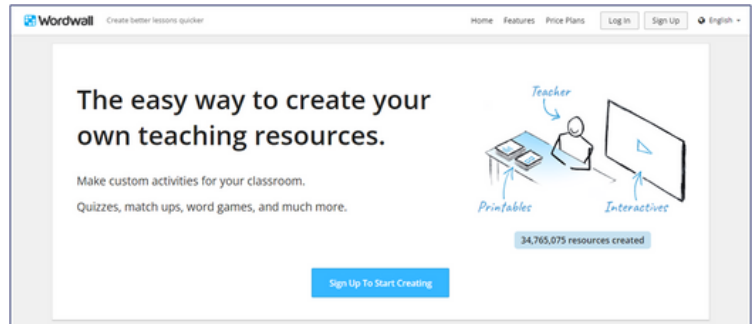# Wordwall

WORDWALL

https://wordwall.net/

CATEGORY: Tools to develop games to boost discussion and teamwork.

GRADE AND SUBJECT: All grades.

SHORT DESCRIPTION: Wordwall is a platform where teachers can create activities for the classroom with the help of templates.

READING TIME: 4 minutes

LEARNING GOALS: Wordwall allows teachers to create interactive games and printed material for their students. Activities can be created and used to extend vocabulary exposure. Teachers can set 'task-based' activities for students, perfect for self-study. It is easy to set up a competitive element to add a sense of fun to practice exercises. All materials created can be shared with the Wordwall community, and students can use other users' materials.

MOMENTS OF NEED OF THE TOOL: Expanding on what they have learned; plan & act upon what they have learned.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY (RATING) AND AGE LEVEL: Medium, for all ages.

WHY USE THIS TOOL: Making online classes interactive; Getting students to engage in an online class is a big challenge for many teachers. Using Wordwall can help because it can replace the worksheets in face-to-face courses. **Allowing students to study at their level**; It is undeniable that in a class, there are fast and non-fast learners for many reasons. Wordwall will enable students to do the exercise at their own pace without being pressured by other classmates. Students can move on as they finish the earlier questions. They can also repeat the exercise if unsatisfied or want to review the lessons. **It provides many interchangeable exercise choices**; Wordwall is not limited to standard multiple-choice quizzes. There are lots of templates for teachers to choose from. One interesting thing is that some of the templates are interchangeable, which helps teachers create different activities without having to 'plug in' the content multiple times. The visual appearance is also varied and appealing. Teachers can easily choose how to assign the exercise to students.

TOOL DESCRIPTION: Wordwall is especially useful for mixed-level classes, where you can assign a fast-finishing activity that you can easily access online, even from your phone. Wordwall can be used for self-study for students at any level as you decide what content to use in activities. You can set tasks for students by giving them an access code. You could also have your students use Wordwall to create activities for their classmates. Most activities are based on 'elements'. These are best understood as words or phrases that you want to review. You provide this content, but you can also use elements or activities created by others. For example, you can create one set of features that are colours and another set that are shapes. These elements can be turned into an interactive grouping activity, where students drag them to the right place or into multiple-choice questions. For example, if you create a large bank of items for each vocabulary group, you can create a one-click online activity to review them.

PREPARATION AND HOW TO USE THE TOOL: Teachers can make custom activities for their classroom, quizzes, matchups, word game and much more. Find out more about templates: https://wordwall.net/.

RESOURCES NEEDED: Computer – Mobile phone – Tablet – Interactive whiteboard

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:
- Steljes Education, Introduction to Wordwall https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GmTmMV87Ws&t=50s
- For further information: https://wordwall.net/features

PROS AND CONS OF USING THE TOOL:
PROS Saving teachers' preparation time: It does not take long to design an activity on Wordwall.net, provided you have the content ready. There are also some templates (such as matchup) where you need to enter words and meanings. The site will help teachers generate tons of exciting activities. **Making online lessons interactive**: Getting students to engage in online classes is a big challenge for many teachers. Using Wordwall can help because it can replace the worksheets in face-to-face lessons. **It helps teachers monitor student performance**: Once students submit their answers, teachers can view the results in their files. The results sections indicate how much time each student spends on the exercise and how many correct answers they get. In addition, a score distribution allows teachers to have an overview of the class results.
CONS Lack of a teacher control function: Wordwall is not ideal when teachers want to control the learning pace of the whole class. It does not allow teachers to move from question to question. **A limited number of free tasks**: A teacher can only create 5 resources (but an unlimited number of functions) with a free account; in addition, printouts are not allowed. **Format limitation for the multiple-choice quiz**: On Wordwall, font features such as underlining, bold, or italics are not allowed.

TEACHERS' RECOMMENDATION RATE (SCORE): 4.5/5