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IX Seminar for English Teaching Professionals

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WEBINAR:

Empowering English Teachers with AI: Designing
Formative Assessment Using Magic School

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Objective of the Workshop:

To equip English teachers with the **knowledge and skills** to effectively use **AI tools**, such as Magic School, in designing **formative assessments** that enhance student learning.



What comes to your mind when you hear **FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT?**

- <https://www.menti.com/al4ochrttf4p>



Formative Assessment and Artificial Intelligence: A New Partnership in ELT

As defined by The British Council, Formative assessment is described as “the use of assessment to give the learner and the teacher **information** about **how well** something **has been learnt** so that they can **decide** what to do next.” It typically happens **during a course** rather than after, and often involves **peer-feedback** and **learner reflection** in ESL/EFL settings



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What formative assessment is and is not!

- **What formative assessment is:**

1. Ongoing and integrated into lessons
2. Used to adjust teaching and learning
3. Focused on feedback and progress
4. Student-centered and interactive

- **What formative assessment is not:**

1. A final exam or high-stakes test
2. Only for grading or ranking.
3. Focused on evaluation only.
4. Teacher-directed only.



Think-pair-share



What is one way you already use formative assessment in your class?
What challenges do you face when assessing your students during the class?



Why formative assessment matters for English teachers?

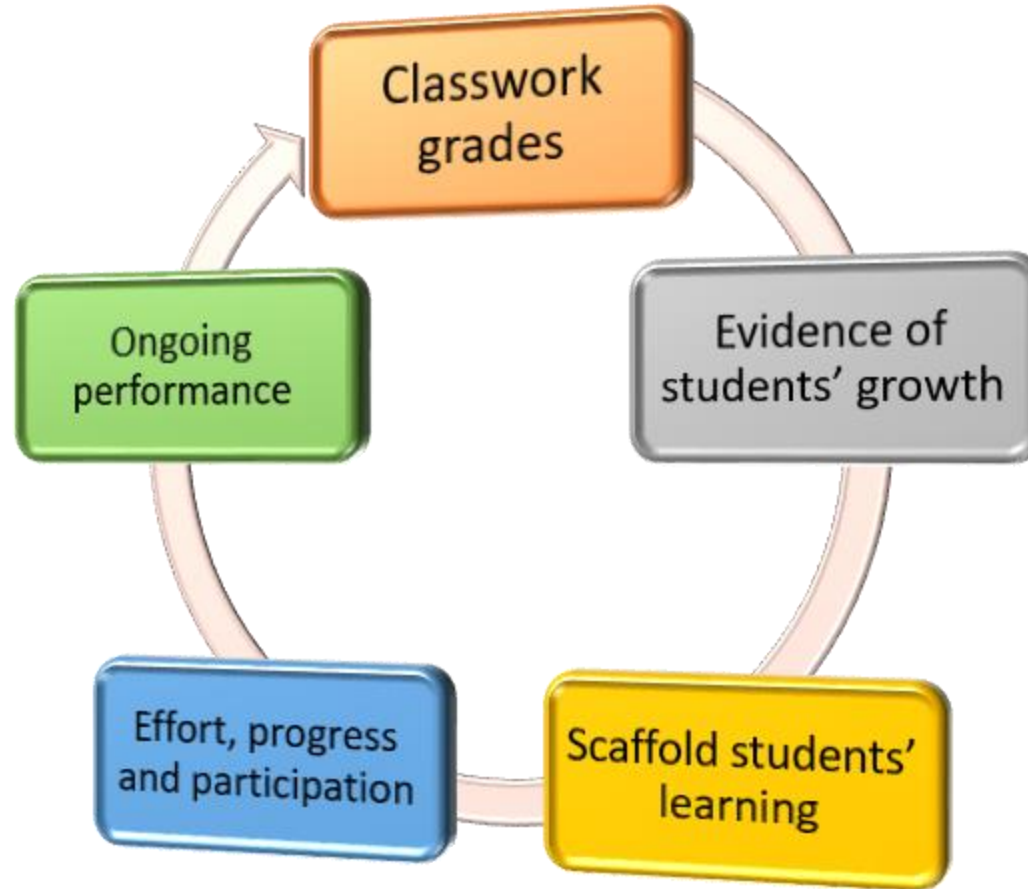
- Encourages language production and reflection.
- Helps identify misconceptions in grammar, vocabulary, or pronunciation.
- Supports differentiated instruction and scaffolding.
- Fosters learner autonomy and metacognition.
- Promotes inclusive participation, especially for shy or struggling learners.



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Connection to Mediation Strategies: MEP



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Example of formative assessment

- Watch and analyze the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvHyt2MO0n0>

1. What's the teacher doing?
2. What is she trying to teach?
3. What did she find out?



This is where AI comes in: The role of Magic School AI



It reduces teachers' preparation time



It helps teachers generate ideas, rubrics, games, etc.



It promotes a cycle of feedback and iteration in the classroom



Teachers guide, and adapt the contents enhancing their capacities

“Magic school doesn’t take over your teaching- it assists you. It’s like a smart buddy that gives you a head start.”



How to use Magic School AI?



First
Scan the QR code and
find the page

01

02

Third
Open the platform and
locate the different
tools

03

04



















Second
Create an account
easily with a gmail
account

Fourth
Choose your favorite
tool to create your
assessment



List of Tools

- Once inside you can get to choose any tools you'd like to design your assessment:

 Chat with Raina Hot ☆ Have a question or request? Ask Raina, our trusted AI chatbot for educators.	 Tool Recommendations Hot ☆ Discover the best MagicSchool tools to use based on your specific needs!	 Image Generator Hot ☆ Generate and edit images with AI with Adobe Express.
 Text Rewriter ☆ Take any text and rewrite it with custom criteria.	 Lesson Plan ☆ Generate a lesson plan based on a standard, topic, or objective.	 Multiple Choice Quiz / Assessment ☆ Generate a multiple choice assessment, quiz, or test based on any topic, standard(s), or criteria.
 Worksheet Generator ☆ Generate a worksheet based on any topic or text.	 Presentation Generator ☆ Generate exportable slides based on a topic, text, YouTube video, or any uploaded content.	 Academic Content ☆ Generate custom academic content based on the criteria of your choice.
 Professional Email ☆ Generate a professional email communication.	 Rubric Generator ☆ Generate a custom rubric for any assignment.	 Writing Feedback ☆ Generate feedback on student writing based on custom criteria or a rubric.
 Text Proofreader ☆ Proofread any text - correcting grammar, spelling, punctuation and adding clarity.	 Informational Texts ☆ Generate original informational texts for your class, customized to the topic of your choice.	 YouTube Video Questions ☆ Generate guiding questions aligned to a YouTube video.
 Standards Unpacker ☆ Unpack any standard into component parts to	 Text Summarizer ☆ Summarize any text in whatever length you	 Unit Plan Generator ☆ Generate a unit plan based on any topic and



Tools to explore today:



Worksheet Generator



Generate a worksheet based on any topic or text.



Jeopardy Review Game



Generate a Jeopardy! review game to review content with students.



Multiple Choice Quiz / Assessment



Generate a multiple choice assessment, quiz, or test based on any topic, standard(s), or criteria.



Tongue Twisters



Create challenging tongue twisters to say out loud.



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Tips for effective prompting:



Be clear about the objective



Specify the age or grade level



Include the skill(s) you want to target



 **Request engaging or playful formats**

 **Mention the context or theme**

 **Include group dynamics if needed**



 **Ask for differentiation options**

 **Ask for printable or editable formats**

 **Set time limits if needed**

 **Mention curriculum alignment (optional)**



HANDS-ON PRACTICE: Design your own assessment!

🎯 The group will be divided into four different small groups elementary school (first cycle), elementary school (second cycle), high school, adults (language institute)

📖 Each group will use one tool from Magic School to elaborate their formative assessment activity. Choose a topic and an age level.

🎨 Each group must be ready to present their activity to the rest of the class.






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Wrap-up and Takeaways

**Quick exit
ticket**

 **ONE INSIGHT**
 **ONE QUESTION**
 **ONE ACTION**





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Questions and Answers

Thanks!

Do you have any
questions?

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