Motivating learners with technology

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Introduction:
technology, teachers & learners

(Some) ways to motivate learners with technology

Ideas & activities

Ways forward
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way 1: podcasts

http://tr.im/foolsday
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way 1: podcasts

Activities...

• **Teacher records**: dictations, texts, questions...
• **Students record**: excuses, point of view, interviews...

To bear in mind...

• low levels need support
• storage – short recordings
• use a good microphone

http://www.podomatic.com
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way 2: video

http://www.wherethehellismatt.com
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Activities…

• countries
• I’d like / 2nd conditional
• Q&A
• writing (postcards)

To bear in mind…

• language demands
• task & cognitive load
• pre- & post- tasks

http://www.youtube.com
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way 3: cartoons

"love in the desert"

directed by julia and agostina

http://tr.im/desertlove
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way 3: cartoons

Activities…

• functional/social language
• dialogues
• jokes & responses
• tense & time

To bear in mind…

• some characters risqué
• limited amount of text
• fun – make aims clear!

http://www.dvolver.com
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way 4: audio slideshows

http://voicethread.com/ #u28462
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way 4: audio slideshows

Activities…

• descriptions, e.g. routines
• my family
• narratives
• presentations
• research on a topic

To bear in mind…

• privacy settings
• use a good microphone

http://voicethread.com
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way 5: glogster

http://nickyhockly.glogster.com/nickyglog
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Activities…

• personal intros
• presenting project work
• summarising lectures / input

To bear in mind…

• privacy settings
• include multi-media
• in / out of class?

http://www.glogster.com

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2. Video

Level 4 transmitting - Loud & Clear

Stone Town, Zanzibar

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3. Cartoons

4. Slideshows

5. Glogster
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Benefits:

• Learner & teacher motivation
• Real life into the classroom
• Access to other countries/cultures
• Promotes eLiteracy
• Free ICT tools
• …..

Challenges:

• Learner & teacher skills (digital immigrants)
• Computer access
• Slow connections
• Early adopters only – lack of training
• …..
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more ways...

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