



Inclusive tools to create ESL video games

## Make Presentation Games

### Introduction

You **don't need to be a programmer to make your own inclusive learning games**. As a matter of fact, you may be able to make fun and instructive games **with the tools you are already accustomed to**.

### What do we mean by making a “presentation game”?

#### Definition

Presentation games are **easy-to-make games**. In fact, such games are made using **slideshow programs**, such as Microsoft PowerPoint, for instance.

## Types of games that you can make

With a dash of **narrative creativity**, you may create the perfect game activity for your language class. Here is a non-exhaustive list of game ideas to implement with a regular presentation software:

- A detective game: students have to follow clues and solve enigmas to finish the game;
- An interactive Goose game: inspired by the traditional board game;
- A virtual treasure hunt;
- “The story of which you are the hero” type of game, where students are faced with several options to choose from, which in turn affect how the game unfolds;
- An game adapting its difficulty to the learners: If too many mistakes are made, go to an easier slide;
- An interactive quiz (have a look at the practice sheet “Make interactive quizzes”);
- ... Let your creativity shine.

## Description of the existing tool(s)

### Genially

Interactive and versatile, [Genially](#) is a great option for making engaging presentation games. It is **very straightforward** it offers a world of possibilities to create **modern-looking interactive content and presentations**.


### Prezi

[Prezi](#) may not be as feature-complete as Genially. However, because its presentation engine allows the user to easily make **interactive and engaging presentations**, it may be an option that you would want to explore. If you plan on making a goose game, for instance, Prezi may cover your needs.

## PowerPoint and alternatives

**Traditional slideshow software** may not sound as fancy and modern as the above options but they too offer a world of possibilities to make games.

These good old fashion slideshow makers have the advantage that:

- **You probably already know the software well**, all that you may need is to learn how to make a link to a specific slide in the same presentation
  -  Hint: insert > link > Place in this document (in Microsoft PowerPoint)
- There are **many possibilities of games** that you can make, use your creativity

Examples of slideshow programs that you could use:

- Microsoft PowerPoint
- LibreOffice Impress
- Google Slides
- Keynote (Mac and iOS)

## Conclusion

Presentation games may be a very good solution if you want to bring games in your English classroom. Use a program that you feel comfortable with, prepare a game scenario and let your creativity do the rest.

## Resources and references

- <https://genial.ly>
- <https://prezi.com/>
- <https://slidelizard.com/en/blog/powerpoint-presentation-games>
- <https://www.slidecow.com/powerpoint-tutorials/link-slides-ppt/>
- <https://games4esl.com/powerpointgames/>



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