

18. USING ANIMATION IN THE CLASSROOM



What is it?

Apps and online tools make it possible for teachers and learners to create their own animated videos. These tools generally have inbuilt characters and settings which can be brought to life by dialogue or audio given by the users.

Why use animation?

Video is a powerful tool for learning but it's not always possible to find one that is suitable for your specific lesson and learning outcomes. Creating your own animated video can help you overcome this challenge. In addition, animation is popular with learners of all ages!

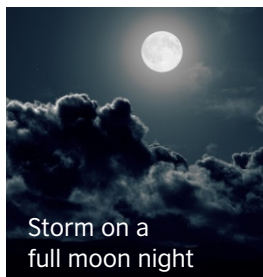
You can also give learners animation design as a project. This will help them build a range of skills: language, digital literacy, critical thinking and problem solving and collaboration and creativity.

Activities with animation

There are lots of activities you can do with animation. Here are some ideas to get you started:

Reading ⇨ listening

Convert parts of a reading passage from a textbook into an animated video and bring the lesson to life.



Present vocabulary

Create an animation that introduces learners to new vocabulary and elicit the meaning from context.

Colour

Speaking practice

Get learners to practise their speaking and pronunciation by creating an animation and recording audio dialogue.



Silent animation

Create an animation without any audio and ask learners to add dialogue by speaking or writing it.



This guide uses Quick Response (QR) codes. To scan these codes, look for the app in Google Play or App Store and download it for free. To access resources, open the app and hold it above a QR code.

Using animation in the classroom

Explore these free tools for creating your own animations:

Toontastic

You can draw, animate, and narrate cartoons. You can also record your own voice and save it on your device as a video.



Tellagami

In this app you can create talking heads called 'gamis' with a variety of backgrounds. You can add an automated voiceover by adding your script.



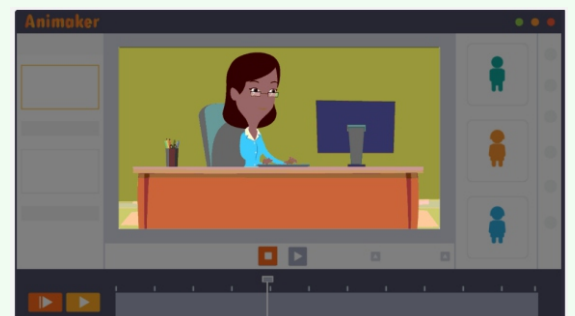
Flipaclip

You can draw on your screen and then animate your creations. There is a lot of potential for creativity! This is available to install on your smartphone on Google Play.



Animaker

If you aren't comfortable with creating animations on your smartphone, try using the animation templates on this website: animaker.com



This guide is linked to the British Council CPD Framework for Teachers.

It develops the professional practice:
Integrating ICT:

- Using technology in the production of teaching and learning materials.
- Developing effective strategies for resolving potential technical issues.

Stage: Engagement