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HI THERE, KAHOOT!'ER!

Feeling inspired? This practical guide will help you navigate the most powerful ways to use Kahoot! beyond the basics.

Here you'll find step-by-step instructions and no-nonsense tips for creating the highest caliber kahoots and unlocking the magic of learning through play.

You'll learn how to introduce new topics with "blind" and "connected" kahoots, boost motivation with Ghost Mode, challenge players near and far with connected kahoots, and even teach beginner Kahoot!'ers to design their own learning games.

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HOW TO MAKE A KAHOOT AWESOME



TOP TIP

Think about the kahoot's description before you start making it - it will help you keep the game focused!

Research and plan ahead

Before creating their kahoot online, many of our most experienced Kahoot!'ers take a bit of time to make notes about the learning game, how it will be played, and about the learners themselves. Aside from researching the questions and answers, here are some things you might want to think about:

- Why are you making the kahoot?
- What do you hope the outcome will be?
- What do the learners already know?
- How do they learn best?
- How might you make it accessible to all types of learners?
- How might you give everyone who plays this game a chance to feel success?
- Where is it likely to be played?
- Do you need to build in breathing space of discussion, debate, or creative activities between questions?
- Are you intending to open it up to the public? How would you make sure it is found and enjoyed by the people who need it most?

HOW TO MAKE A KAHOOT AWESOME



TOP TIP

Try asking the same question in multiple ways – it helps reinforce knowledge.

Ask the right questions

Now you've done some research, it's time to think about the specific questions and answers. Look at the best kahoots and you'll see that there's tremendous value not in just asking questions, but in asking the right questions - ones which help you:

- **Spark discussion or debate**, using multiple correct answers;
- **Spot gaps in your learners' knowledge** so you can set time aside later to help them build their understanding;
- **Prompt learners to recognize - and fill in - the gaps** in their own knowledge;
- **Teach subtleties** or dispel myths and misconceptions;
- **Build learners' confidence** in a certain subject

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Make sure your kahoot holds all the answers

Key to an engaging kahoot is ensuring that the questions are challenging enough to give learners a deep sense of achievement when they answer correctly. That means thinking up the right wrong answers, and making sure there is enough time on the clock for learners to work out the answer.

- Are the incorrect answers plausible?
- Are they tricky enough to be challenging and prompt critical thinking, but still give everyone a chance to feel success?
- Can you use the answer from this question as a natural transition to the next, or even as a clue for a later question?

TOP TIP

Change the timer settings so learners have time to work out the answer instead of just guessing.

HOW TO MAKE A KAHOOT AWESOME



TOP TIP

Check AP Archive on YouTube for video footage! You'll find 1.7 million global news and entertainment stories, dating back to 1985.

Get creative with high-impact images and videos

We recommend you to use high quality images, videos and animated gifs. They will let you hide clues, inject a bit of humor and make your kahoot generally more engaging!

Here are a few things to try with media in your kahoot:

- **Imagine how your kahoot will look** when played on a large screen or an interactive white board - use high resolution images whenever possible;
- **Maximize learning opportunities** by adding instructional images, diagrams, charts, or YouTube videos;
- **Experiment with using multiple images** instead of just one - you can easily create a mini slideshow-style animated gif using [Giphy](#), or a collage in [PicMonkey](#) or [PIXLR Express](#);
- **Challenge students to create** videos, animations, images, or even code their own artwork for the kahoot;
- **Inject a little humor** and surprise learners with your own take on a meme;
- **Build anticipation** or gradually give learners little hints with an "image reveal" animated gif ([here's how](#));
- **Hide clues** for this question or a later question in the image - or, on the contrary, images can help you create trick questions and test learners' attention!

VIDEO TIP

No need to use the whole video - just set the start and end times!



TOP TIP

Reorder the questions and add some 'transition' questions until you've got the flow just right.

Take learners on a journey

Like the best presentations or lectures, awesome kahoots have a natural flow to them. Building a narrative or flow into your learning game will make it shine! It may need a bit of practice to master this storytelling skill - here are some tips to get you started:

- **Use the questions as building blocks** to introduce a new subject with the kahoot - once learners understand the answer to Question 1, they're ready to move on to Question 2, then 3, and so on.
- **Use storytelling strategies to take learners on a journey.** A great movie hooks the audience with scene setting, highs and lows and moments of celebration. You can do the same with your kahoot by weaving back and forth between questions with multiple correct answers, quick-fire "easy" questions, challenging problem-solving questions, and game-show-style bursts of fun or humor.
- **Use the answers or images as a natural transition** from one question to the next. For example, an incorrect answer from Question 1 might form the basis of Question 2.

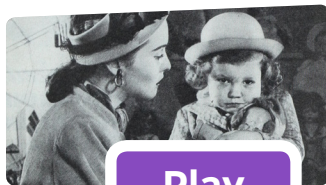
AWESOME KAHOOT TO LEARN FROM



Play

High school math: quadratic equations

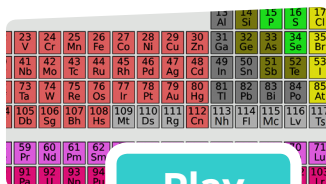
Make algebra fun with this kahoot about quadratic equations! Our resident math pro takes us through what makes this an awesome math kahoot, plus some tips on how to play.



Play

Who, what, wear: British fashion in the 1930s and 1940s

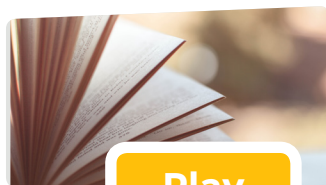
This unique kahoot adds a rather stylish twist on learning. Find out what we loved most about this British Fashion kahoot.



Play

Science: periodic table mania

A science kahoot for chemistry geeks and college students, filled with fun ways to learn the ins and outs of basic physical chemistry, or to refresh knowledge before exams.



Play

English: figuring out figurative language

Are your students learning to spot the difference between a simile, a metaphor, hyperbole and personification? This “Figurative Language” kahoot makes it as easy as pie.



Play

Music: learning to read notes on the treble clef

A learning game for budding musicians! Designed for beginners, this kahoot is a sharp way to learn to read music and build confidence sight-reading notes on the Treble Clef.

GETTING STARTED

Welcome to Kahoot! This section will give a quick recap on getting started with our game-based platform. It will also be helpful if you're teaching others how to use Kahoot!, for example, in a professional development session.

About Kahoot!

Kahoot! is a free game-based learning platform for any subject, in any language, on any device, for all ages. It's designed to make learning fun - but it's not just for the classroom.

There are millions of people using Kahoot! every month in hundreds of different settings, from classrooms to business meetings to charity fundraisers, award ceremonies, and events. For example, wedding kahoots seem to become a popular genre!

That's right, Kahoot! is all about coming together and making learning awesome. Whether you come together to learn about quadratic equations or food trivia, it's up to you.

One of the things that makes Kahoot! so unique is that it's a platform where you decide on the content, the imagery and how the game is played.

Search in our public library with millions of kahoots and adapt them for your learners, if you don't have time to create a game from scratch.



GETTING STARTED

HOW TO MAKE YOUR FIRST KAHOOT

Step 1: Log in and click Quiz, Jumble, Discussion, or Survey

Log in to create.kahoot.it and click **Quiz, Jumble, Discussion,** or **Survey** to create a fun learning game in minutes, made from a series of multiple choice questions.



Discussion

Initiate and facilitate debate



Quiz

Introduce, review and reward



Jumble

Promote higher order thinking

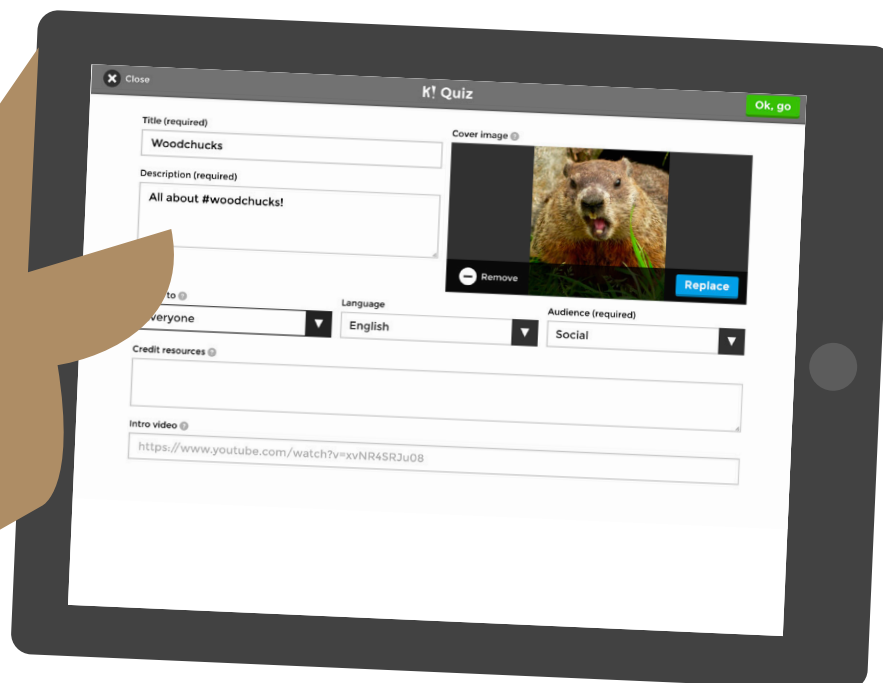
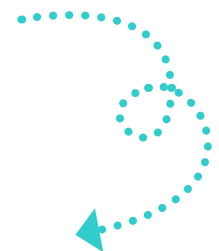


Survey

Gather opinion and insight

Step 2. Add a description, tags, and cover image

Adding a good description helps you define learning objectives for the game and keep it focused. Using descriptive tags will ensure other teachers can find it easily. A great cover image helps the kahoot stand out and attract more players.

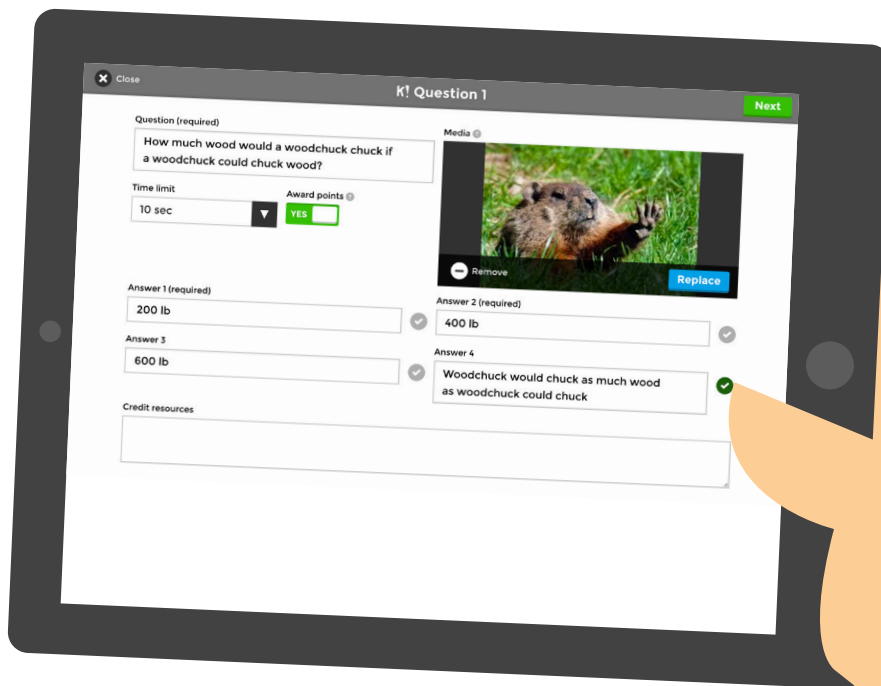
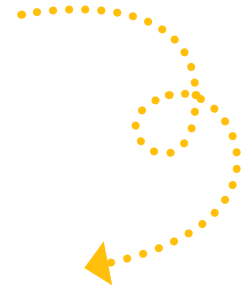


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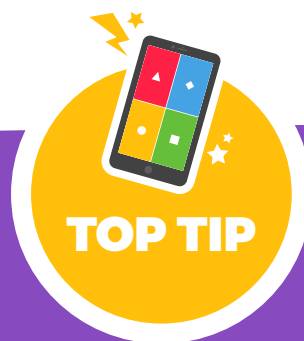
How to make your first kahoot

Step 3: Create the learning game by adding questions, answers, and imagery

Follow the instructions on-screen to add questions, answers, images and video clips. You can also fine-tune the kahoot using different timer and points settings or setting multiple correct answers.



Have you tried **Jumble** yet? This is a game format where accuracy is king. Players will have to place the answers in correct order.



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HOW TO PLAY YOUR FIRST KAHOOT

Kahoots are best played in a group setting, like a classroom or a conference room – or even with family in the living room.

Games are displayed on a shared screen – for example a smart TV, a laptop or an interactive whiteboard. You can also use screen sharing tools like Skype, Appear.In, or Google Hangouts to include players from other classes or other parts of the world.

Players join in using their own device – whether that is a smartphone, tablet, laptop, or desktop doesn't matter, as long as they have a browser and good internet connection.

Step 1: Find a game to play

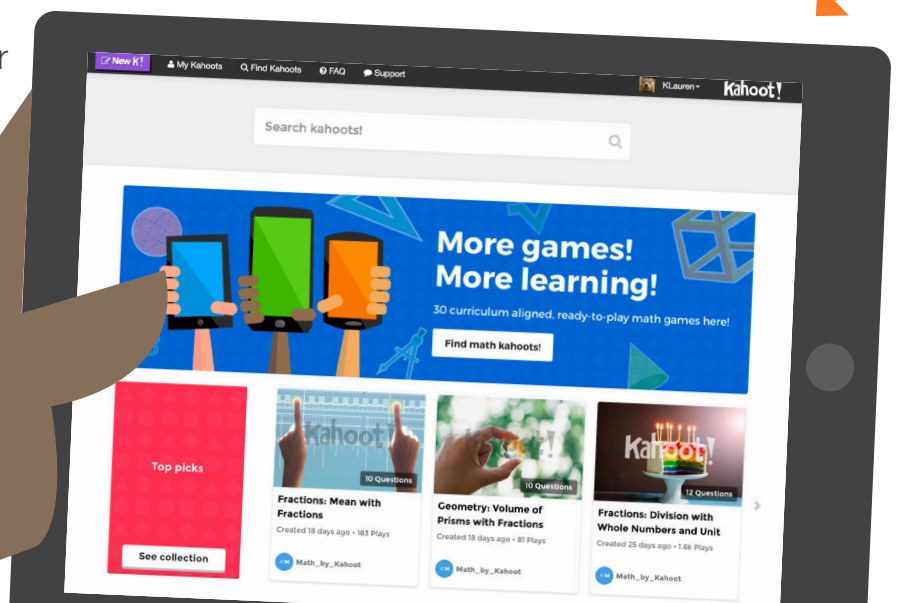
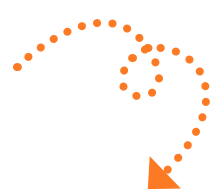
There are millions of public kahoots available on the platform. Search for a game on a relevant topic, or choose a kahoot from the start page. For example, try one of our curriculum-aligned games in math, science, and other subjects.

Or maybe you've created your own kahoot already? Open the kahoot and click **Play**.



TOP TIP

Players don't need an account to play!

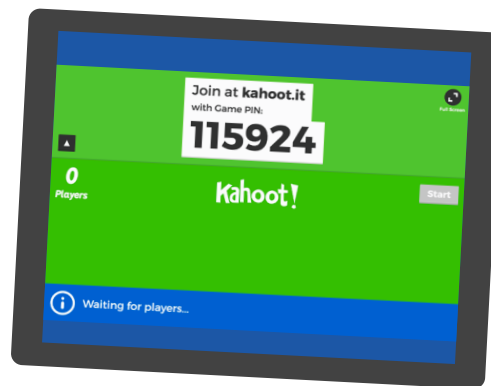


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How to play your first kahoot

Step 2: Launch the game so players can join

Change the settings if you like (for example, randomize the order of questions, control answer streak bonus, etc) and click on **Classic** or **Team** mode to start letting players in.



A unique Game PIN will be displayed at the top of the screen. Players enter this PIN to join the game in the [Kahoot! app](https://kahoot.app) for iOS and Android. Alternatively, if they can't install the app on their device, they can join by going to kahoot.it in their browser.

Step 3: Play the kahoot

Click **Start** once you can see all the players' nicknames on the "lobby" or waiting screen. During gameplay you can use the space bar or your mouse to go to the next question.



At the end of the game, click **Feedback and Results**, and then **Final Results** to save and download the scores, favorite, play again, or play in Ghost Mode.

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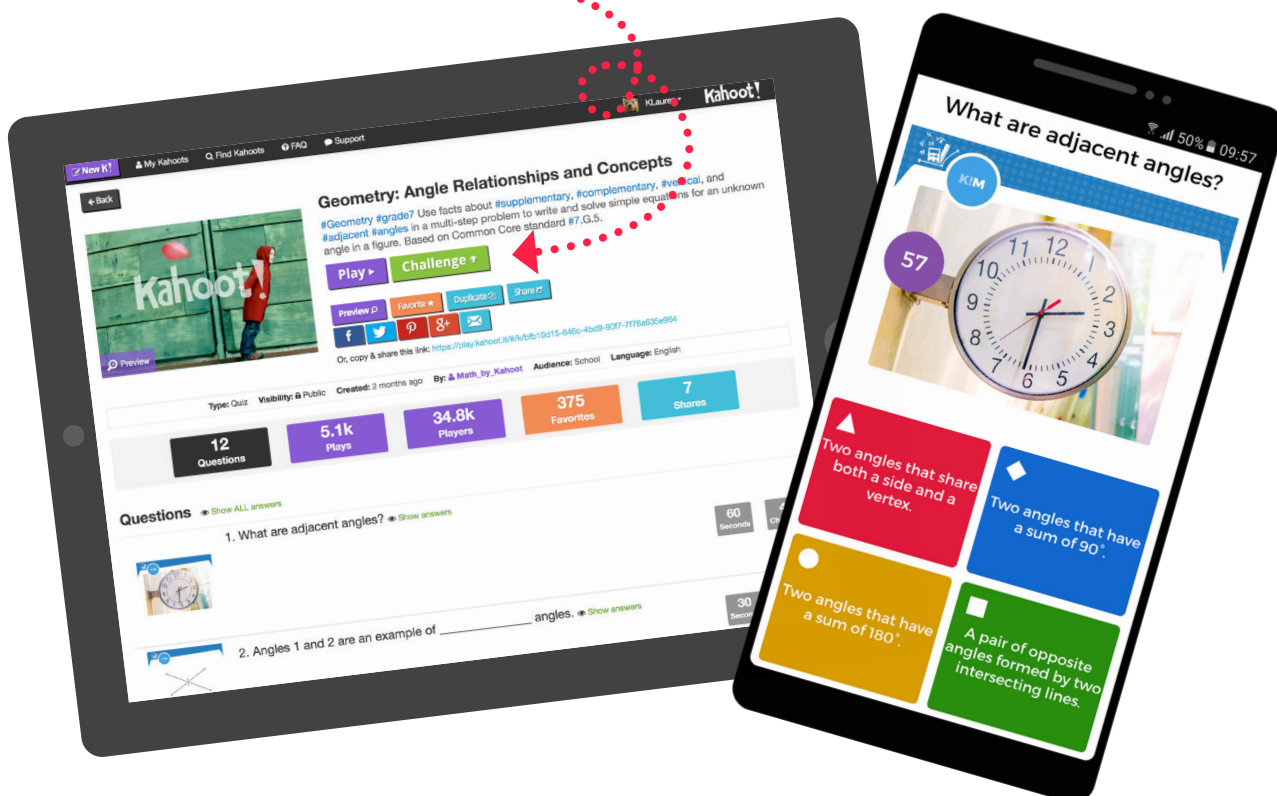
HOW TO ASSIGN A KAHOOT AS HOMEWORK

In addition to playing live in a group setting, you can also assign kahoots as homework with the challenge feature.

Save time on correcting assignments and make homework really engaging for students. They play homework challenges after class in our [mobile app](#), and you get a neat report with the results.

On your computer, open a kahoot and hit the **Challenge** button. Select when you want the challenge to end, copy the link or the game PIN and share it with your students. For example, via LMS, email, etc. It's possible to challenge players from the mobile app, too: log in to your account, open a kahoot you like, tap **Play** and **Challenge** friends.

You can also challenge your friends and family with a cool quiz for fun!



READ MORE ABOUT GETTING STARTED



The Official Kahoot! Professional Development Superpack

Presenting Kahoot! at your next PD session? Here's a quick and simple starting point for explaining Kahoot! to novices, downloadable presentations, plus some inspiring new ways to play.



Running an EdCamp, TeachMeet or Training Event? Download Some Goodies Here!

A series of resources free to download which you can use to brand your presentations and events, plus a handy user guide, t-shirt and sticker templates and more.

IDEA #4: Organize a game of Kahoot! at your next training event

The best way to learn about Kahoot! is to play Kahoot! Create a kahoot for fellow teachers, using the tricks you've mastered. **Here's how:**

- 1. Create a fun kahoot** applying everything you've learned at the Masterclass
- 2. Launch the game** on a large screen at your next PD session or training event
- 3. Use each question** to talk about a feature, setting, or trick you've used - like including videos, multiple correct answers, timer settings and image reveal.



INSPIRING WAYS TO PLAY KAHOOT!

Did you know that there are hundreds of ways to play Kahoot! beyond the basics?

With millions of Kahoot!ers all around the world, we get to hear about all the inventive and engaging ways you use Kahoot! to make learning fun. In this section we'll walk you through four examples and help you master these powerful ways to play:



**Blind
Kahoot!ing**



**Connected
kahoots**



**Ghost
Mode**



**Learners to
Leaders**

BLIND KAHOOT!'ING

A powerful way to introduce new concepts, blind Kahoot!'ing is all about building knowledge brick by brick in a single game.

This term was coined by Kahoot! ambassador, wonderful [Stephanie Castle](#). In essence, rather than teaching the content and then using Kahoot! to recap, you'll be asking the toughest review questions first, before you've even begun teaching that content. This switches learners into very active "questioning" mode, the perfect mindset for learning something new.

Blind Kahoot!'ing works best if you know it is truly blind – in other words, that learners have not yet been exposed to the content at all, and that it's not been touched upon by other teachers as part of a spiral curriculum.

That, of course, means taking the time to understand what your students have learned in other classes.



HOW TO INTRODUCE NEW CONTENT WITH A BLIND KAHOOT

Step 1: Set a goal

Before getting started with a blind kahoot, you'll need to have a clear goal in mind as to what the lesson's outcomes should be. What is the single most important thing your learners will take away from that lesson, and why? Make a note of the question you would ask at the end of the lesson to make sure learners had achieved this goal. **Here's an example:**



Learners can confidently and correctly spell tricky words with *ie* and *ei*.

Step 2: Set milestones

As you move gradually towards that goal, there will no doubt be milestones along the way. Before you get started creating your kahoot, make a note of those milestones – they'll help you form the right questions. **In the example above, the milestones might be:**

Milestone 1

Learners recognize that *ie* and *ei* often make the same sound

Milestone 2

Learners can confidently apply the "*i before e*" rule

Milestone 3

Learners confidently apply the "*i before e*" rule with the "*except after c*" rule

Step 3: Find examples, tricks, and rules to help learners reach those milestones

Are there tricks or rules which would help your learners grasp the new content? Make a note of those, as you'll be using them to explain the new subject during Kahoot! gameplay.

Spend some time finding and creating fun, relevant and tangible examples of those rules in action.

CREATING & PLAYING THE KAHOOT

Step 1: Create a Quiz kahoot with one section per milestone

Create a Quiz kahoot as usual - as though learners had already learned the content. This time, though, imagine that the kahoot is broken into several sections: Part 1 is to reach Milestone 1, Part 2 is to reach Milestone 2, and so on.

Step 2: Set the scene with a question about the main goal

Learners will feel more connected to their learning journey if you start out by setting some objectives for the lesson using an **introductory question**. The first question in the kahoot should be tied to the goal you made a note of earlier, and designed to grab everyone's attention.

Step 3: Ask the toughest question for Milestone 1 first

For each milestone, first ask the toughest question - one which, if answered correctly and quickly, would demonstrate that your learners have understood the content and are ready to move on. This is called a **blind question**. When you actually play the kahoot, be prepared for very few correct answers!

Step 4: Take the time to explain the answer to the blind question

Having had to guess or answer the blind question incorrectly, learners will now be actively seeking to understand how they could have answered correctly. That moment is a prime opportunity to explain the correct answer, using a trick or rule you'd made a note of earlier.

INSPIRING WAYS TO PLAY KAHOOT! Blind Kahoot!ing

Step 5: Ask a series of questions based on your explanation of the blind question

With the knowledge fresh in their minds, give learners the opportunity to immediately and successfully apply what they have just learned. In practice, that means adding a series of **reinforcement questions** with the fun, relevant examples you'd prepared earlier.

Depending on how complex a subject you're tackling, that might even mean 10 almost-identical questions. Have fun with it, turning the timer right down to 5 or 10 seconds for the latter questions, and using funny GIFs to keep them engaged. With each question, learners will feel more and more confident about the new content.

Step 6: Ask your toughest Milestone 1 question (the blind question) again

If you're confident that learners have grasped the new content, ask your toughest Milestone 1 question again. As it's no longer "blind", this time around you'll no doubt have correct answers across the board!

Step 7: Throw them off course with a blind question about Milestone 2

Now you're ready to get started towards Milestone 2. The trick here is to challenge your learners by switching things up with another **blind question**, something that doesn't fit neatly with what they've just learned so well.

Brimming with confidence from having correctly answered the toughest Milestone 1 question, they'll be shocked when they get the first Milestone 2 question wrong. The benefit of throwing them off course in this way? Learners will be actively engaged and seeking to understand why they got the answer wrong.

INSPIRING WAYS TO PLAY KAHOOT! Blind Kahoot!'ing

Step 8: Explain the answer

Now's your chance to explain a new trick or rule, and demonstrate how it builds on what they learned.

Step 9: Reinforce the new knowledge

Again, the trick is to give learners the chance to immediately and successfully apply what they have just learned. If they were paying attention a few minutes ago during your explanation, every learner – not just your most advanced students – will have a chance to feel success.

If learners are answering any of the reinforcement questions incorrectly, take a few moments to re-explain the new content before moving on.

Step 10: Ask a series of questions based on Milestones 1 and 2

At this stage, learners should feel very confident about what they have learned during the Milestone 2 section. Now's the time to mix it up and give them a chance to apply their knowledge to more complex questions and learn the subtleties. This series of questions should be designed to let them apply everything they've learned so far - they're called **compound reinforcement questions**.

Step 11: Rinse and repeat!

Carry on in the same way until all of your learners are confidently and successfully applying their new knowledge. You'll be amazed at the results – your learners will have truly grasped the new concepts and had plenty of fun getting there.

Step 12: Challenge learners to beat their scores in Ghost Mode


To further reinforce knowledge and boost motivation, try using Ghost Mode. Teachers often either [send the Ghost Mode link](#) as homework so their students can try to beat their own scores at home, or [play in Ghost Mode](#) during next week's class so learners can see just how far they've come.

INSPIRING WAYS TO PLAY KAHOOT! Blind Kahoot'ing

LET'S LOOK AT AN EXAMPLE OF A BLIND KAHOOT


Here's a quick look at blind kahoot [the basics of mitosis](#), by IB Biology teacher Stephanie Castle. Without any prior knowledge, by the end of the kahoot her students can correctly and quickly distinguish between chromosomes, homologous pairs, and sister chromatids.

1. Look at the diagram. Mitosis is the process of one cell producing.....? [Show answers](#)



20 Seconds 4 Choices


2. This is a cell with its nucleus. Inside the nucleus the red lines show... [Show answers](#)



20 Seconds 4 Choices




6. And again - review - what do you see here? [Show answers](#)




20 Seconds 4 Choices

7. Moving on... The DNA has now replicated on each chromosome. What do you see? [Show answers](#)




20 Seconds 4 Choices

8. And now..what do you see? [Show answers](#)



20 Seconds 4 Choices

9. Now let's put it together :) What is inside this nucleus? [Show answers](#)



20 Seconds 4 Choices

Preview, play, or duplicate and adapt Steph's kahoot here

INSPIRING WAYS TO PLAY KAHOOT!

Blind Kahoot!'ing

READ MORE ABOUT BLIND KAHOOT!'ING



Unveiling the magic: introducing new topics with Kahoot!

Introducing a powerful way to Kahoot! as part of an integrated lesson plan. Kahoot!'er and teacher Stephanie Castle takes us through her approach to blind Kahoot!'ing.



The art of blind Kahoot!'ing

We've seen how powerful Kahoot! can be to introduce new content, but how do you even get started? Here are 5 tips and tricks to help you create your first blind kahoot.



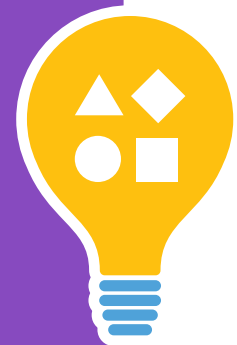
The powerful language of play: a Kahoot! hero story

Teacher Robyn Thiessen melts our hearts with magic moments blind Kahoot!'ing with a non-verbal student, reminding us how much inclusion, class participation and accessibility mean to learners.

IDEA #1: Introduce a concept with a blind kahoot

Teaching something completely new? Build knowledge brick by brick in a single game. **Here's how:**

1. Ask the toughest **blind question** first to fire up students' inquisitive natures
2. Take the time to **explain** the correct answer, using examples, rules or tricks
3. Let learners immediately apply and **reinforce** fresh knowledge



CONNECTED KAHOOT!ING

WHAT IS CONNECTED KAHOOT!ING?

Using screen sharing or live streaming tools to loop in players from anywhere in the world, connected Kahoot!ing is all about unleashing global learning without borders.

With so many ways to connect with fellow learners around the world, it's easier than ever to boost motivation with classroom vs. classroom kahoots, or build cultural awareness by Kahoot!ing with learners in another country. Aside from a device and internet connection, all learners need to join in a game is a shared screen... whether they're in the same room with you, connected through a video call, or following a live broadcast of your game.

Start small by connecting with a Kahoot!er you know well from another school.

To make your first connected Kahoot!ing experience a success, you'll want to be aligned when it comes to how it's played or even collaborate on creating the kahoot itself.



HOW TO ENRICH LEARNING WITH CONNECTED KAHOOT!'ING

Step 1: Create the kahoot

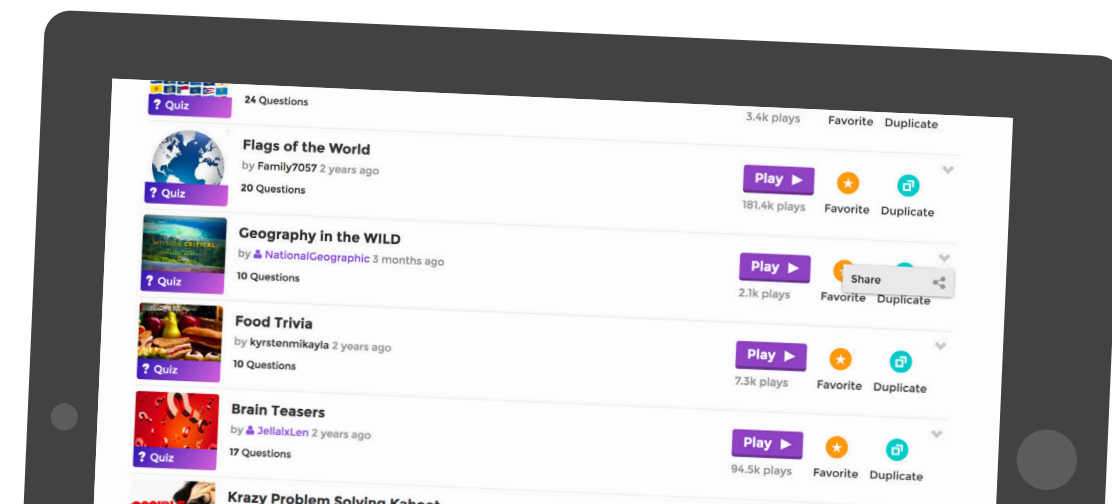
Create a Quiz, Discussion or Survey kahoot as usual, but make sure that there are opportunities for everyone to feel success. You might want to **adjust the language, tone or cultural references** to make your game more accessible to people from other countries.

Step 2: Find a co-host in another classroom, school, or country

Your co-host will need to get everything organized at their location, making sure that their learners are gathered around a shared screen at the right time, and ready with devices in hand. It's best to **team up** with someone who knows Kahoot! already so that they can let their learners know what to expect before getting started.

Step 3: Share the game with your co-host (optional!)

You don't need to share the kahoot, but if you're planning to connect with another classroom it's best to **make sure both teachers are happy** with the content of the game. To share the game, just click **Share** and then type in your co-host's Kahoot! username - they'll be able to preview the questions and answers, and thumbnails of the images you've included.



INSPIRING WAYS TO PLAY KAHOOT! Connected Kahoot!'ing

Step 4: Launch a screen sharing application

Whether you use [Skype](#), Google Hangouts, [Appear.In](#), or another screen sharing tool is up to you – the most important considerations are that the co-host(s) can log in, and that you're comfortable using it for video calls and switching between your camera and the screen.

To use Skype, the co-host(s) you're connecting with will need a Skype account and Skype installed on the computer they're using to join the game. **To use Google Hangouts**, they will need to have a Google account, or an account for any Google application, like YouTube.

Some Kahoot!'ers prefer **to use Appear.In** since an account isn't needed, but you'll need to make sure Google Chrome is installed on your computer and the host's computer first.

Step 5: Connect!

Invite your co-host(s) to join a video call or an [Appear.In](#) room, just as you would if you were calling one of your friends. Make sure that the sound and camera are working correctly – it's no fun if you can't hear each other!

Step 6: Let players get to know each other

Before launching a game, the host should take a moment to make introductions and explain what's about to happen. Encourage learners to **wave and say hello**.

INSPIRING WAYS TO PLAY KAHOOT! Connected Kahoot!'ing

Step 7: Share your screen

Now it's time to switch over from the camera to screen sharing. On most video call or screen-sharing applications, if you hover over your screen you'll see a little icon to **Start Screenshare** or **Present to Everyone** – click on it, and select **Entire Screen**.

Check that your co-host(s) can now see your screen.

Step 8: Launch a game of Kahoot!

Now, launch the kahoot as usual. The Kahoot! “lobby” screen should now appear on your screen as well as on the screens of all the co-host(s) you're connected to via screen sharing. Everyone in every location will see the same PIN code to join the game.

Ask learners to add their class name or location to their nickname - it sparks a bit of healthy competition when it comes to seeing results on the scoreboard!

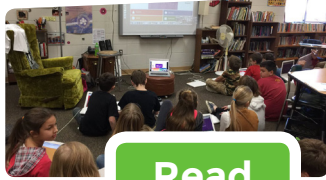


Step 9: Play the kahoot

Ready, set... Kahoot! After you've started the game, switch between screen sharing and the camera whenever a question needs further explanation or to cheer a player's achievements.

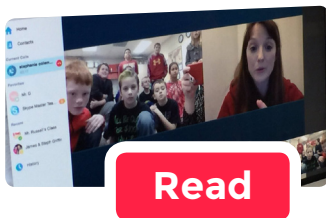
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READ MORE ABOUT CONNECTED KAHOOT!'ING



How to use screen sharing to do a global classroom kahoot

Step by step instructions for using Skype, Google Hangouts, or Appear.In to play a kahoot on a shared screen.



The magic recipe for connected kahoots

Kahoot!'ing with other classrooms – that's when global learning is unleashed! We asked Gina Ruffcorn, a champion of connected kahoots, to share her magic recipe for learning across borders.



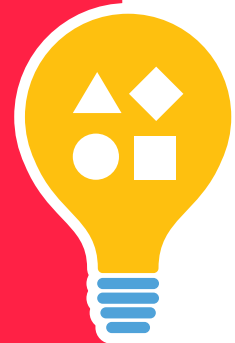
Kahoot! hero spotlight: Jen Williams

Jen works schools, universities, and organizations around the world as a transformational leader in education. Working with such diverse audiences is lots of fun, especially when she's able to instantly engage all of them with Kahoot!

IDEA #2: Finding a classroom with Skype

Using Skype with Kahoot! is a super simple way to get connected with other classes and schools - here's how:

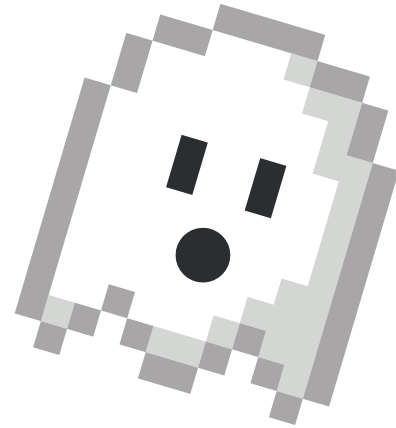
- 1. Find classes or teachers** ready to connect [here](#) within Microsoft Educator Community - what matters most is that they're just as fond of your subject as you are!
- 2. Prepare the kahoot** on your selected topic.
- 3. Before connecting**, ask your students to test their internet connection on their devices.
- 4. Connect via Skype**, so all students use the same game PIN, and get Kahoot!'ing!



GHOST MODE

WHAT IS GHOST MODE, ANYWAY?

Designed to challenge learners to beat previous Kahoot! scores, Ghost Mode is all about motivation, healthy competition, and reinforcing learning through fun repetition.



Ghost Mode allows learners to compete against their previous scores, which appear as ghosts on the scoreboard. By sharing the kahoot's Ghost Mode link, learners can also challenge other people to play against their ghosts.

How you use Ghost Mode is up to you - [some teachers send Ghost Mode links to their students as homework](#) to reinforce key facts through repetition. Others might play the same game in Ghost Mode several times throughout a term to motivate learners by letting them see just how much they've progressed.

Some Kahoot!ers use Ghost Mode to inject a bit of healthy competition into the room, [playing against the ghosts of celebrities](#), other classes or even against the Kahoot! team.

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Ghost Mode

HOW TO MOTIVATE LEARNERS WITH GHOST MODE KAHOOTs

Step 1: Play a kahoot

Launch a kahoot as usual, whether that's in the classroom or as part of a Connected Kahoot!ing experience. As you're playing, Kahoot! will automatically be collecting the scores for each question in the background - there's no need for you to change any settings.

Planning to share the Ghost Mode link with another school or on social media? **Make sure players know their nicknames will be visible to the public!**

Many players prefer not to use their real or full name, so give them a moment to come up with a cool nickname. You can even build team spirit by getting them to add their location or class name to their nickname.



Step 2: Go to My Results

Playing the same game in Ghost Mode right away is easy - just click on the **Ghost Mode button** at the end of the game.

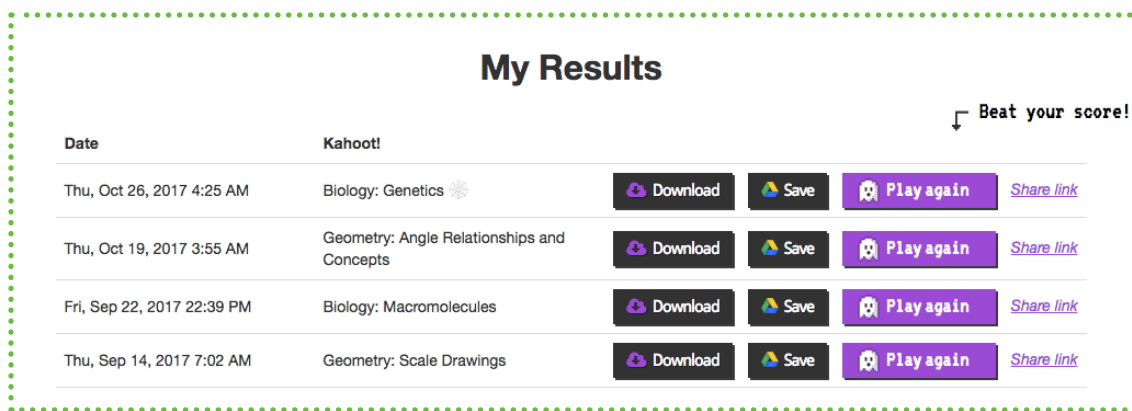
To play again later, assign Ghost Mode as homework or to challenge others to beat your scores, you'll need to find the Ghost Mode link in your My Results screen.

When [logged in to Kahoot!](#), you should see your username at the top of the screen. Click on your name to open a drop-down menu, and choose **My Results**.

INSPIRING WAYS TO PLAY KAHOOT! Ghost Mode

Step 3: Click Share Link

On the My Results screen you will see a list of all the kahoots you've launched or created. Next to each game, you'll see **Download**, **Save**, **Play Again** (with a Ghost icon) and **Share Link** - that last one is the shareable Ghost Mode link.



Date	Kahoot!	Download	Save	Play again	Share link
Thu, Oct 26, 2017 4:25 AM	Biology: Genetics	Download	Save	Play again	Share link
Thu, Oct 19, 2017 3:55 AM	Geometry: Angle Relationships and Concepts	Download	Save	Play again	Share link
Fri, Sep 22, 2017 22:39 PM	Biology: Macromolecules	Download	Save	Play again	Share link
Thu, Sep 14, 2017 7:02 AM	Geometry: Scale Drawings	Download	Save	Play again	Share link

Step 4: Challenge players to a kahoot in Ghost Mode

Copy and paste the Ghost Mode link into a message to students or add it to your class intranet. When they get home, they can click on the link and play again on their own or with friends.

You can challenge **anyone** to a Ghost Mode Kahoot!-off... Go on and share the link with fellow Kahoot!ers on Twitter!



INSPIRING WAYS TO PLAY KAHOOT!

Ghost Mode

READ MORE ABOUT GHOST MODE



Introducing Ghost Mode

Do your students ask for more Kahoot! at the end of a game? We've introduced an alternative way to play games that, as always, is competitive and fun but also helps reinforce learning through repetition.



Going for gold with Ghost Mode

Competition doesn't always have to be against your peers! Encourage students to play a kahoot at home in Ghost Mode – just imagine the success they'll feel when they beat their personal best.

IDEA #3: Beat the ghosts of another class

Ready to up the ante? Have another class send you their Ghost Mode links – if they dare! **Here's how:**

- 1. Click the Ghost Mode link** shared with you
- 2. Launch and join** the kahoot in a social or classroom setting - as usual
- 3.** The other class' ghosts will join you in the lobby – now all you have to do is **beat their scores!**



LEARNERS TO LEADERS

WHAT IS LEARNERS TO LEADERS?

One of the most rewarding experiences is seeing learners take the reins, using their knowledge and resourcefulness to create and lead their own kahoots. We call this ‘Learners to Leaders’.

Our “Learners to Leaders” approach works with learners of any age - whether they are kindergarten children learning their ABCs or adults learning a new coding language.

Before you get started, think about how you’d approach any self-directed project:

- Will they work together in groups, or tackle individual kahoots?
- Are your learners able to grab a “challenge” prompt and just get started?
- Will you need to create a question template first to help them plan their questions and answers on paper?
- How will you celebrate their achievements and give them a chance to shine?

Help your learners in the beginning of their journey - share kahoot templates they could use as a starting point.



HOW TO ENCOURAGE LEARNERS TO BECOME LEADERS

Step 1: Make sure learners have registered Kahoot! accounts

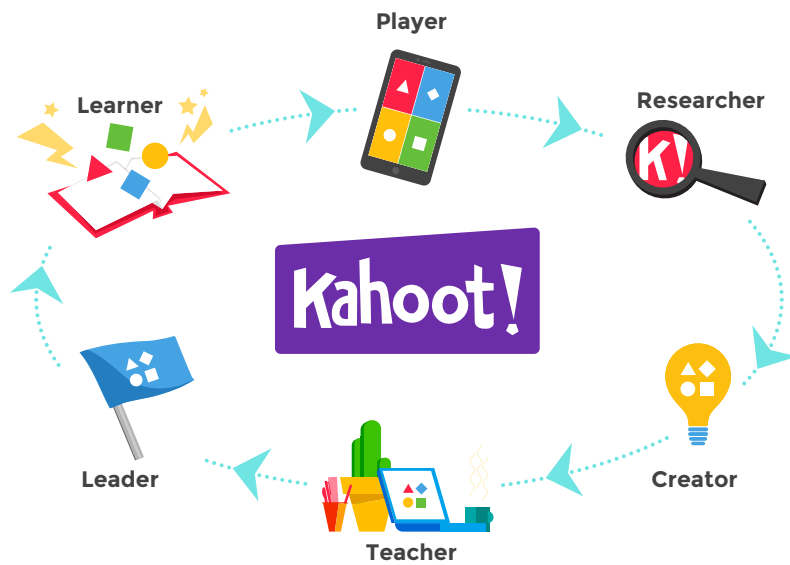
To create or duplicate kahoots, every creator will need to register (for free) with Kahoot! using a valid email address. With young learners who don't yet have an email address, the easiest way to get them started is to create accounts for individual students or groups using aliases of your own email address.

Step 2: Set a theme for the challenge

Learners love a good challenge, and will relish the chance to **share knowledge** with their friends.

To make sure your Learners to Leaders challenge is a great success, **choose a subject you know is close to their hearts.** For example, ask them to create a fun kahoot about their favorite book and its characters, or about the coolest inventor and their inventions, or even to sum up their Honors thesis.

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Step 3: Encourage learners to research and plan their kahoots

Even the youngest learners know that a little planning goes a long way. Make planning easier by allotting time for learners to **visit the library**, by suggesting **good online resources**, or even by providing them with a **skeleton structure or checklist** for their kahoot.

To help learners plan and create high quality kahoots, share the notes from the section on [How to make an awesome kahoot](#).

Step 4: Inspire them to get creative

Having learners create their own videos and images is a wonderful way to reinforce knowledge and to help them feel more connected to the content they're learning.

Why not **challenge learners to create** and photograph a LEGO model or video a science experiment? We've even seen larger-than-life papier-mâché volcanoes, funny stop-motion animated short films, and spinning solar systems in kahoots created by inventive learners.

Going on a field trip? Bring along an iPad and have them capture the best images from the day to add to their kahoot, too. We can't wait to see what they create!

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Learners to Leaders

Step 5: Create the kahoot

Now that learners have done their research and planning and have some interesting images and videos to hand, it's time to create the actual kahoot.

Most learners over age 10 will be fine to just get started. Younger learners might need a little guidance to create their first kahoot; you could even have them submit their questions, answers and artwork on paper and help them create the game if they're not yet comfortable using a computer.

Step 6: Preview their kahoots

While wanting to encourage independence, it's a good idea to preview each kahoot before learners take center stage and host their game – in the same way you would if helping students prep for an oral presentation.

Firstly, it gives you an **opportunity to give them constructive feedback** – not to correct their work or take away from their sense of ownership, but to give them the very best chance to improve it and really **impress their peers**.

Secondly, sometimes naughty words or offensive content can find their way into student work – you might find it's best to deal with those before the kahoot is played with the whole class.

INSPIRING WAYS TO PLAY KAHOOT! Learners to Leaders

Step 7: Let learners take the lead inviting players and setting up

Whether learners are hosting games in the classroom or arranging a popcorn-fuelled Kahoot!'athon in the auditorium, they will truly enjoy being trusted to prepare and host the event.

Encourage them to self-organize, entrusting someone from the group to set up the screen and computer, another to MC and introduce each game's creator, and so on.

Besides getting to sit back and enjoy yourself, you'll be fostering **independence, forethought, collaboration, team-building, clear communication, trouble-shooting, problem-solving,** and confidence in **public speaking...** in other words, true leadership skills.

Step 8: Celebrate #LoudLearning by playing their kahoots

Having worked hard to create their own learning games, learners will be looking forward to challenging their friends and classmates to play their kahoot.

Aside from giving learners a remarkable sense of achievement, you'll have a unique opportunity to spot their strengths, areas where they need more support, and **what motivates them to learn.**

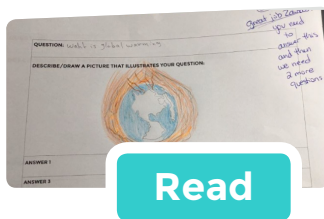
Better still, your learners will have had fun learning, become more adept at their digital, creative, research and planning skills, and also developed the invaluable "soft" skills it takes to become a leader.

READ MORE ABOUT LEARNERS TO LEADERS



From learners to leaders with the Kahoot! pedagogy

An introduction to the Kahoot! pedagogy, and how it encourages both independent or collaborative research and creation whilst empowering learners to share their new-found knowledge with peers in a playful and social manner.



Language learning with Kahoot!: students creating their own kahoots

Carol Salva teaches English as second language. Read this inspiring story on how her learners create selfie kahoots to get to know each other better.



Learners to leaders: watch Norwegian students create their own kahoots

Students at Grav Skole in Norway created kahoots in groups as part of their latest project, using worksheets to plan their questions.



Kahoot! of the Day: Black History Month kahoot made by students

Talented and resourceful young learners created this exceptional kahoot, using high quality images, prompts for discussion, plausible wrong answers and incredible opportunities for their peers to learn something new.

SAMPLE RUBRIC FOR ASSESSING STUDENT-CREATED KAHOOTs

Kahoot! user Jeremy Johnston (@helpteachtech) recently shared with us how his students are using Kahoot! in class. Jeremy is a technology teacher and EdTech enthusiast in Brenham, Texas.

It was so great, that we thought we'd share it with everyone. Perhaps you could adopt Jeremy's approach in challenging students to ask their own great questions?

He includes his instructions, rubric, tutorial, and submission video that he gave to his students when tasking them to make their own Kahoots on their last project.

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Kahoot! Quiz Project		
Kahoot! Project Setup Good (5 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Choose your favorite/best 8th grade core subject (math, science, ELA, or history)Choose your favorite unit covered in that core class Better (15 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use the above, plus:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create a Google Document to compile your research Best (20 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use the above, plus:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Name your document correctly, i.e.: 1 Johnston - Kahoot History Civil WarMove document to a teacher-shared Keyboarding folder	Google Document Good (5 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Create ten questions with corresponding answers stating the correct answer Better (15 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use the above, plus:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Carefully craft those questions for medium difficulty with no more than two True/FalseUsing the Google Research tool, add a picture corresponding to each question Best (20 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use the above, plus:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Each question & picture have a citation (at least 21 differentiated citations)	Kahoot Questions Good (5 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Create a Kahoot "student under 16" accountCreate ten Kahoot questions Better (15 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use the above, plus:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Add four answer choices to each questionSelect the correct answer choiceInsert an appropriate picture for each question Best (20 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use the above, plus:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Set an appropriate timer for each question
Kahoot Settings Good (5 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Add a cover photoSet the difficulty level to an appropriate settingMark it as school Best (10 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use the above, plus:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Add a description that explains your quizAdd tags appropriate to your quiz including Brenham Junior High, your name, subject, BJH, and BISD	Sharing & Posting Good (5 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Post your Kahoot share link in EdmodoIn Edmodo in the response box, add:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Favorite Subject:Favorite Topic/Unit:Current Teacher: Better (15 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use the above, plus:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attach your Google research document Best (20 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use the above, plus:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attach a screen shot of your quiz's statistics and that it has been played at least ten times	Subjective Scoring 10 points <p>The last ten points are subject to the teacher's discretion in regards to quiz flow, aesthetics, appropriate questions and pictures, etc.</p>
Kahoot! Quiz Project Final Grade: _____		



[Click here for more details on using this rubric](#)

IDEAS

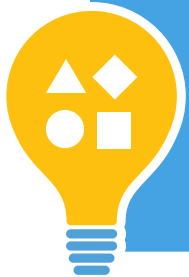
IDEA #5: Livestream a kahoot

Install and launch a broadcasting or live streaming application like YouTube or Facebook Live, and click “stream” or “broadcast”. Now, share the broadcast link with players and launch the game.



IDEA #6: Create a kahoot that gets featured

High quality, engaging and well-researched learning games attract thousands of players worldwide through the Featured list on the platform and the Explore section on our website. Can you use our “How to make a kahoot awesome” tips to create a learning game worth featuring?



IDEA #7: Beat your ghost or a classmate's ghost

Ghost Mode is a great way to reinforce through fun repetition and see how much you've progressed. Click “Ghost Mode” at the end of a game, or use a link sent by the teacher to play against your own ghosts.



IDEA #8: School vs. school

Don your school colors and connect with another school for a game. **Here's how:**

- 1. Gather together** around a big screen in the school hall or auditorium
- 2. Connect to another school** through any screen share application and have the hosts or school principals make introductions.
- 3. Launch the game** on the shared screen, challenging your schoolmates to bring their very best to the game.



IDEA #9: Create a kahoot with video

Use video clips to bring a subject to life, deepen understanding, or to prompt learners to think on their feet. You can insert any YouTube video and set the start and end times.



IDEA #10: Beat the teachers' ghosts

Gather teachers together to play a challenging kahoot, then copy the Ghost Mode link from the "My Results" screen. Share the link with students by email or on your school's intranet and see if they can beat the teachers' scores!



IDEA #11: Create an image reveal kahoot

Animated GIFs with a gradually revealed image are the perfect way to boost engagement - but by slowly revealing clues in the image, you'll be giving everyone in the class a chance to feel success, too.





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