Module 3: Assessment and Feedback Tools
Workshop 1: Free, Fabulous Formative Assessment Tools
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Workshop Objective: At the end of the session, you will walk away with several digital formative assessment tools you can use, as well as clearly understand how they enhance the feedback process.

Digging into the Research
Formative assessment is a process used by teachers and students during instruction that provides feedback to adjust ongoing teaching and learning to improve students' achievement of intended instructional outcomes.
Formative assessment has distinguishing features as follows:
- A process rather than a single event
- A tool useful to both teachers and students
- A source of assessment-based feedback to both teachers and students

Strategy 1: Quick Writes
Students respond to an open-ended question or prompt. This can be done before, during, or after the lesson.
Some useful tools for this include Mentimeter, Chatzy, Padlet, and Lino. Don't forget to remind students to share something unique and not repeat a classmate's answer.

Strategy 2: Game-Based Student Response Systems
The teacher can design quizzes with embedded images and video or use one of the many pre-created assessments. Students rely on an internet-connected device to respond, earning points as they score.
Some powerful tools are Kahoot, Quizlet, and Quizziz.

Strategy 3: Tests
Build, distribute, and collect the results of a basic test. Some tools include dashboards for student assessment data: Quizaline, Testmoz, and Edcite.
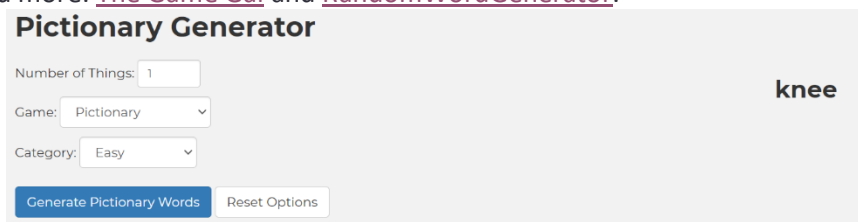
Remember
True value of doing formative assessments lies in what happens **afterwards** when you take the data and change your teaching strategies to better serve each student.
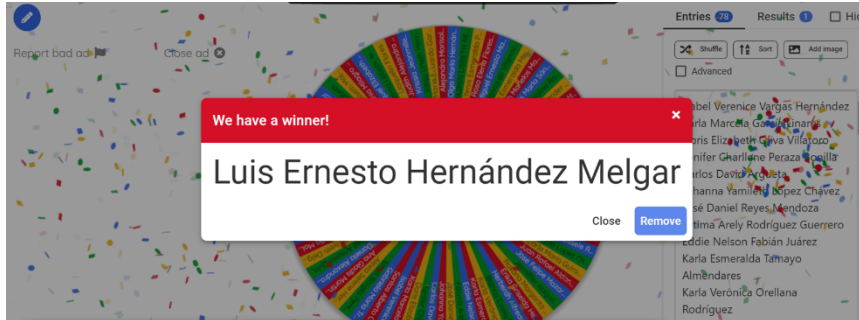
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Word Generator
These two websites automatically generate words and phrases for games like Pictionary, Charades, Catchphrase, and more: The Game Gal and RandomWordGenerator.

Name Generator

What is your favorite method for randomly choosing names so that every student has a chance to participate? Wheel of Names is a fun online tool that spins a wheel (ala Wheel of Fortune) to choose who's up next. Simply entire students' names and give it a whirl.

Emoji Prompts

This quick and easy **Random Emoji Generator** writing prompter is perfect for busy teachers. Opening the page will produce an emoji that the student should write about. When he runs out of things to say, he can select "And Then" and another random emoji will be produced next to the first one to continue the story.

Add Sounds to That Virtual Meeting or Class

Try using some of the fun sounds on this **soundboard**. There are 15 to choose from and they include a laugh track, the trumpet call that starts a race, people saying "ohhhhhhh," and more. The sounds laugh only about three or four seconds.

Do you have any favorite assessment tools? How do you carry out formative assessment? Please share your ideas and activities in Teachers Up Facebook Community to get the conversation going. I'd love to hear from you.