



Distance Teaching

How to arrange free speaking activities



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Free language production

- organising speaking tasks
- pairing or grouping students
- nominating students to answer verbally

Textbooks often contain discussion questions on the theme of the unit under study. During the online lesson it is good to visualise the discussion questions on the shared screen and to add the element of surprise to this activity. Wordwall can be used to create both interactive online and printable activities from templates. You can use the ready-made resources and modify them to fit your textbook and the theme of the lesson or create an entirely new activity.



Using the random wheel

To facilitate a classroom discussion, the most suitable template to choose is the “Random wheel”. This tool is interactive—you can spin it on the computer screen to choose the question for discussion.

- Create an account on Wordwall homepage.
- Click on “create activity” to create a new activity from the template or browse the “community” for a suitable activity that you can use.
- Choose the “Random wheel” template, add the discussion questions to different sections of the random wheel.
- Share the screen with students during the online lesson.
- Click on the wheel to spin it.
- Students answer the question from the random wheel.
- You can choose to eliminate the questions that have already been answered by the students.
- You can pair or group students to answer the questions according to the colour scheme on the random wheel.

Alternatively...

- You can write a discussion question on the Zoom whiteboard while screen-sharing during the video conference lesson.
- You can prepare a list of discussion topics and number them. Ask students to choose a number and write it in the chat box.
- Take a jar with numbered table tennis balls. Pick up a ball with your eyes closed and display the question number to students.