

# Critiques of Teaching English *with* ICT

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# Interactive Starters and Plenaries

if the  
computer isn't  
working  
you're stuffed

A positive way  
to grab the  
attention of the  
pupils

- Group randomiser  
would be really  
time-saving & useful  
↳ Been waiting  
for something  
like that.

You could save  
time creating the  
starters by getting  
students to design  
them.

Ⓟ Engaging ways to  
reuse a topic.  
Ⓟ largely 1 word answers  
required - could be linked  
to ~~open~~ further discus  
Can we access them all  
via tropico?

Prints game designing  
quiz could be  
used as a  
revision activity.

Positive: provides knowledge  
to whole class  
Positive  
Engages the class  
Positive  
Appeals to old competitive  
Measure  
negative  
challenging

interactive.  
intended to understand  
how you could get pupils  
to create some of these

+ could not...

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A positive way  
to grab the  
attention of the  
pupils

Really Student  
is great for arranging  
completion, but does  
it involve enough  
thought?

Really like the  
group model!

Will use the question  
game more for revision  
sessions.

Can more be done  
specific to group - open for  
all - some / some / some

① Engaging ways to  
reuse a topic.

② Largely 1 word answers  
required - could be linked  
to ~~group~~ further discussion  
Can we access them all  
via triptico?

Useful if you're  
stuck for something  
to do.

Good that kids can  
be involved in  
writing questions.

introduction

intended to understand  
how you could get pupils  
to create some of these

→ Now use the Triptico  
software - love the  
colours / layout.

→ Will try to reuse for  
next

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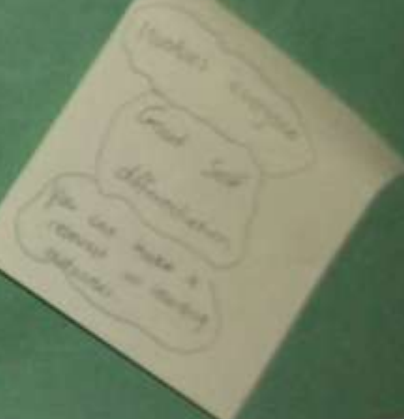
- Engaging
  - multi-purpose
- good for revision

They look good and reduce the amount of teacher-talk at the start of the lesson.

Take some copying

• could use as revision guides (used from year 10 year)

• Novelty value: useful for creating interest but would perhaps not appeal/impact over time



# VISUALISER

It would take ~~parents~~ careful preparation to use the visualiser effectively. Difficult to do it on the spot in lesson.

Great idea if done well, but requires a lot of practice and confidence to use it effectively.

Need to have our pupils only pick up 'good hands' from examples shown of visualiser.

Singles out pupils

Need to find out if my school has one

You'll lose their attention quickly - it's fairly dull.

## Interactive Starters and Plenaries

Excellent  
Modelling  
tool

Visualiser

Makes pupils  
more aware of  
what is expected  
of them / success  
criteria.

A good way of  
praising  
modelling  
→ Some pupils  
not confident

- Uses in English  
classroom - other  
than marking?

Some kids can be  
big about having  
work shown off but  
it is a great way  
of praising

A good way to  
boost the morale  
of the less confident  
kids by validating  
their work to  
the whole class.

Good for modelling  
good work

## Interactive Starters and Plenaries

Love the idea of  
marking - lots of  
for class and using  
for the class and  
suggesting

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Visualisers  
make marking  
explicit

# Online Reading Programme

emphasises factual recall over understanding / appreciation / analysis

Do kids have to have internet access at home?

would work well in all types of school - try to encourage reading and add in competition

should be able to see progress in reading standards

Excellent idea, you would just need to make time for them to go on computers

Positive It engages the class in an interactive manner  
Negative Perhaps it may encourage a 'right or wrong' approach.

- taught within normal English lessons or as an add-on  
↳ how seriously will it be taken by pupils?  
↳ lack of motivation?

Encourages competitive boys to read.

fosters an enjoyment of reading

Make time plan for this if it is to be successful

ideas



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↳ how is it being used?

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Access to books

I can see this as a powerful tool to Motivate

May encourage Skim reading

Really good idea to get the pupils interested in reading -  
Competitive ~~element~~ Elements

Motivates pupils to read  
Does it improve reading for pleasure?

Multiple choice so pupils can guess the answer

gives the task  
more importance

Requires  
money

A powerful  
motivator for  
students

Good for raising  
pupils' aspirations  
work in pairs

very good  
for raising  
aspirations

Encourages  
pupils to take  
pride in  
their  
work.

Wasn't aware that  
this 'task' was  
was good to do  
- a good opportunity

Great for making  
anthologies of  
students' poetry  
or short stories

Making a book

# Making a book

making the paper  
people enjoyed  
and some  
- independent paper  
2.2.7

-> What does this  
is?  
-> How can you find time  
to produce it?

Positive  
the interactive  
Perhaps it points  
detailed information

confusing to create  
- but all around  
- it's not by your side  
- it's great that it actually  
looks like a book

Cost of producing  
books -> parents  
encouraged to buy  
Great tactile proof  
of work

gives the task  
more importance

Requires  
money.

A powerful  
motivator for  
students

Good or may be  
for paper to be  
used in past

# MAKING A BOOK

moving to give  
people tangible  
evidence

Independent pages  
5 & 7

or what does that  
is?

→ How can you best time  
to produce it?

Positive  
Very addictive  
Perhaps it points  
to a broader information

Referring to create  
a book and learn  
it read by your point

including  
into  
very

Good to break  
down sections  
of a poem

Very good idea to  
use it for  
Shakespeare - ask  
every pupil to  
create a story board  
for every line -  
create a book

Need to be  
careful that pupils don't  
spend too long focusing  
at the expense of more  
effective learning

It would take  
time for students  
to become robust  
but worth it

Pupils could get  
too engrossed in  
playing around  
with the graphics

Very creative  
multiple  
use.

Visual, knowledge  
at  
& modern.  
engaging

Positive  
In 2 way pupil will  
be 2 students  
in group really  
works really  
to make through  
using 2 students

A text and  
resources way  
for pupils to  
summarise notes

Pupils can easily  
get confused during  
with making it look pretty  
Good use for male pupils -  
specifically for  
Shakespeare

Requires ICT  
Encouraging  
students who  
can't draw

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down sections  
of a poem

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use it for  
Shakespeare. Use  
every pupil to  
create a story card  
for every line.

Interactive  
Storyboarding

# INTERACTIVE STORYBOARDING

was to create and  
people will be  
with it?  
- interactive

Fun

presenting for  
casual movie

creative  
multi-  
use)

Visual, knowledge-  
at  
& modern.  
engaging

A look out

Positive  
It is very useful tool  
It is interactive  
It encourages creativity.  
Negative  
Apparel  
to monitor how much  
learning is actually  
taking place