



Using Digital Technology as a Management Tool for Large Class Sizes

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Introduction

I've used technology as a classroom management tool for:

Teens

IELTS classes

English for University classes

and have presented on educational technology at LaosTESOL, MekongTESOL and VietTESOL earlier in 2023

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Background



- Large class sizes are a common challenge faced by English language teachers in Vietnam, with limited resources to manage them effectively.
- Technology has emerged as a solution to this problem, with digital tools and platforms helping to improve learning outcomes and engagement.



Large Class Sizes

Refer to the [handout](#).

Which of these issues have you faced while teaching a large class?





Discussion

What classroom management challenges do you face in classrooms with large class sizes?

How might technology help meet some of these challenges?





Theories of Classroom Management

With your group, match the theories to their descriptions.

Drew, C. (January 12, 2020). *13 Effective Classroom Management Theories*. Helpful Professor. <https://helpfulprofessor.com/classroom-management/>





Research Overview

- Survey of teachers at X Secondary and High School
- Class sizes: 26-32 students
- 14 respondents
- 6 interviews (Teachers "A" - "F")

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Thank you for taking the time to participate in our survey. Your valuable feedback will help us gather important insights and improve our services/understand your opinions on this topic.

In this survey, we will be using a Likert-style response system. This means that for each statement presented, you will be asked to indicate your level of agreement or disagreement based on a predefined scale.

The Likert scale consists of a range of response options:

Strongly Disagree - 1
Disagree - 2
Neutral - 3
Agree - 4
Strongly Agree - 5

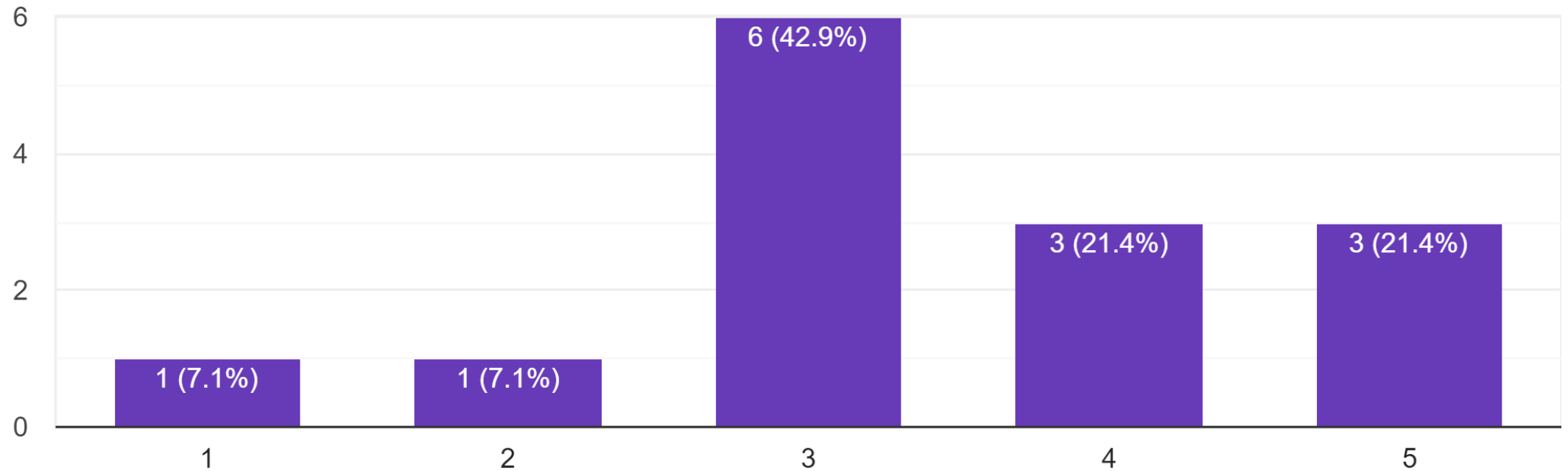
Select one option for each statement.



Findings

I ensure equitable access to technology resources for all students in my large classes.

14 responses





Learning Management Systems

LMS platforms offer several advantages for managing large-size classes effectively.

- Centralized Content Management
- Scalability and Accessibility
- Assessment and Feedback
- Analytics and Reporting
- Communication and Collaboration



*Hala Jamal and Ameera Shanaah Mansour.
2012. The Role of Learning Management
Systems in Educational Environments: An
Exploratory Case Study. LAP Lambert
Academic Publishing, Koln, DEU.*



Collaboration and Communications Tools

Menti Polling: a popular polling platform used to gather feedback from students and assess their understanding of course materials.

Flipgrid: allows students to record video/audio and comment on classmates' work.

Padlet: a discussion board/ mock social media site that allows students to post in a variety of multimedia formats.

- "I truly believe that educational technology can foster collaboration. Not only can teachers engage with students during lessons, but also students can communicate with each other, especially during online lessons." - Teacher A

"I did a Flipgrid bookclub and this helped their speaking skills immensely. I also made a practice script for them before the speaking exams that they could upload to Flipgrid and I could give them feedback before the speaking exam. Parents got involved and would read the script with them." - Teacher C

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Canvas Writing Feedback

Post one of the comments I made OR one of your errors for each category. Add a picture that captures the spirit of your post.

I should write faster in order to finish task 1 in 15-20 minutes and have full 2 body paragraph, and continue to use more cohesive devices. I should use a wide range of grammatical.

Avoid contractions to sound formal

Increase the range of tenses

I gotta use more collocations to build up a larger variety in my vocab

Task Response

Use a greater range of cohesive devices and place them in different parts of a sentence

Coherence and Cohesion

Make sure to avoid repeating any words,

I should vary the locations of my cohesive devices (such as in the middle of sentences) so that my writing has a more natural flow.

work on my speed to complete my task

I used a range of word , but I should be using more of a descriptive word

Try to incorporate some perfect tenses as well and passive constructions. Avoid simple tenses

Pay more particular attention to my tense, use more tenses

be sure to vary where I place cohesive device in sentences.

I should write in paragraphs and use an overview to sum up the main trends

need to improve the writing speed and write overview more detail

Grammatical Range

Lexical Resource



Classroom Engagement and Assessment Tools



- Wordwall spinners
- Random group generators on classtools.net
- InsightTimer App
- Noise meter – bouncyballs.org

"When the energy of students is chaotic during the lesson I use "Insight timer" app to have a minute of silence and meditation (Breathe In and Out)" - Teacher B





Classroom Engagement and Assessment Tools

Educational video games:

Gimkit, a popular educational video game platform can be used to manage and engage students.

Blooket does much the same, but with a wider variety of cost-free materials.

Bamboozle – Jeopardy-style quizzes.



Bamboozle

"Bamboozle is a great way to get classes started as a warmer activity. The subjects and styles of questions is extensive and gives me a lot of opportunities to get the students engaged in the lesson with appropriate content. Plus, develop their greater understanding of the world to benefit them in the future." - Teacher A






Before you start, make sure to setup the following.

Print Q-cards for your students

These cards can be reused for every quiz

Print 

Introducing *Paper mode*

Engage students without devices

What you need:



STEP 1

Print Q-cards and distribute them to students



STEP 2

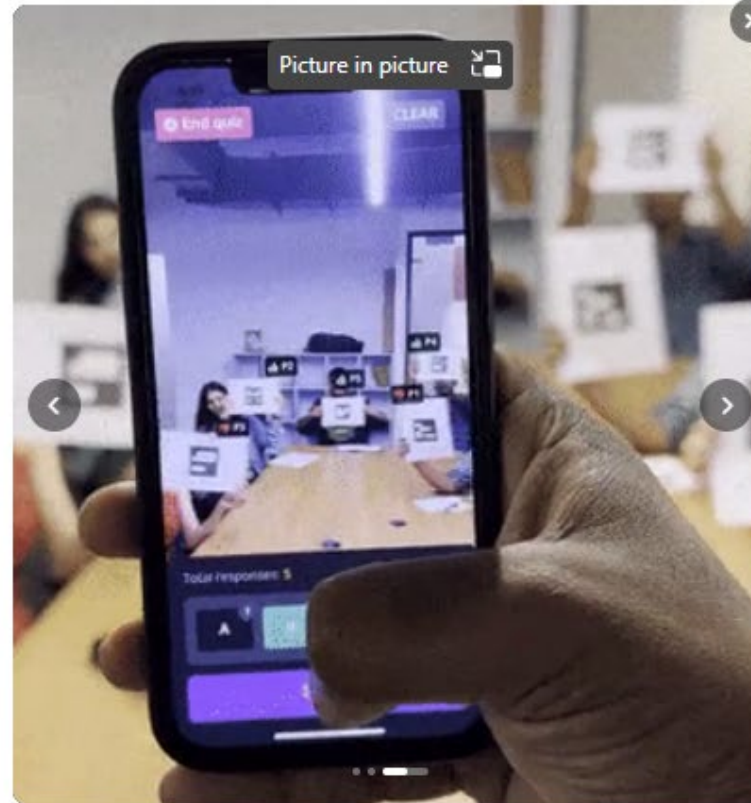
Start the quiz on your computer



STEP 3

Open the Quizizz mobile app to start scanning student responses

Close this box and download all the resources you need!



Application



In groups...

Look at the various tools around the room and discuss 2-3 with a colleague. Use the discussion questions to guide you.

Discussion Questions:

For which of the areas of classroom management we've discussed today could this tool be used? There could be overlapping uses.

What does using this tool add to your classroom management? What are some possible drawbacks?

How likely are you to use this tool in the classroom?

Takeaways



Takeaway #1

Technology Empowers Effective Classroom Management

- Explore the transformative power of technology in managing large English Language Teaching (ELT) classrooms.
- Discover a variety of digital tools and platforms that can enhance student engagement, track progress, and improve learning outcomes.
- Embrace the opportunities provided by technology to create a more efficient and dynamic learning environment

Takeaway #2

Insights from Experienced ELT Teachers

- Learn from real-life experiences of ELT teachers who successfully integrated digital technologies in large class settings.
- Gain valuable insights into challenges the strategies they employed to overcome them
- Draw inspiration from their stories and apply their practical wisdom to your own teaching context.

Takeaway #3

Practical Application and Adaptability

- Acquire practical skills and knowledge that can be applied to enhance classroom management.
- Explore the presented digital tools and platforms, envisioning how they can be adapted to your teaching context.
- Embrace the opportunity to engage students effectively, track progress efficiently, and create a vibrant and inclusive learning environment.

Q+A



Thank you

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