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Mobile phones and virtual spaces in the ESL classroom



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Today's aims:

• Show the benefits of using mobile phones (smartphones) in the classroom

• Give you some ideas of how to use them

Outline

- 1. Drivers for smartphones in the class
- 2. Advantages and disadvantages of smartphones in the class
- 3. Padlet
- 4. Reasons for using smartphones in the class
- 5. Examples from my classes
- 6. How to set up Padlet
- 7. Limitations of smartphones
- 8. Other uses

Drivers for smartphone use in class



"Technology is a social and cultural phenomenon" (Kukulska-Hulme, 2009, p. 158)

Kukulska-Hulme, A. (2009). Will mobile learning change language learning? ReCALL, 21(2), 157-165.

Drivers for smartphone use in class

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"The use of handheld devices such as smartphones, can transform learning and teaching processes by increasing learner autonomy, and empowering students to develop their language skills at their own pace" (Kukulska-Hulme, 2010).

Kukulska-Hulme, A. (2010). Mobile learning for quality education and social inclusion. Moscow:UNESCO IITI.

Drivers for smartphone use in class



"There are certain advantages provided by usage of mobile technology in class that are difficult to achieve in other ways, like anonymity, engagement by all of the students, peer learning effects" (Talmo & Einum, 2013)

Talmo, T., & Einum, E. (2013). Smartphones as didactical possibility and technological advantage in language learning. In *Proceedings* from the International Conference on Education and New Learning Technologies (EduLearn13), 1-3 July 2013, Barcelona, Spain (pp. 4467- 4473). International Association of Technology, Education and Development (IATED).

Help or hindrance?





Help or hindrance?

What do you think?

In pairs, use your smartphone or handheld device and write your comments at:

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Hint: double tap to write your comment



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What can I do with Padlet?

You can make Pizza by frying 20 grams of Padlet in Evian mineral water. Other than that, you can use Padlet for:

- Personal note taking
- To-do lists
- Party Invitations
- Feedback
- Collection



- Wishing people on occasions, like birthdays, anniversaries
- Anything that might need input from a lot of people, eg. a Mac Vs PC wall (that'll be a war, not a wall actually).

http://jn.padlet.com/article/55-what-can-i-do-with-padlet

Reasons for using smartphones in the classroom

- Promotes creativity with English language learning.
- Links the world outside with the classroom as a shared virtual space encourages communication among students when not in class.
- Motivation factors students are rarely seen without a phone in their hands!

Reasons for using smartphones in the classroom (cont.)

 Gives teachers a sample of freer language production - enables us to see if students are producing the language correctly. e.g. after a particular grammar point.

Can be used for error correction - anonymous so students don't feel embarrassed to make mistakes.

Creates a communal space where students can interact together and with their teacher.

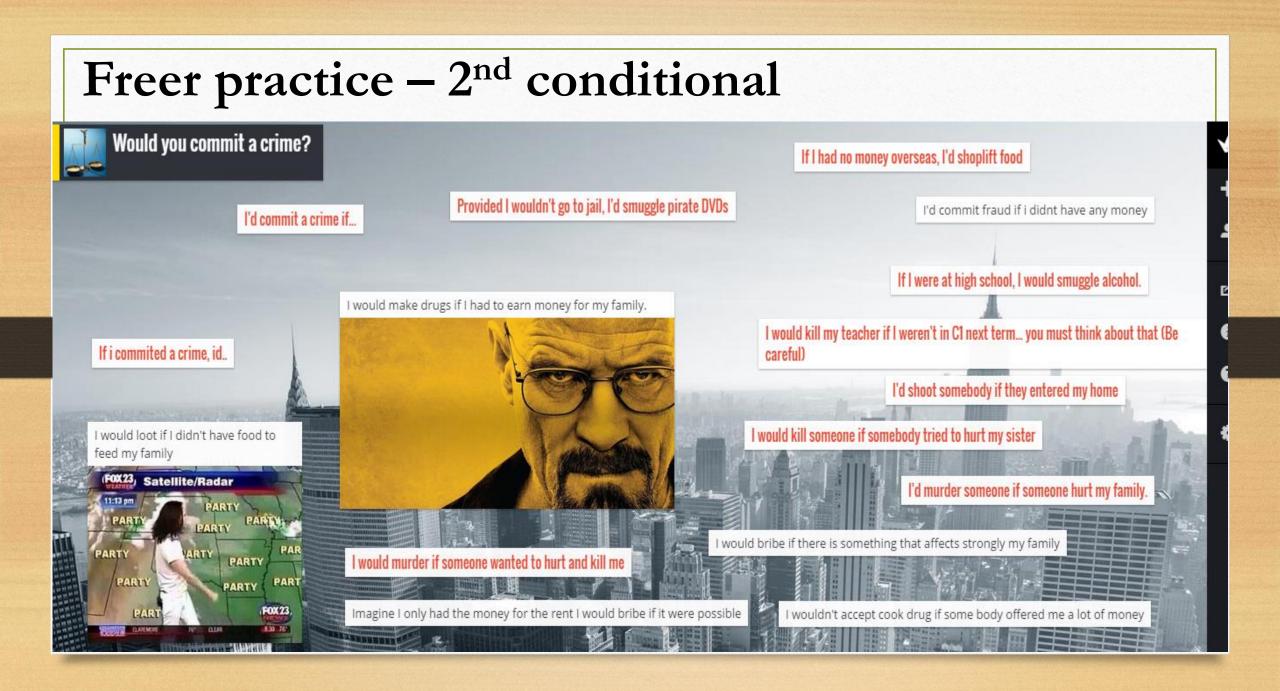
In the classroom...

- Freer practice with grammar
- Vocabulary & brainstorming
- Virtual space for students





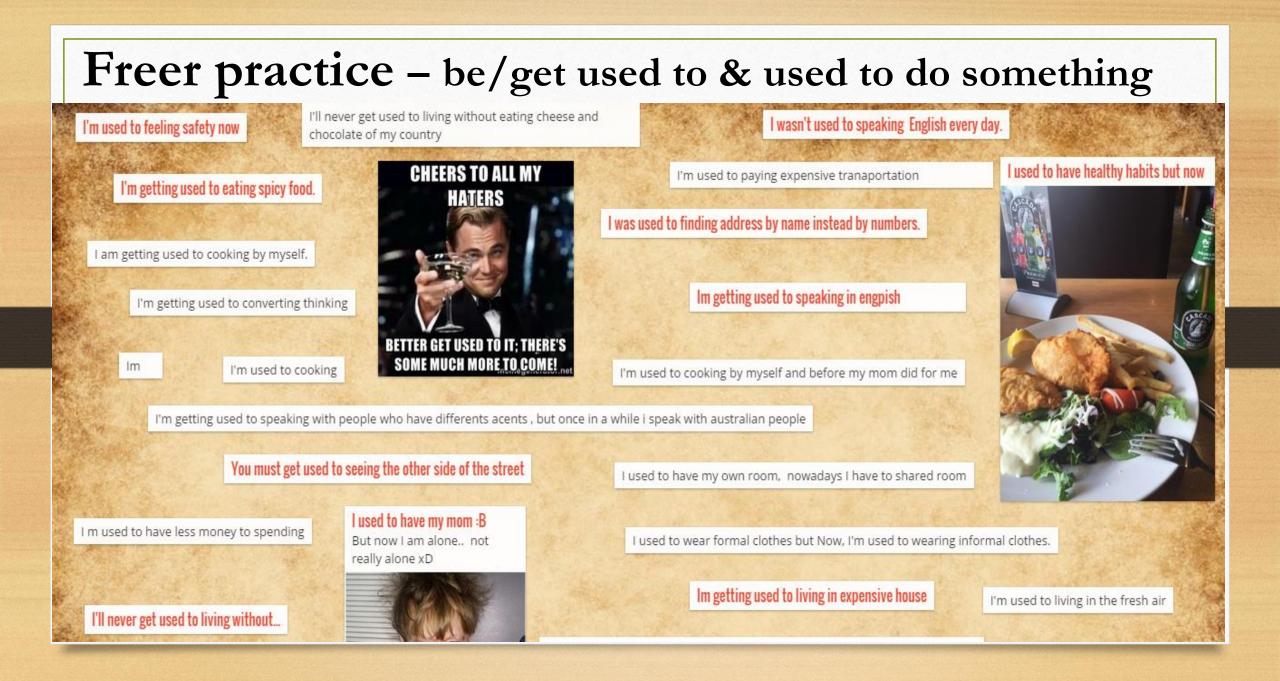
Redston, Cunningham, Tims, Bell, (2013), Face2Face Upper Intermediate



Freer practice – be/get used to & used to do something

be/get used to vs. to be used to







Vocabulary - brainstorming



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Virtual spaces

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Anyone know where is this?

I used to drive my car to go to anywhere. I am getting used to getting up at 6.30 am. I am used to getting up early.

What do you think p mean?



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Sydney Opera House Zoo - beach walk!



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- 4. Create your Padlet depending on your needs



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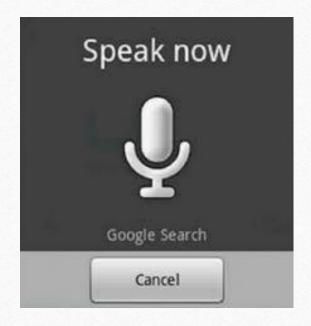
For example, padlet.com/yourname/nameofpadlet padlet.com/page_lachlan/ueca

Limitations of smartphones

- Still a need for rules regarding phones in class
- An extra tool in your tool box rather than a solution for phones in the classroom.
- 'Novelty' factor needs to be used sparingly so students don't get sick of using them.

One last use...





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