Practical Ways to Engage and Interact with Students in Online Courses

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The Challenges of Engagement Online

And when will you explain to them your expectations for that assignment?

You know, when I see them in class.
Interaction

- Student to Content
- Student to Student
- Faculty to Student
Discussion Boards

• You don’t have to have discussion boards every week.

• If you respond to discussion board posts, consider (after the intro board) responding to 15% every week.

• Many faculty use letters to respond rather than responding directly to posts.

• Make sure you have a purpose for each discussion board.

• Make sure discussion boards are graded and help students achieve course goals.
Discussion Boards

• Consider smaller discussion groups—or even alternating discussion groups.

• Make sure discussion board prompts are open ended—appropriate for discussions.

• Be creative and promote agency.

• *Going Online with Protocols: New Tools for Teaching and Learning* by Joseph P. McDonald, Janet Mannheimer Zydny, Alan Dichter, and Elizabeth McDonald
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Cool Tools

- Classtools.net
- Pixton
- Kahoot/Quizizz
- Learningapps
  https://tinyurl.com/2sr2czvf
- Padlet/Linoit/Miro
  https://tinyurl.com/nvvsr5fd
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- VoiceThread group presentations
- Wiki assignments
- Blogs by students (randomly graded)
- Reflection assignments/Quickwrites
Intelligent Agents
Bitmojis!

https://tinyurl.com/xzbxezx

is this thing on?

hi
Thank you for your kind attention.

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• Future research? Wherever the technology takes us!

• We invite you to join us for future workshops: https://tinyurl.com/ydsajwyb