VOKI SPEAKING CHARACTERS FOR EDUCATION

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- * Education system is in the middle of hurricane-COVID 19.
- In March 2020, the World Health Organisation (WHO) classified COVID-19 as a global pandemic.
- Across the Globe, Complete lockdown was observed.
- One of the major sector that affected was Global Educational System

EMERGENCY REMOTE TEACHING CAME INTO PRACTICE

EMERGENCY REMOTE TEACHING DURING COVID-19

Emergency remote teaching (ERT) is meant to be a temporary shift from the normal modes of teaching.

Substitute for face-to-face learning because of circumstances.

Faculty experience a quick adaptation of technology for the delivery of online instruction with minimal professional development.

This quick adaptation may result in a stressful situation for face-to-face faculty. Instructional materials usually consist of texts, handouts, and videos.

Call of the day.....

Engaging the learners during pandemic

To reach out to learners or students

Making learners the effective thinkers

Making teachers the effective facilitators

Challenge Ahead...... How to share, collaborate and support

(Reason: when things go back to normal, people will not remember the educational content delivered, but they will remember how they felt, how we cared for them, and how we supported and engaged them.

CHALLENGES FOR A TEACHER

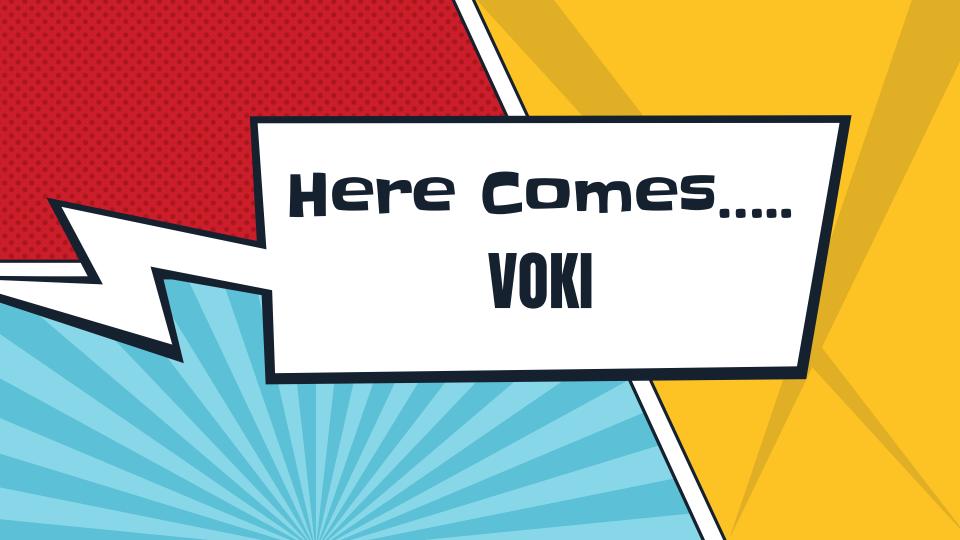
Balancing diverse learning needs of the learners/students

Students/learners become overly dependent on the teacher Minimal personal time

Selection of appropriate E-tools, online platforms and Innovative strategies

Teaching diverse learners in a way that keep them engaged and interested in the content

Teachers may overcome these challenges by using enline innovative tools, strategies and techniques and innovative pedagogy during pandemic and post pandemic period.





Whoa!

Fun, Free and Interactive Educational Tool





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Voki is a combination of the words "vox" and "Loki"

"Vox" is the Latin term for voice. Loki is a Norse god from Norse mythology. Loki is a trickster (special character) who has the ability to change his shape.

Fitting name since Voki gives students and teachers the ability to change the character's appearance and add a voice!



Image Credit:https://www.denofgeek.com/tv/loki-season-2marvel-disney-plus-report/



"Voki is a great format to provide avatars for a variety of characters that can continually be used with training or in the classroom without having to have a particular person on camera."

Josh M.-Professor-Valencia College-Orlando, Florida

Voki is a fun educational tool which can be used by the learners for assignments, homework, classwork or projects.

There is Voki hangouts which is virtual supervised discussion forum.

Voki also allows users to create personalized speaking avatars.

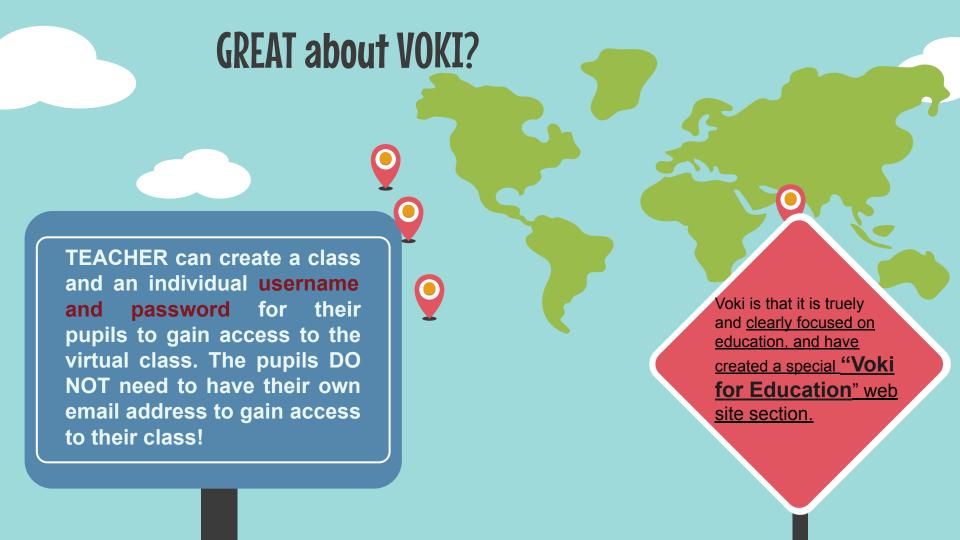
It develops listening skills and encourages interactions.

Voki presenter lets teachers communicate their lessons in a new exciting way.

Voki classroom allows to organize teaching and learning with Voki.

It requires registration.
It is compatible with Windows, Mac, and Linux. It requires Microphone and speakers.





Usage

This tool is more suitable to primary and secondary school students.

Teachers can use this tool to enhance instruction, engagement and chapter comprehension.

It is animated presentation tool.

There is virtual supervised discussion forum to encourage discussions.

It helps to create customise characters (avatars) and add a voice to these avatars.



How should a teacher use it in class?

Teachers can use this tool in the classroom by following approaches:



For assigning work and projects

Display historical figures

To summarize a lesson

For presentation

To substitute a teacher

To post Voki to a blog, website or an online profile and use it to communicate and interact with other people online.

Develop skills i.e. listening and speaking

Different types of interaction: Group/pair work-classmates, Presenting i.e. lecturing, storytelling.







CREATE

VOKI Characters Avatars

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CLASSROOM

Create Your Student Accounts
Create a Class and Assign Students
Create Assignments for Your Class
Review Student Classroom
Assignments



PRESENT

Creating presentation



HANGOUT

Social & Intuitive
Engaging & Collaborative
Empowering & Fun
Safe & Secure











VOKI Characters

Voki characters can look like

historical figures, cartoons, animals, and more. Give your Voki a voice by recording your voice, or using text-to-speech (over 30 languages supported, hundreds of voices to choose from).

Students have fun creating their speaking characters & making them talk. Teachers can direct this activity through assignments, presentations, and dialog groups (once again – Voki Hangouts).

Will there always be a free version of Voki?

Yes, Basic Voki will always be free for both educators and students.

The Basic account is not time-limited - you may use it for as long as you like.

Basic Voki users have access to most Voki characters, and are limited to 5 student accounts.

With the paid version you will get enhanced functionality that allows teachers to get the most from the Voki platform.

Features that enable management of more students, as well as other benefits.



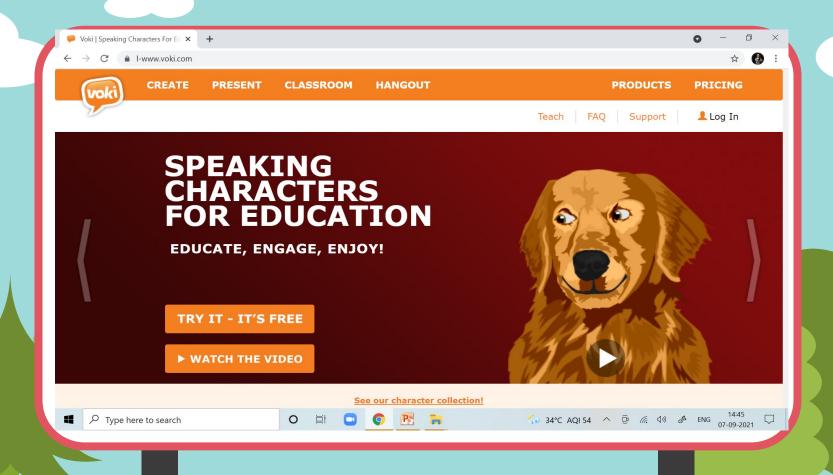
What VOKI offers you for Learning?

Voki's text limits may also pose a challenge.

You may need to spend some time reviewing the instructions before creating assignments; the process can be a little confusing

Teachers can include a field for students to contribute written content in each assignment, but it must be 500 words or less.

Using Voki to enhance learning requires some out-of-the-box thinking on the teacher's part, and the site does offer a lot of ideas, ranging from public speaking to point of view. Lesson plans cover more than 20 topics, including economics, language, math, reading, and social studies.



ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES



