Online language learning using Google tools

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The main points:

- 1. Short introduction on online learning and digital tools
- 2. Digital tools Vs add-ons
- 3. Google classroom
- 4. Hands-on work with various digital tools
- 5. Feedback from my students

Online Learning

- synchronous (zoom, Webex, Hangouts..)
- asynchronous (eclass, e-me, Google classroom..)
- flexibility
- independence
- web materials



Q: What about blended learning?

Digital tools

- programs, websites or online resources
- accessed in web browsers without needing to be downloaded
- access them both at home and in work



Tip

They can be used in traditional EFL classrooms

Ideal for online lessons!

Why use digital tools?

- Multimodal language learning
- Communication and collaboration
- Authentic material
- 21st century skills
- Lifelong learning skills

Tip

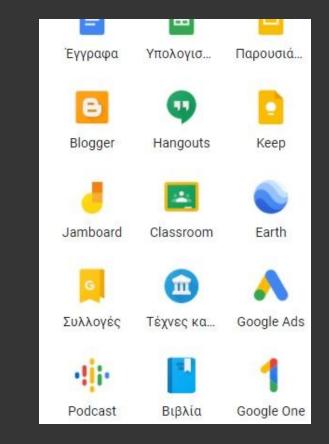
Useful under certain conditions!

- ^{curriculum}
- training
- guidance

Google tools for Education

More than a word processor and spreadsheets

Beyond basic functionality
Add more features with add ons



Google docs / slides/ spreadsheets

- Writing
- Sharing
- Collaborating
- Giving feedback
- Making comments

Installing **add-ons** (new features)! <u>Where to find add-ons</u>





2. Why add-ons

- → Add features to google tools
- → Additional functionality
- → Free to use/ easy to add

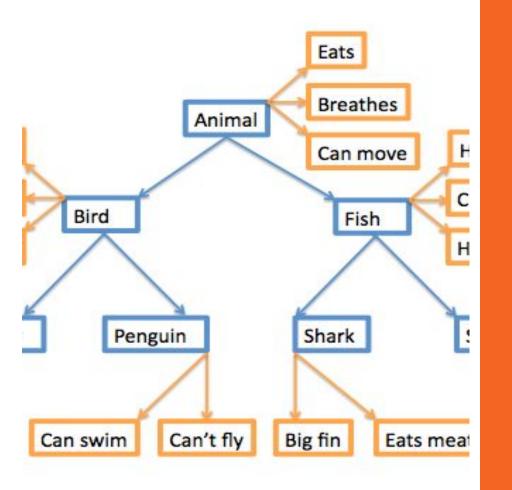
Education related add-ons

- Word Clouds
- Mind maps
- Quizzes
- Multimedia



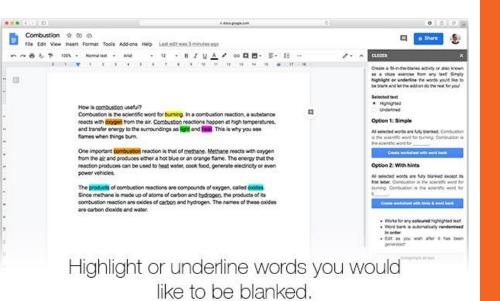
WordCloud

- Visualize the text
- Which words are being used
- Quick sense of the emerging themes



Mindmeister

- A digital mind map
- constructivist activity with vocabulary
- collaborate to create their own lexicon



ClozeIT

- Make any paragraph text as a fill-in-the-blanks activity
- Highlight /underline the words to be blanked
- Add a word bank
- Add hints (first letter)

Jamboard

- Sketch ideas and lessons whiteboard-style.
- Drop images, add notes,
- collaborate with students or classmates from anywhere



Flipbooks

• ISSUU - a digital publishing platform

Example of an ISSUU presentation

- PDF file is converted into an online magazine or an HTML5 flipbook.
- page-turning animations
- share your magazines on all the different social media platforms.



Google Arts and Culture

Virtual tours of museums
Online galleries
puzzles, quizzes, crosswords
Interviews, selfies
Ready made lessons

https://artsandculture.google.com/

What students are saying

Lesson is less boring now. Activities are easy and colourful.

Aliki, 13

We stay at home, but we can still do things together, in real time

Nikiforos, 15

It helps me understand and remember concepts better

Foteini, 15



Skills for school, work and life

Communication
 Collaboration
 Creativity
 Critical thinking

Thank you!