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**YouTube  
 A Look at its Potential in the EFL Classroom**

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Reasons for Using Technology in the Classroom

* Students love it
* It allows connection to real-world experts
* Professional development
* It makes life easier for the teachers
* Reaching different learning styles

The future of education lies in the promise of blended learning that combines the traditional, face to face, learning experience with new innovative learning technologies that have the power to democratize learning. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0TbaHimigw>

“We have to be entertainers for they consume so much media and if this is the way to reach our students, this is what we will do because, for the 21st century learner, to walk into a classroom that does not have any of that media seems like walking into the desert.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qnz9YIpOOT8>

YouTube is a video-sharing website in which the content has been uploaded by individuals, organizations and some media corporations. Users of the site can watch, download and upload an unlimited number of videos.

For free!

How can using video enhance learning?

* Quantity and Variety
* Accessibility
* Relevance
* Meaningfulness
* Free Use
* Engagement and Interest
* Be Creative

Types of Videos

* short movie clips
* animation videos
* music videos (with or without lyrics)
* karaoke clips
* amateur videos
* whole length movies
* commercials
* short original videos
* educational videos.

How do we use the video clips?

We can use the video just as we use any supplementary material we bring into the classroom:

* to introduce new topics
* to activate students knowledge before, while or after a specific task
* to reinforce and practice learnt material
* to introduce, practice or review grammatical points
* to entertain
* to educate
* to explicitly teach the HOTS

Pay attention:

The purpose for which you want to use the video clip should determine its length and content.

Some Practical Suggestions

The video clips can be manipulated and used as we wish:

* Watch the whole video or just a section.
* Turn the volume off and have students guess what characters are talking about.
* Let learners only listen to the video and predict before playing the whole video clip.
* Brainstorm around a video to introduce a new topic.
* Spark a lively discussion using an engaging video.
* Prepare a quiz for a specific video as you would do to any other text.

Some Dos and Don’ts

* Don’t be afraid to use YouTube in your teaching.
* Use appropriate videos Take the extra time to find the appropriate video clip for your lesson (language , age appropriate, length, culture, religion,)
* Don’t just use the videos as time fillers - make it an interactive part of the lesson.
* Test equipment before the lesson.
* Remain present in the lesson even when the students are watching a video.
* Don’t get carried away with the amount of videos available.
* Don’t overdo it.
* Organize all your downloads in a specific folder.

In the Future

* Create a playlist of the videos you want your students to view, thus creating a safe environment for them.
* Archive your work by saving the videos.
* Cater for the needs of all students; Struggling students can review videos at home while strong students can be pushed ahead by watching related, more advanced, videos.
* Podcast yourself so students can refer to the lesson whenever needed.

The videos

Below is a list of the videos I have used in the presentation (Some of which you haven't had the chance to view.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYk91jzv1jg&feature=youtube_gdata_player>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qnz9YIpOOT8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuyrP_HhWEg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjgKzrkMetU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GT86iWiH2mI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bKyDiT6b_Yw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wX78iKhInsc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NegRGfGYOwQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nm-1xvWibt0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eu9UtVaWYaI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hzgzim5m7oU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fwcYbo7pjto>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OcAGGE_OCVE>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kZlXWp6vFdE>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHb4-CCif7U>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvvnzLHAQD8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFSN5AttlGk>

Good Luck!

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