



Distance Teaching

How to manage a group of students during free language production

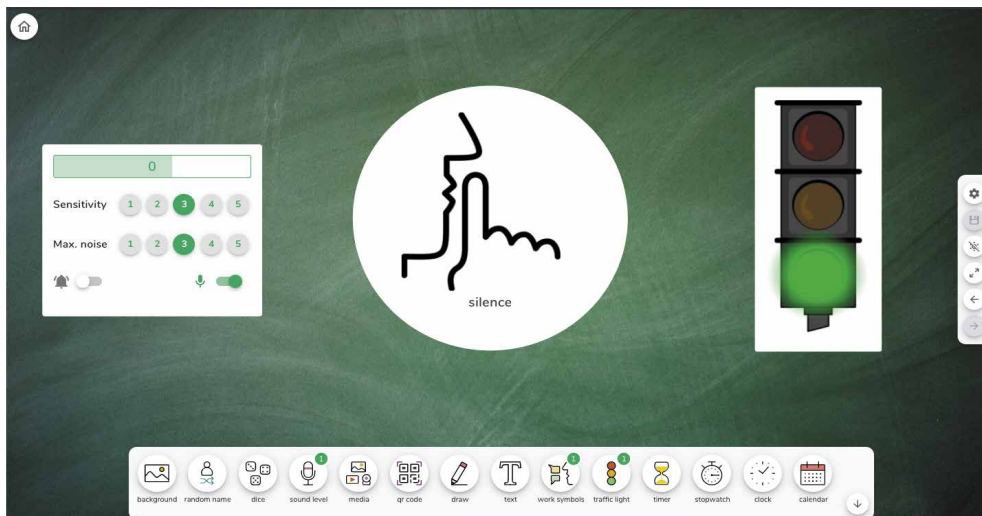


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Free language production

- organising speaking tasks by managing microphones
- managing the noise level during pair or group work
- maintaining silence during writing tasks
- inviting learners to share answers

When you want to engage students in a free language production activity, it is important to create comfortable conditions for everyone to express their mind. You can use the online platform Classroomscreen to introduce practical management tools to your online lessons. To use Classroomscreen during the online lesson, it is necessary to share your screen with your students.



Using classroom management tools

- Go to the Classroomscreen homepage.
- Press “Launch Classroomscreen” and choose one of the class management widgets – *sound level*, *work symbols* or *traffic light*.
- The *sound level* widget measures the level of noise during a group discussion in real time and can indicate to students that their excitement level is getting too high.
- The *sound level* widget can also be used during the online lesson to show students if they are speaking loudly enough or if they should speak up to make sure that their classmates can hear them.
- The “silence” *work symbol* widget can be used to show students that they should be quiet during this part of the lesson.
- The “work together” *work symbol* widget can be used when you want students to collaborate or brainstorm.
- By changing colours on the *traffic light* widget, you can manage students’ microphones by signalling to turn them off or on. It can also be used to signal the time to start or end an activity.

Alternatively...

If you keep your camera on during online lessons, it is easy to manage the class without any extra tools.

- Hold your hand up horizontally at your eye level and slowly move it down to show that the level of noise is too high.
- Hold your forefinger next to your lips to ask for silence.
- Hold up red or green post-it-notes to indicate speaking time. You can download the printable Assessment for Learning Response cards from the Resources section.