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Plickers: A Fun and Easy Tool for CLT Formative Assessment

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The classroom is embracing a fun and interactive approach to language assessment with the rise of tools like Plickers. As Bachman & Lynch (2004) argue, technology can enhance assessments by providing a more engaging and interactive experience for learners. Shepard (2005) considers formative assessment as a crucial element of instruction in the contemporary models of teaching and learning. William (2006) opines that the most important reason to use formative assessment is that it permits for feedback during instruction. Integrating technology in formative assessment can be a powerful tool for improving communicative language teaching (CLT) by providing access to many interactive resources, platforms, and activities. For example, Plickers is an interactive online tool that can be used for formative assessment in CLT. This workshop will share an online tool called Plickers, helping teachers assess student knowledge, prior knowledge, and understanding of new content. Participants will learn how to create quick and simple quizzes to assess their student learning. Teachers will try to experience Plickers, which is a low-cost solution that teachers only need a smartphone and free printable cards for students. Plickers makes it accessible to classrooms with limited resources, and avoids the need for individual student devices.

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