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Teaching Math Beyond the Facts

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Trying to teach in the 21st century without conceptual schema for knowledge is like trying to build a house without a blueprint.

-H. Lynn Erickson
Concept-Based Curriculum and Instruction

Introduction



METACOGNITION

John Flavell, a psychologist of Stanford University is regarded as a **foundation researcher in metacognition**. Metacognition was first coined by Flavell in the mid 1970s. The term Metacognition as used by Flavell (1979) **refers to an individual's awareness of his/her cognitive processes and strategies**.

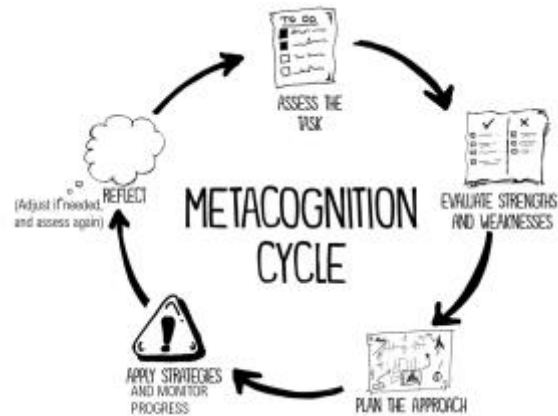






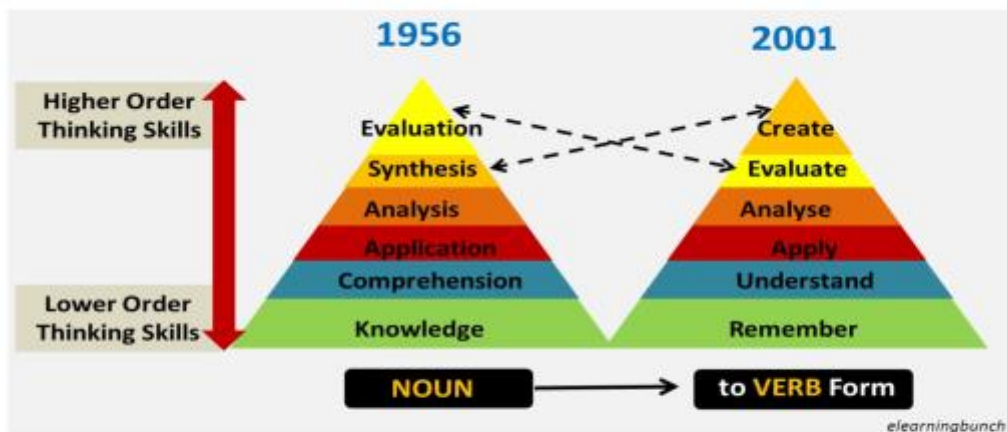


What are you thinking?



Revised Bloom's Taxonomy and Research Studies

Revised Bloom's Taxonomy

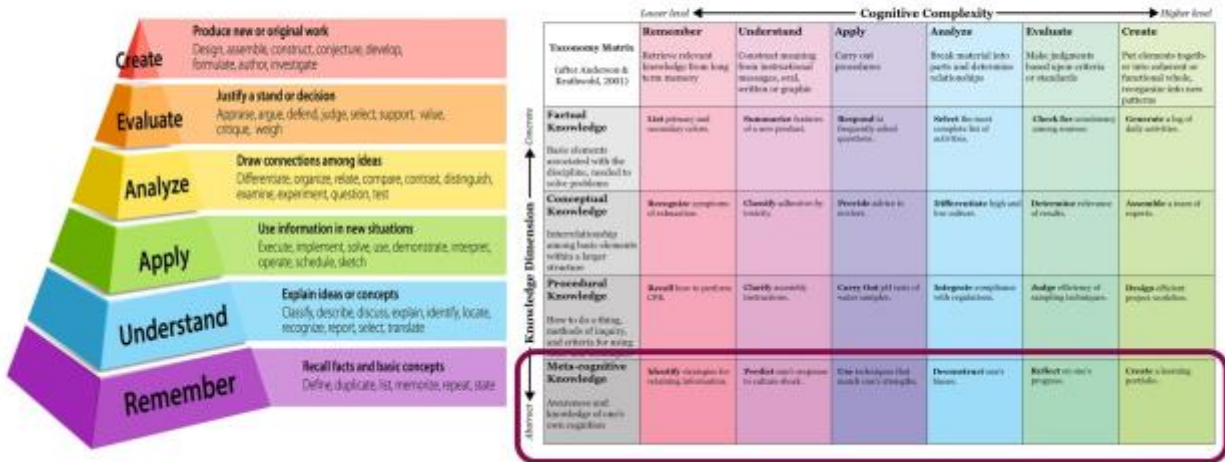


Revised Bloom's Taxonomy uses **verbs** to describe the levels of thinking

- swaps the order of evaluate and create to represent objectives addressing synthesis/creation as a highest type.
- Emphasis is placed upon its use as more authentic tool for curriculum planning, instructional delivery, and assessment.

Metacognition in Revised Bloom's Taxonomy

- Krathwohl and Anderson revised the version of Bloom's Taxonomy to represent the 21st Century learners.



Research Studies - metacognition

Suriyon, et. al., (2013) Students' Metacognitive Strategies in the Mathematics Classroom Using Open Approach

Research results illustrate the **importance of metacognitive strategies, which could bring about successful student mathematical problem solving**. It could be seen that students could solve problems successfully; they tried to find various problem-solving strategies and could continue solving problems without giving up their efforts to create new **problem solving** approaches and to express various ways of thinking by using problem solving tools of previously learned ideas and strategies.

Kwon, et al. (2010) Students' Retention of Mathematical Knowledge and Skills in Differential Equations

This study investigates students' retention of mathematical knowledge and skills in two differential equations classes. Posttests and delayed posttests after 1 year were administered to students in inquiry-oriented and traditional classes. The results show that students in **the inquiry-oriented class retained conceptual knowledge**, as seen by their performance on modeling problems, and **retained equal proficiency in procedural problems, when compared with students in the traditionally taught classes**. The results of this study add additional support to the claim that **teaching for conceptual understanding can lead to longer retention of mathematical knowledge**.

Friedlander, Alex; Arcavi, Abraham (2012)
Practicing Algebraic Skills: A Conceptual Approach

Learning rules and procedures should be linked to a deeper understanding of their meaning and to a flexible choice of solution methods (Kieran 2004; Star 2007; NCTM 2000). The authors write for mathematics teachers who wish to add a conceptual dimension to the practice of algebraic procedures. They describe an approach in which rules, procedures, algorithms, sense making, meaningful reading, and the creation of algebraic expressions are thoroughly integrated into the learning process. **These practice-oriented activities require the adoption of some additional higher-order thinking skills**, such as developing alternative solutions, evaluating the effectiveness of approaches, participating in class discussions, and reflecting on learned procedures and solution methods.

Aydina, Y. (2014) The effects of problem-based approach on student's conceptual understanding in a university mathematics classroom

The activities provided intensive treatment of a particular concept through student discovery and also gave students problem solving experience. The collaborative aspects of PBLA meet this challenge as students are provided a more customized teaching of calculus through personal interactions with group members and the instructor. **Project Based Learning activities with metacognitive regulations is an effective means for teaching mathematical concepts** which students generally enjoy working on the real world problems. PBLA with collaborative groups can help students to achieve to learn the function concept better than the traditional teaching method and make a successful transition to university mathematics study .

Research Studies - metacognition

Higher Order Thinking (HOT) – involves Metacognition

- HOT does not include memorization.
- HOT requires that we **do something beyond the facts.**





What am I learning?



How am I learning?

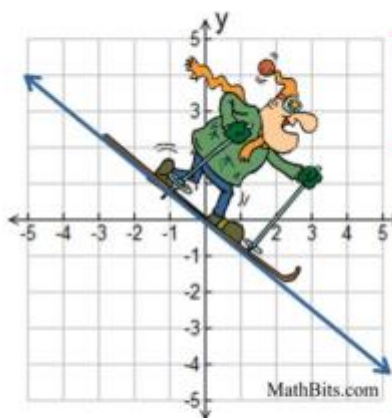


We all think...but are we using HOT skills?

Enrich Math Questions

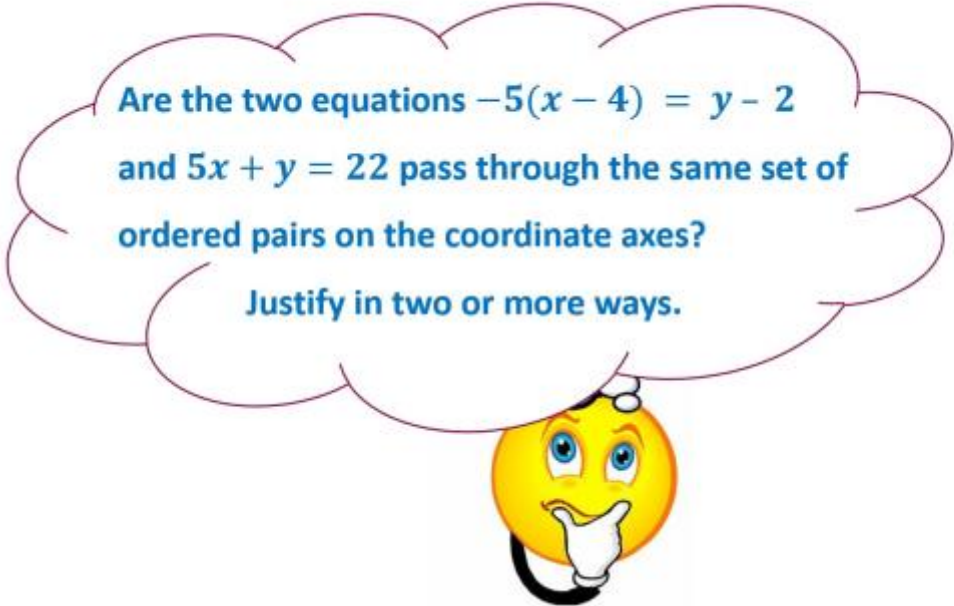


Instead of	Consider asking...
Solve: $16(4 - 3m) = 96\left(-\frac{m}{2} + 1\right)$	Determine whether the equation $16(4 - 3m) = 96\left(-\frac{m}{2} + 1\right)$ is an identity. Explain your answer.
Find p in the equation $-px + 1 = 13 - 4(x + 3)$.	<p>a. The equation $-px + 1 = 13 - 4(x + 3)$ is an identity if $p = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$.</p> <p>b. Find the value of p in the equation $-px + 1 = 13 - 4(x + 3)$, when x is 2.</p>
Solve: $2x + 7 = 2(x + 5)$	True or False: The equation $2x + 7 = 2(x + 5)$ has one solution. Justify your answer.
Find the slope of the line passing through points $(1, 17)$ and $(5, -3)$.	If the slope of the line passing through $(x, 17)$ and $(5, -3)$ is -5 , then what is x ?



Instead of

Find the slope of the line passing through points $(1, 17)$ and $(5, -3)$.



Are the two equations $-5(x - 4) = y - 2$
and $5x + y = 22$ pass through the same set of
ordered pairs on the coordinate axes?

Justify in two or more ways.

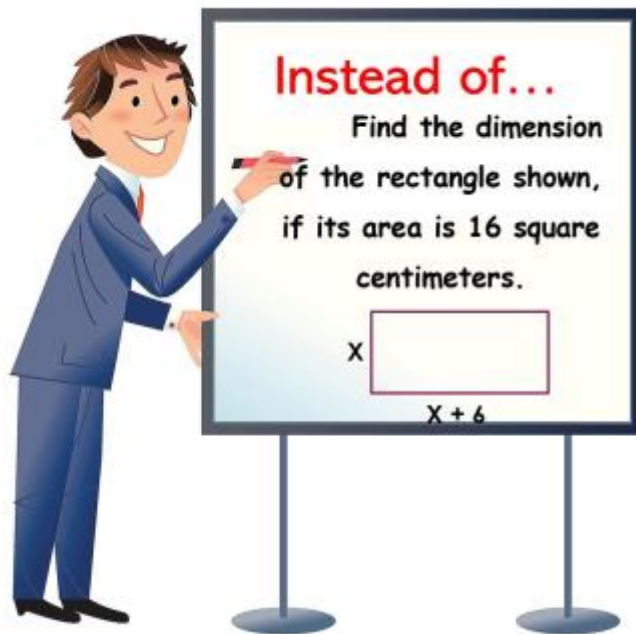
Hey, students!

Go to student.desmos.com
and type in:

G3N KB6

You can also share this link with your students:

<https://student.desmos.com/?prepopulateCode=g3nkb6>



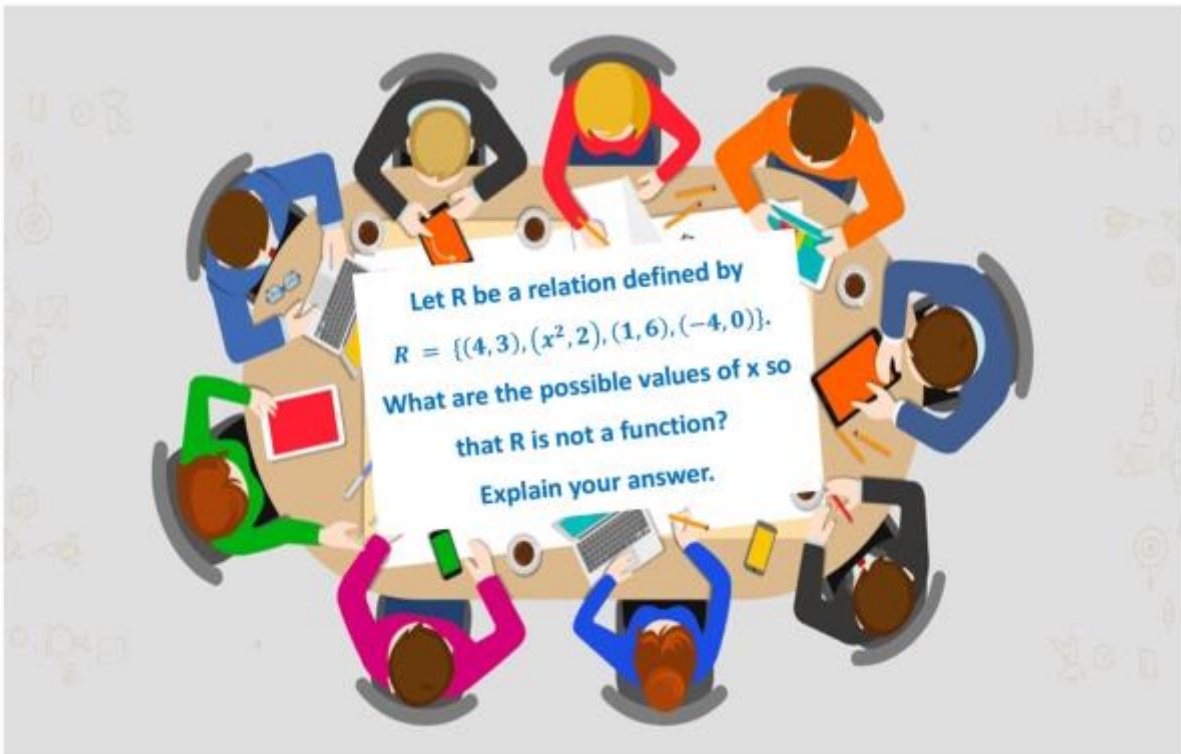
The area of the table is given in polynomial form $x^2 + 12x + 36$. Find an expression that represents dimension of the table. What is its shape? Explain your answer.

Instead of

Is the relation

$$R = \{(4, 3), (4, 2), (1, 6), (-4, 0)\}$$

a function or not?



Assessment Methods and Tools



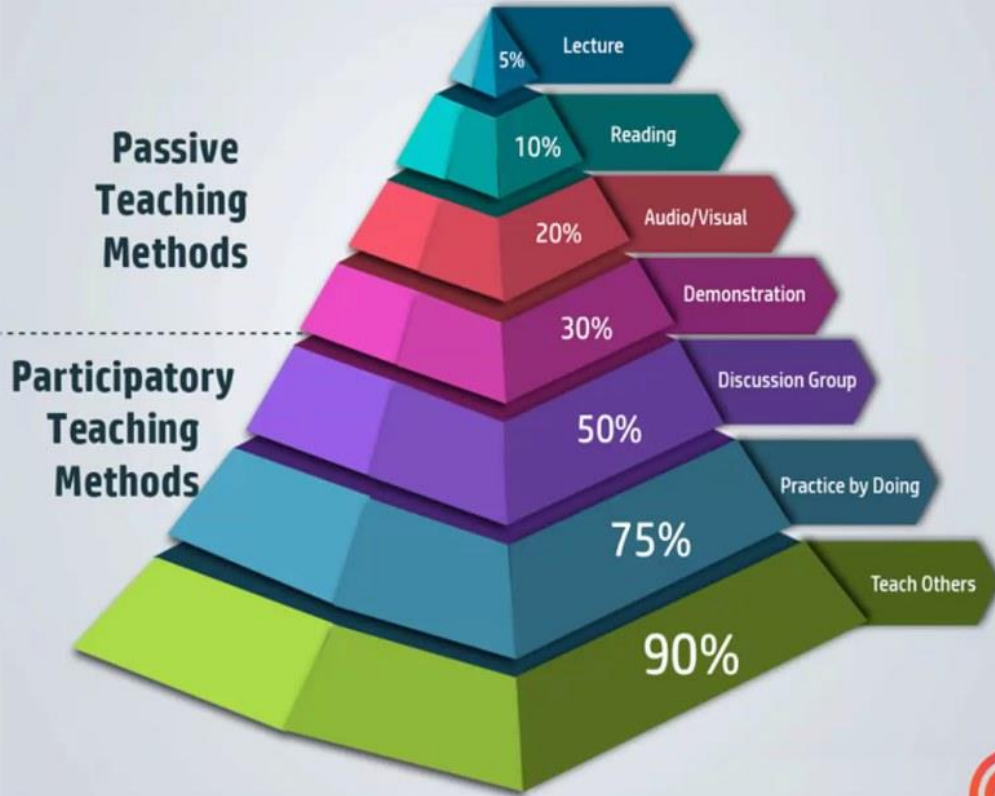
Pedagogy is
more important
than technology.



**OLD
WINE
IN
NEW
BOTTLE**

THE LEARNING PYRAMID

KNOWLEDGE RETENTION RATES



Adapted from National Training Laboratories, Maine



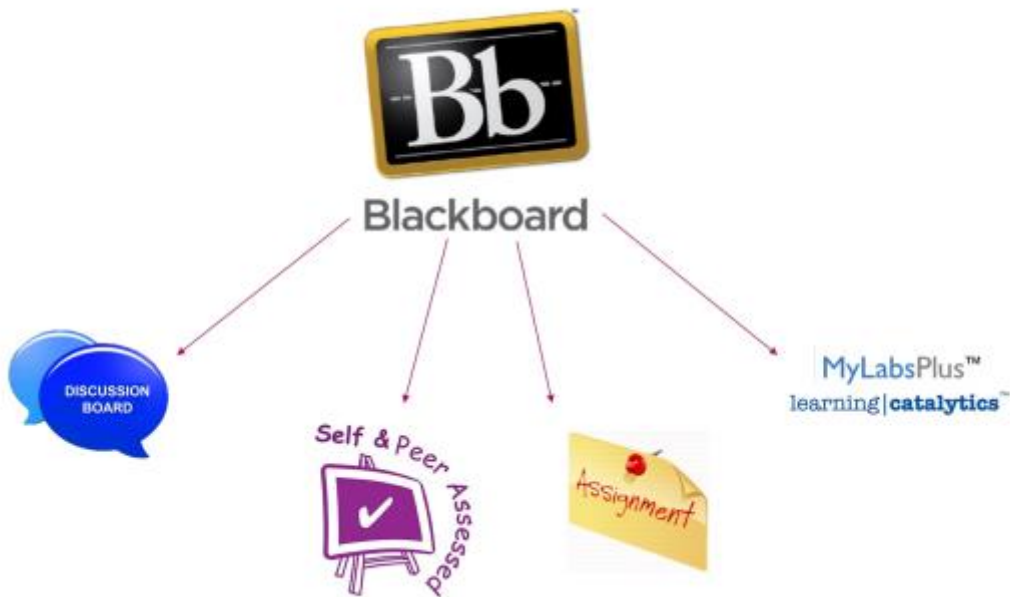


2014 Top 100 Tools for Learning

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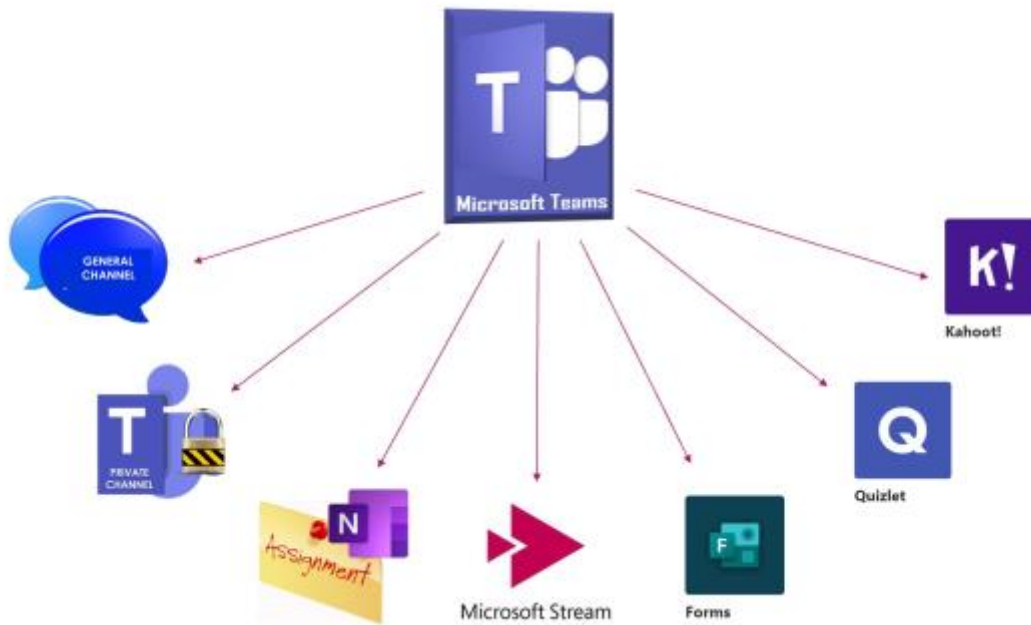
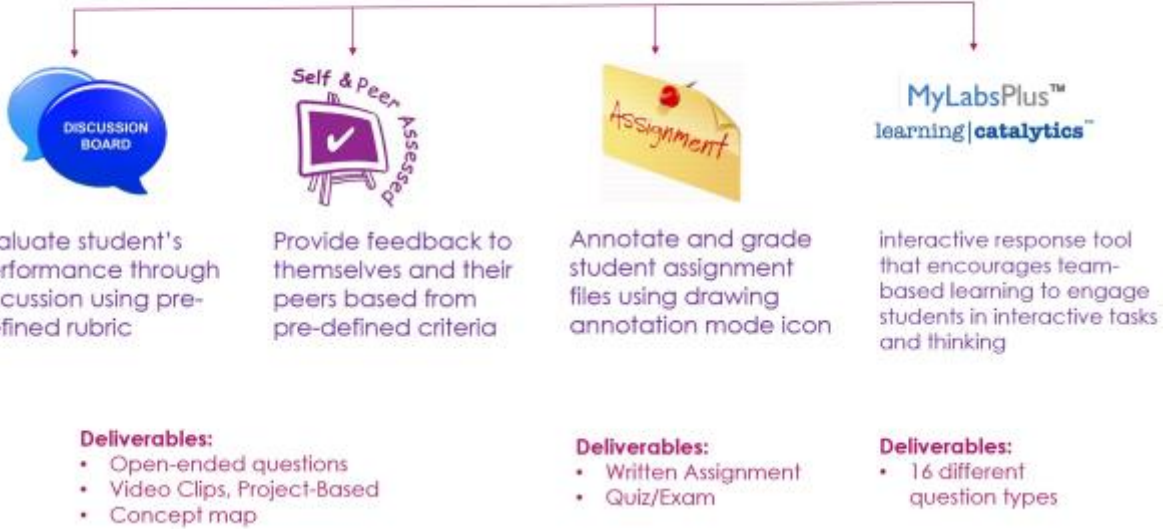


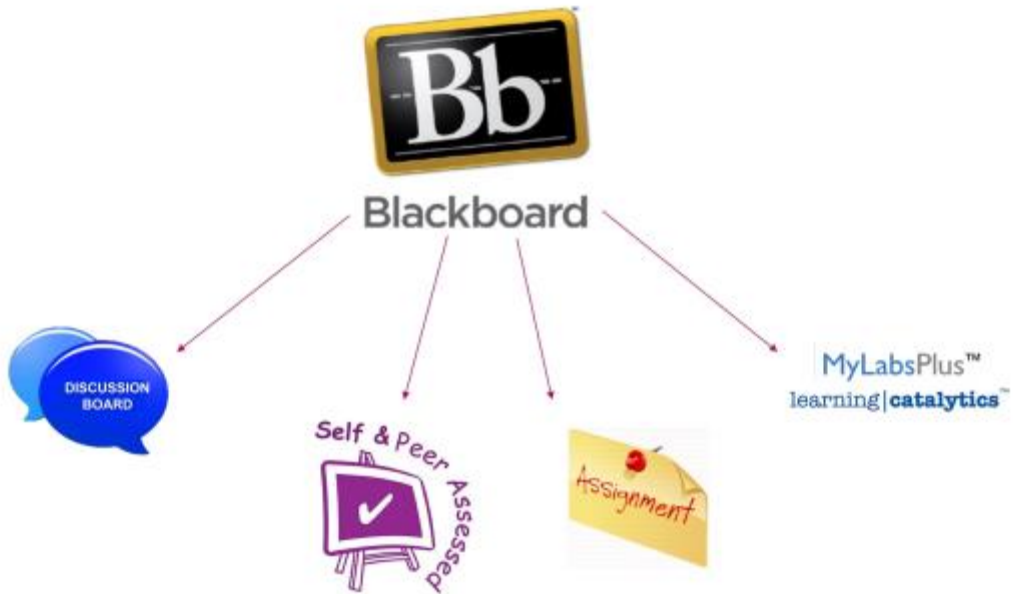
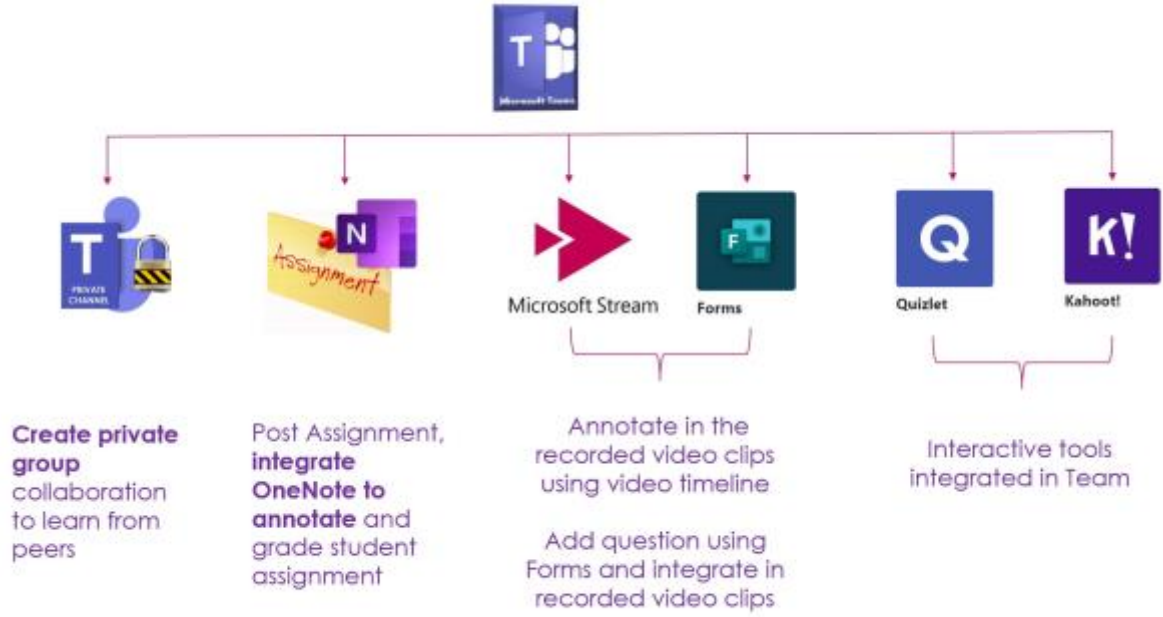
Less is More





Blackboard







Evaluate student's performance through discussion using pre-defined rubric

Deliver Individually or by Group

Deliverables:

- ConceptTest
- Open-ended questions
- Video Clips
- Project-Based
- Concept map

Grading Forum Participation

You can assign discussion grades to evaluate participants on performance throughout a forum. Only users with the role of manager or grader can assign grades for posts. Graders can't view their own work.

1. In the forum where you enabled grading, select *Grade Discussion Forum*.
2. On the *Grade Discussion Forum Users* page, select *Grade* in a student's row. The student's posts are counted in the *Posts* column.

EMAIL	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	USERNAME	POSTS	GRADE
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brown	Tary	tbrown	3	<input type="button" value="Grade"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Casper	Chris	ccasper	0	<input type="button" value="Grade"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Casper	Ashly	acasper	3	<input type="button" value="Grade"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dunard	Peter	pdunard	3	<input type="button" value="Grade"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gonzales	Monica	mgonzales	0	<input type="button" value="Grade"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Herrera	Linda	lherrera	3	<input type="button" value="Grade"/>

Group A - EA 107

Add Course Module Add Group Module

Group Properties

Group Description:

Group Members

- Shekha Al-Dosari
- Maha Al-Suxeli
- Alreem Al-Qohtani

Group Tools

- Collaborate
- File Exchange
- Group Blog
- Group Discussion Board
- Group Journal
- Group Tasks
- Group Wiki
- Send Email

Group Assignments

Self and Peer Assessment: Submission and Evaluation Settings

Submission Dates

Start Date: 05/12/2020 02:00 AM
Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

End Date: 05/12/2020 02:15 AM
Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

SELF AND PEER EVALUATION OPTIONS

Evaluation dates must be after submission dates. Anonymous evaluation hides the names of the submitters and the evaluators. Only submitters submitted the assessment, but if the evaluation is anonymous, submitters will not see evaluators' names. Specify the number of rubric to be distributed among evaluators based on this number. Specify 0 submitters to evaluate if this assessment is only for self-evaluation.

Evaluation Dates

Start Date: 05/12/2020 02:16 AM
Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

End Date: 05/12/2020 02:30 AM
Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy. Time may be entered in any increment.

Allow Anonymous Evaluation: Yes No

Allow Self Evaluation: Yes No

Show Evaluation Results to Submitter: Yes No

Number of Submissions to Evaluate: 3 (Excluding Self Evaluations)

Provide feedback to themselves and their peers based from pre-defined criteria



Deliverables:

- ConceptTest
- Open-ended questions
- Video Clips
- Project-Based
- Concept map



annotate and grade student assignment files using drawing annotation mode icon .

Deliver Individually or by Group

Deliverables:

- Written Assignment
- Quiz/Exam

Grade Assignment: Assignment 1

Assign a grade and feedback for the current assignment attempt. Override the overall grade for the assignment by typing a grade in the grade field. If multiple attempts for a test have been allowed, a Student's grade is not released until all of the attempts have been graded. Click **Hide User Names** to grade attempts with user names hidden. Click **Show User Names** to display user information. [More Help](#)

Jump to... Hide User Names Refresh

Viewing 20 of 20 possible items
 FND Student Account (Attempt 1 of 1)

Qatar University
 Evaluation Program
 Mark Department

**Elementary Algebra
 Exam (1)
 Spring 2020**

Version (1)

Exam Regulations:

أريد انكم سألنا أكاديميا وفقا للوائح والقوانين المعمول بها في جامعة قطر. وقد تم عمل اختبار هذه المسئلة في بعض الحالات التي
 تقدر التها من الجامعة. وعلى الطلاب تجنب الغش أو التهرب منه في أي حال وذلك ميثاق التزامنا الأكاديمية وأبوابنا للقبول
 الموصول بها هو التالي:

"Cheating is an academic violation according to Qatar University rules and regulations, and in some
 cases, it may result in final dismissal from the University. Students should not under any
 circumstances attempt to participate in any cheating attempt or any act that violates student code of
 conduct"

1. The time limit is 75 minutes.

Assignment Details

GRADE
 100% GRADE /10

ATTEMPT
 5/1/2020 9:41 AM /10

Submission:
 EA Exam1-Weel1-Spring 2020_draft.docx

Composite sketch	Confidence	Data collection	Direction
Expression	Highlighting	Image upload	Long answer
Many choice	Matching	Multiple choice	Numerical
Priority	Ranking	Region	Short answer



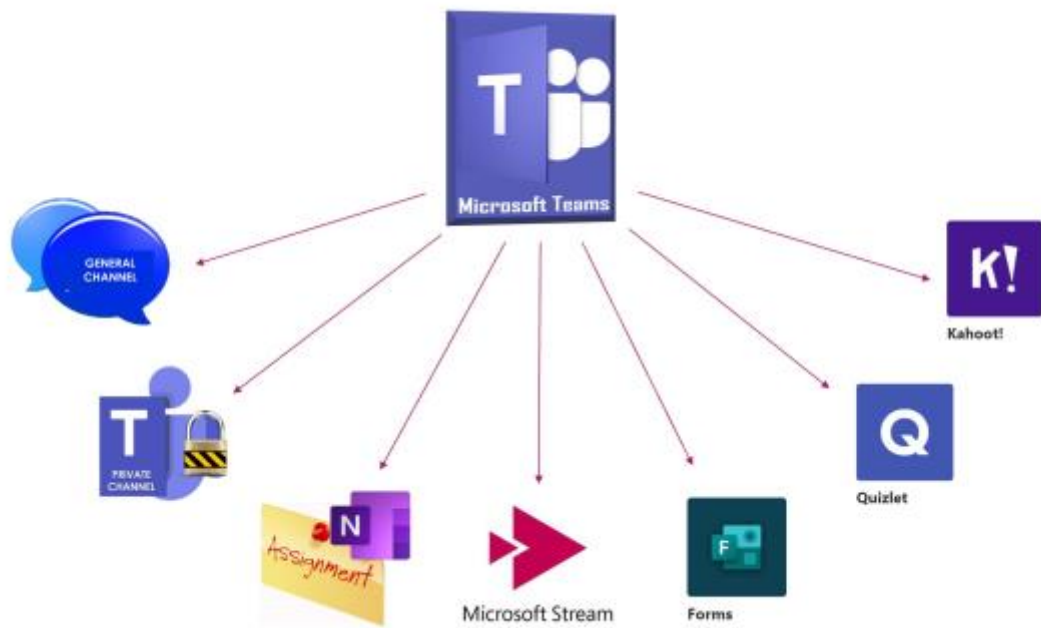
MyLabsPlus™
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interactive student response tool that encourages team-based learning to engage students in interactive tasks and thinking

Deliver Individually or by Group

Deliverables:

- 16 different question types





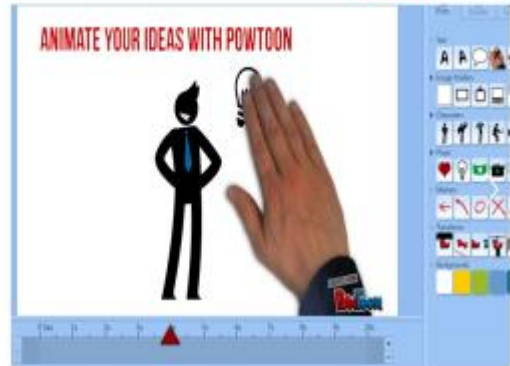
 Group collaboration to learn from others

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Teams interface for a "Group 2" channel. On the left sidebar, a list of channels includes "EA 107", "General", "Group 1", "Group 2", "Group 3", and "Group 4". A bracket groups "Group 2", "Group 3", and "Group 4" with the text "PRIVATE CHANNEL (Group Channel)".

The main content area displays an "INTEGRATED ONENOTE" worksheet titled "Worksheet 1" with a timestamp of "Sunday, January 13, 2020 7:53 PM".

On the right, a chat history shows messages from 1:48 AM to 1:52 AM, including a message about adding a new tab and another about completing a worksheet. A "Reply" input field is visible at the bottom of the chat area.

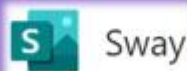
An arrow points from the text "Chat or post in group channel" to the chat input field.



E-portfolio

CareerApp
Math Blog

Project-Based



Office 365



Other Tools



Group Member Evaluation

The tool streamlines how students assess their peers' collaboration skills. The teacher specifies the criteria students use to evaluate their peers' contribution to group work.



Interactive Study Material

This tool supports the flipping the classroom method. Teachers can share media sources (audio, document, video) for students to discuss, answer practice questions and/or collaborate on discussion topics. This can be a graded activity.



Interactive Presentation

This tool gives instructors the chance to interact with their audience and increase deeper learning.

More Thinking Beyond the Facts

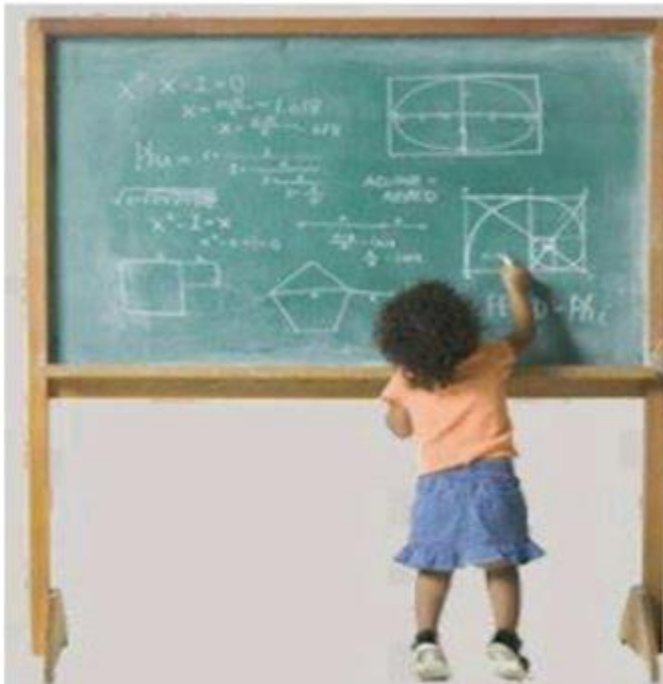
The future belongs to a very different kind of person with a very different kind of mind – creators and empathizers, pattern recognizers and meaning makers. These people – artists, inventors, designers, storytellers, caregivers, consolers, big picture thinkers – will now reap society's richest rewards and share its greatest joys.

-Dan Pink
A Whole New Mind



Education is not the learning
of facts, but the training
of the mind to think.

-Albert Einstein



***Let's try
teaching
children
how
to think
instead of
what
to think.***

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