

Integrating Quizlet into Language Instruction to Effectively Build Higher Order Thinking Skills

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Abstract

Learning in 21st Century requires teachers to develop students' higher order thinking skills. Therefore, educational tools should not only be used to help students remember and understand vocabulary and sentence patterns, but also should be utilized to facilitate students to apply, analyze, evaluate and create. This presentation will share strategies of designing creative activities and materials with the integration of Quizlet (free version) -- an online flashcard website, to effectively improve students' higher order thinking skills.

First, it will briefly introduce Bloom's Taxonomy and basic features of Quizlet. Then, based on the levels of thinking, it will present activities of higher order thinking skills with Quizlet utilized, including word card matching, shared reading of picture books, word card categorizing, matching sentences to the translation, matching quantifiers to nouns, arranging words to sentences, charade, Chinese character jigsaw, making shopping list and interview, showing how Quizlet can be used to help students remember new words, improve text comprehension, apply language forms into daily communication, analyze the structures of Chinese characters and create their own projects and works. Methods of differentiation for class with students at multiple levels will be shared during the presentation. Through this presentation, teachers will gain strategies of designing creative activities and materials to build higher order thinking skills and ideas of utilizing educational technology "out of box".

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