic interior and exterior designs in 2D and 3D modes. In education you can use it teaching students vocabulary connected with the house, furniture, appliances, etc. You can also tell your students to design their dream houses and then they can write an essay about it.



Comic Strip is a comic maker for Android by means of which you can make awesome comic strips, storyboards, and memes from your photos. You can add speech bubbles, thought bubbles, POW effects, titles and captions. You can apply comic book styles to each frame to create a real comic book feel. Then you can share your finished masterpiece with the world.

My course tutor Mario Roman Portillo shared a link with the course participants where you can find tutorials with many more applications and tools that you can use while the teaching proces: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyxxEuRuvEbYmJVZ3jl9yhoTnWhRg2huh>

Sources: <https://www.google.pl/>