



# Writing Curriculum in the Age of the Internet

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# Our Schools

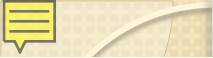
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Age 3-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

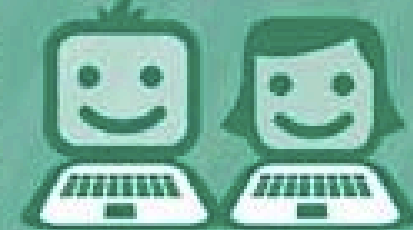
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Courtesy, Mandarin Museum and  
Historical Society

# Measuring the world's digital natives

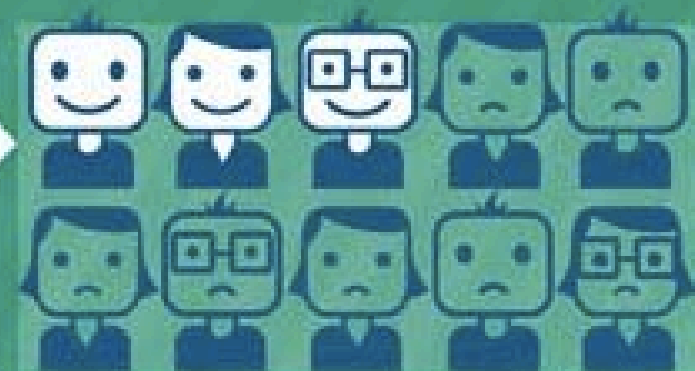


## who are the digital natives?

*Young and connected:  
15-24 year olds with 5 or more  
years of online experience*

**30%**

OF THE WORLD'S YOUTH  
HAVE BEEN ONLINE FOR  
AT LEAST FIVE YEARS



OUT OF  
A WORLD  
POPULATION  
OF

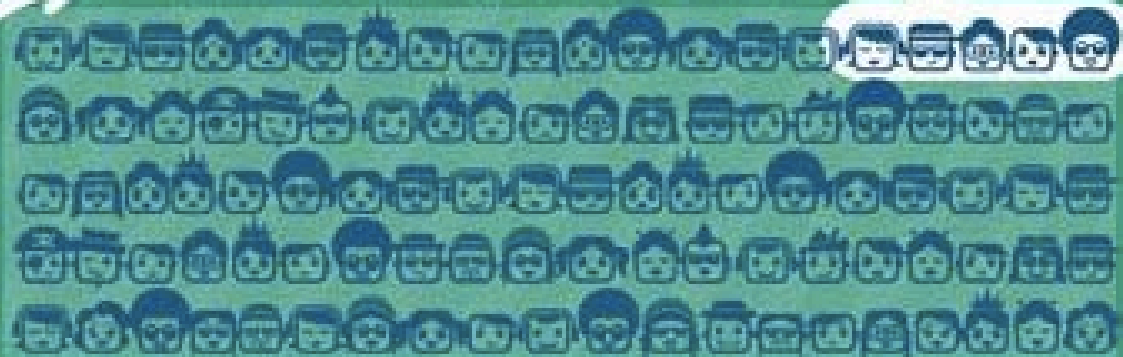
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MILLION

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BILLION

ARE **DIGITAL  
NATIVES**

...WHICH  
CORRESPONDS  
TO ONLY

**5.2%** OF THE WORLD  
POPULATION

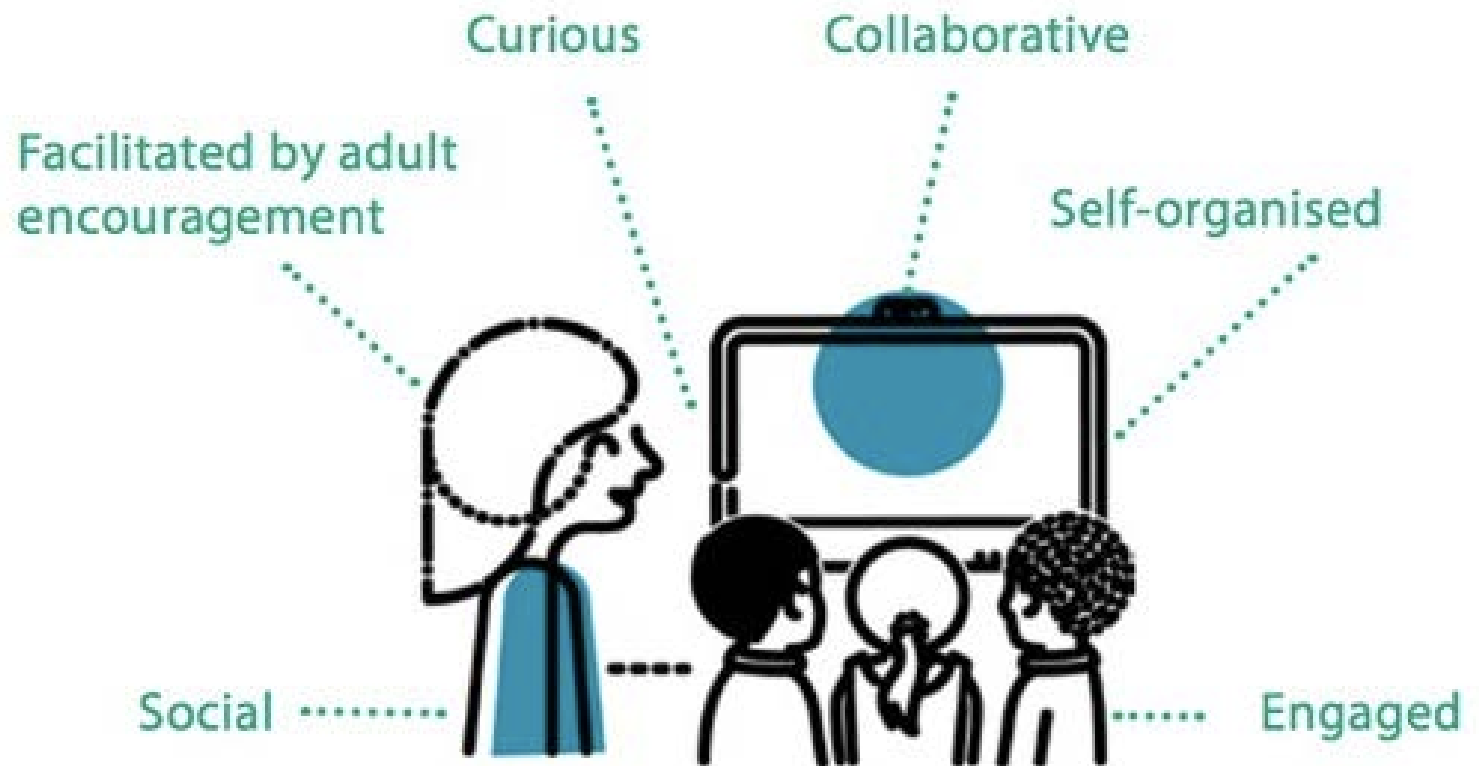




# The pull of the internet on our teaching


# The internet as curator and teacher

Student-Driven Learning is:




# Montessori Education

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“According the Clayton Christensen Institute—a nonprofit, nonpartisan think tank that touts "disruptive innovation"—the number of K-12 students who took an online course increased from roughly 45,000 in 2000, to more than 3 million in 2009. The institute also projects that half of all high-school classes will be delivered online by 2019.”



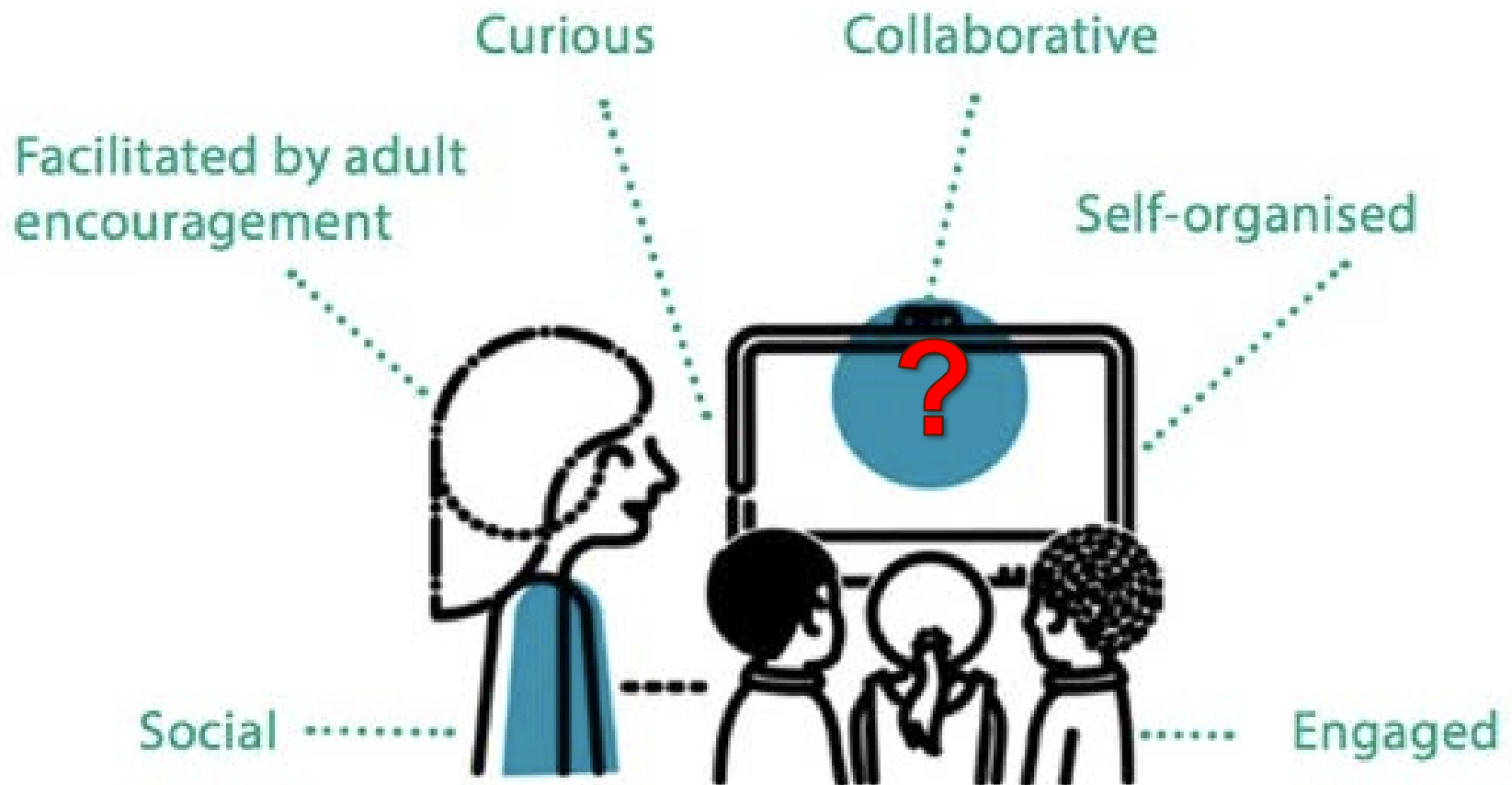
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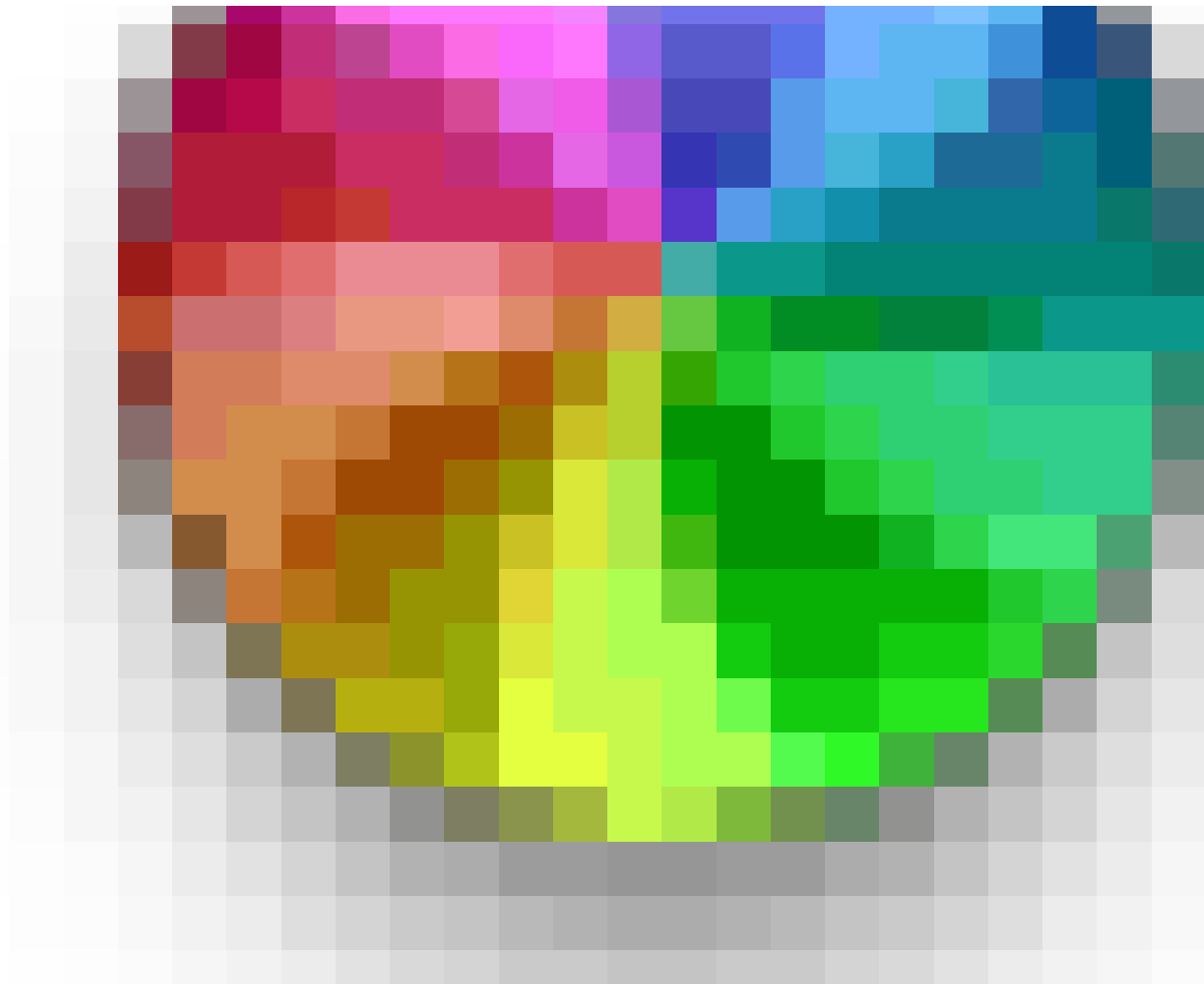
Student-Driven Learning is:



My prep time: How much time am I online? Should I be?



# Limited Bandwidth



# Know what you are looking for


- What resources are needed in a Montessori environment
- Where to look
- Knowing the overlaps and distinctions between Montessori and other progressive education movements.
- Using your Montessori-fu to evaluate materials.

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# Pinterest





“A great lesson for  
when I’m being  
observed, the students  
are well behaved and  
enjoy the oreos.”



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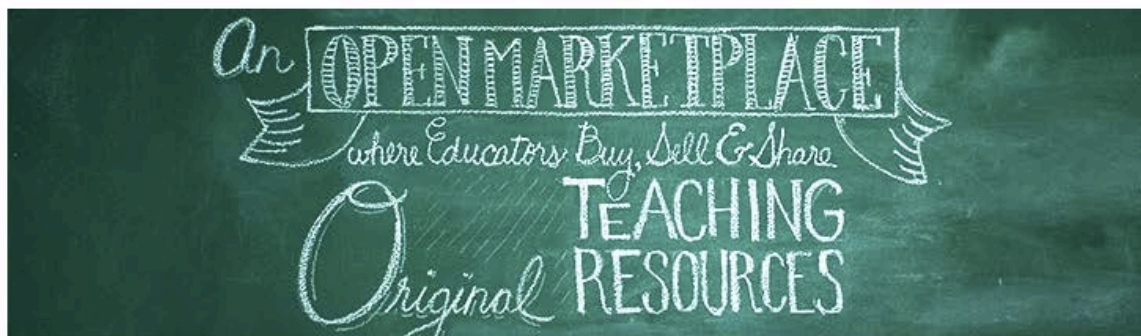
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## Diamante Poem

A diamante poem is used to compare and contrast. It should be written in the shape of a diamond. See "Poetry Helpful Hints".

- Line 1:** Topic 1
- Line 2:** Two words to describe Topic 1
- Line 3:** Three action words (-ing) about Topic 1
- Line 4:** A four or five word phrase describing both topics – what they have in common (A complete thought but not necessarily a complete sentence.)
- Line 5:** Three action words (-ing) about Topic 2
- Line 6:** Two words to describe Topic 2
- Line 7:** Topic 2

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## **Interactive Notebook Guidelines**

**The purpose of the interactive notebook is to:**

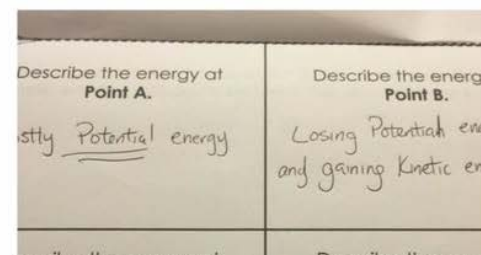
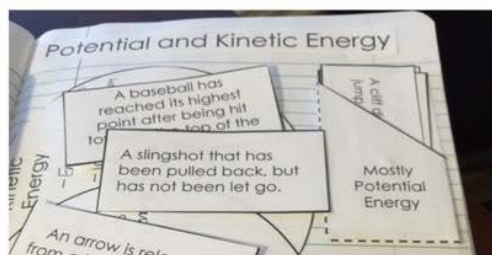
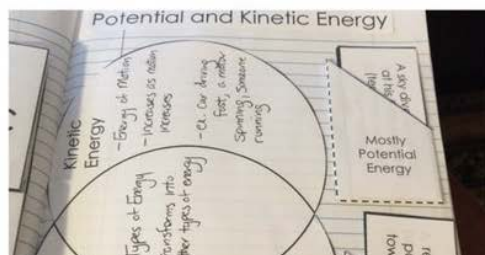
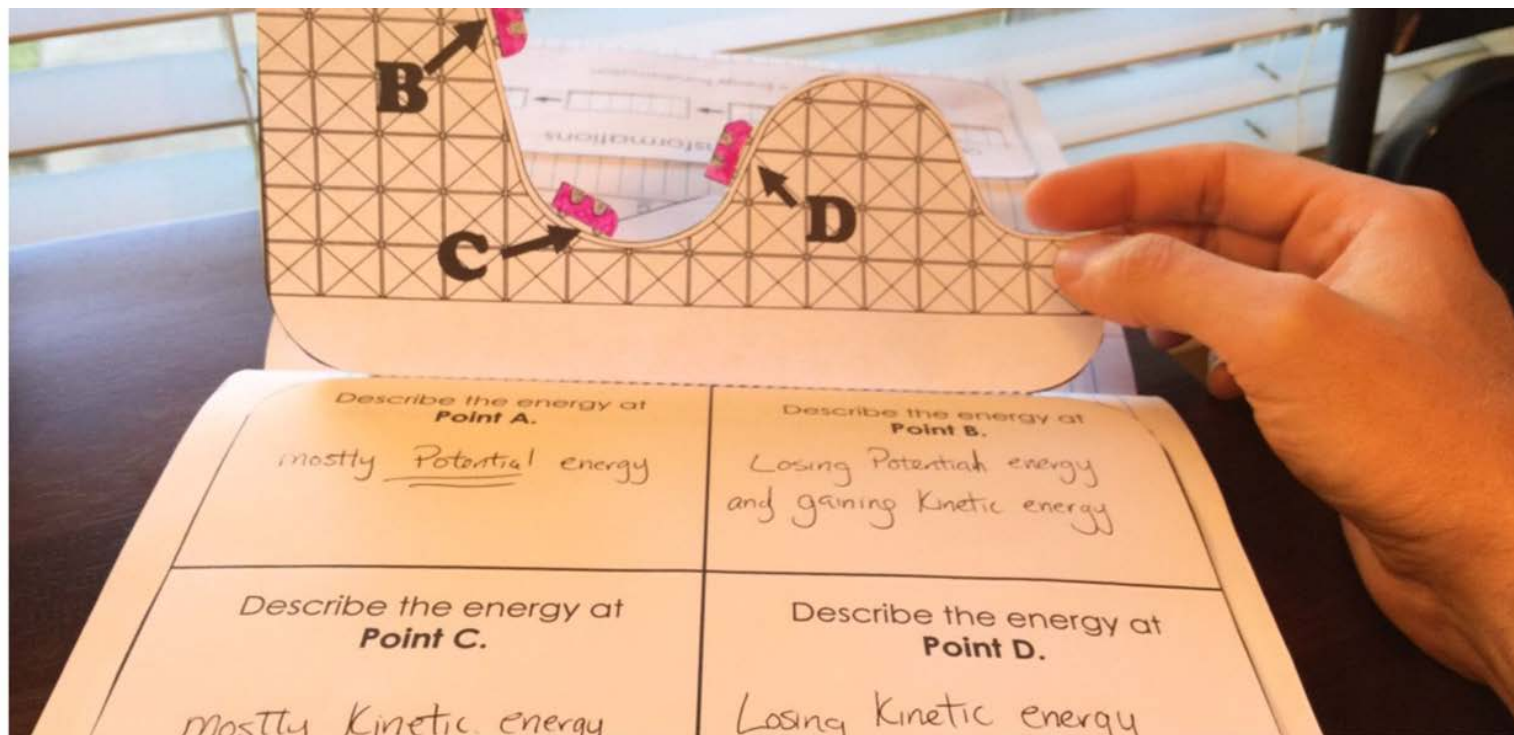
- Involve students in “making sense” of their notes visually.
- Develop student nonfiction reading and note-taking skills.
- Teach students “approaches to learning” that will prepare them for success in school!

# Notebook Organization

| <b><u>LEFT IS FOR LEARNING</u></b><br><b>Teacher Guides Information</b>  | <b><u>RIGHT IS FOR REFLECTION</u></b><br><b>Students Process Information</b>   |
|--|--|
| <p>The left side is teacher guided – it contains “testable” information</p> <p>Notes<br/>Handouts<br/>Book Assignments</p> | <p>The right side helps you make sense of the left-side information</p> <p>These assignments will help you deepen your understanding of the left-side information.</p> |

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# Measurement Centers: Very Hands-On!



Subjects

Measurement

Grade Levels

Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Resource Types


Math Centers

Product Rating

★★★★ 4.0

755 ratings

File Type

 PDF (Acrobat) Document File

Be sure that you have an application to open this file type before downloading and/or purchasing.

3.17 MB

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

\*\*\*Two new activities added! Make sure to re-download if you have already purchased! The new activities are:

1. "Measure" write the room. Students find words around the room starting with "M," "E," etc. and write sentences with those words.
2. An "I can measure" emergent reader and hands-on measurement book. Students fill in the sight word "can" on each page and measure the length of an object with unifix cubes. On the last page, they get to choose an object around the room to measure.






# Foldables

- The limits of foldables.
- Cutting and folding is absorbing and gives the appearance of engagement and compliance.
- If the shape of the foldable doesn't match the concept what is the point? Categories of living things are nested subsets of one another – hard to show in a foldable.
- Research on touching insets while learning formulas.



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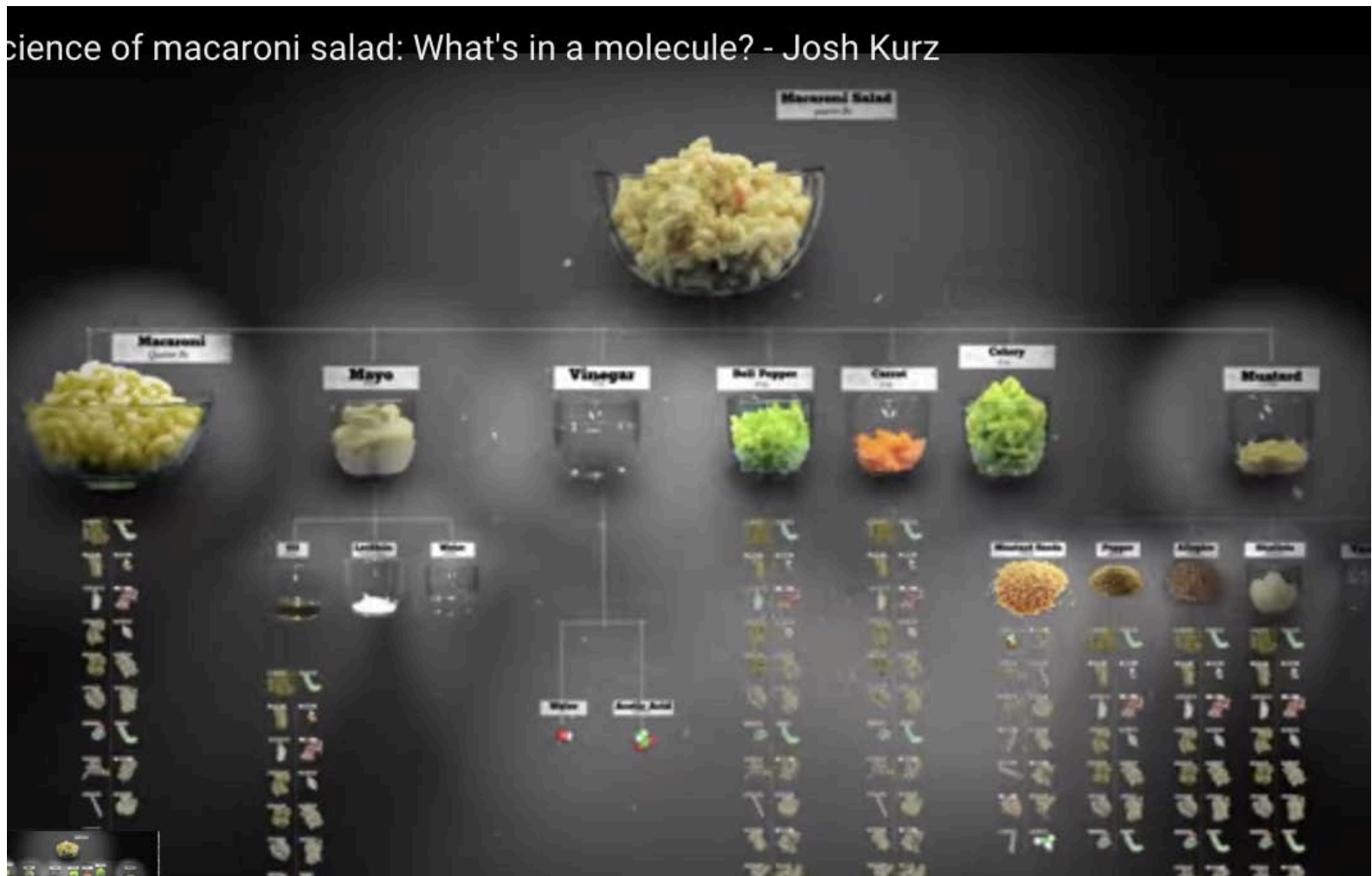
“The teacher must not content herself with merely providing an attractive environment. She must continuously thinking about this environment, because a large part of the result depends upon it.”

Some Words of Advice to Teachers, AMI Communications, 1995, 4, 14

# Macaroni



# Science of macaroni salad: What's in a molecule? - Josh Kurz



# 1 Guided Discussion 8 Open Discussions

## « All Guided Discussions



**TED-Ed**  
Lesson Creator  
New York, NY

**Why do you think it's important to understand this concept: everything is made of the same stuff.**

08/16/2013



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**Respond**



**Oğuzcan Yavaş** · Istanbul, Turkey · COMPLETED LESSON

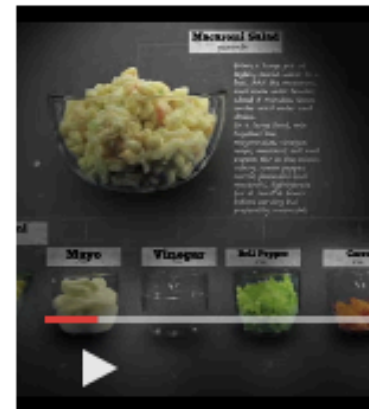
To me, for teaching creativity. With this lesson, I realized that legos are like atoms. By using 6 shapes or more, you can create anything you like.

08/16/2013



**shadow phantom** · Colombo, Sri Lanka · COMPLETED LESSON

It can help mankind in the near future. We can extract components need for medicines, food, cloths and make earth a better place.



## Watch

## Think

## Dig Deeper

## Discuss

**Customize This Lesson**

Create and share a new lesson on this one.

## Let's Begin...

What do macaroni salad and gasoline have in common? They are made of exactly the same stuff -- specifically, the same atoms, just rearranged. So, while we put the former in our mouths and the latter in our cars, they are really just variations on the same atomic theme. Josh Kurz breaks macaroni salad down to its smallest chemical components.



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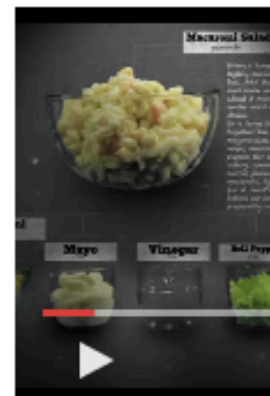
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Many larger complex molecules are just \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ A Random bits of chemical information that scientists don't really understand
- ☐ B Smaller molecules bonded together like building blocks
- ☐ C Change their chemical composition randomly, but on a consistent basis
- ☐ D Are unique to macaroni salad (that's why we're using it as an example), and can exist nowhere else in the world



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# Overview Lesson: Cell



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Use variables to write an expression for the ideal width (d) of each space.

For each of the lots below:

$w$  is the width of the lot

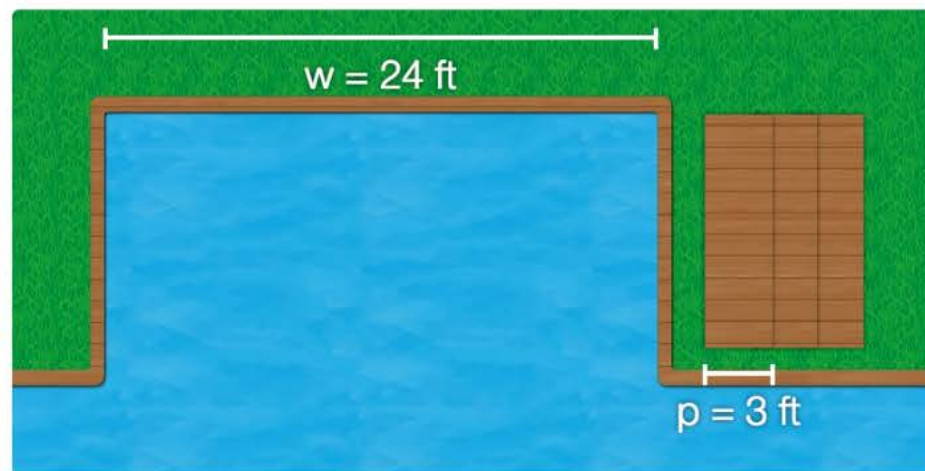
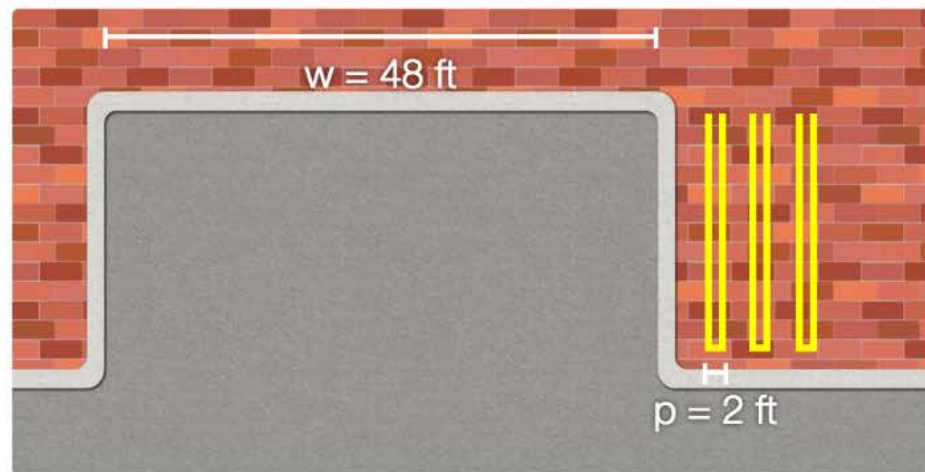
$p$  is the width of each divider

$d =$

ft

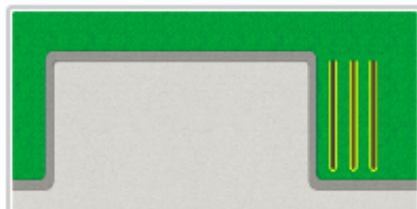
try it

hint: you can use variables, like  $w$  and  $p$



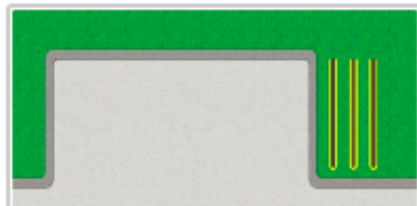
# Central Park

## ESTIMATES



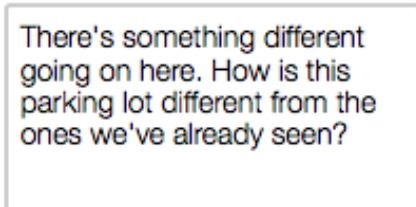
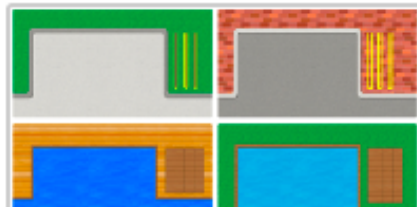
Suppose you wanted to figure out the exact space between the dividers. What measurements would you need?

## NUMBERS



Help your friends! Write instructions explaining how to calculate the right width of the parking space for any situation.

## EQUATIONS



There's something different going on here. How is this parking lot different from the ones we've already seen?

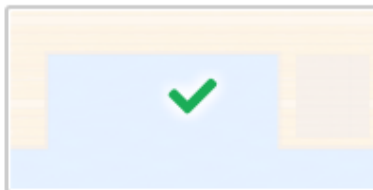
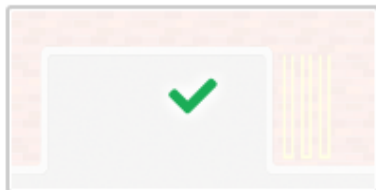
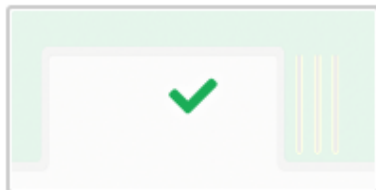


Eric says that if we turn this parking lot into eight spaces, each space is going to be exactly half as big. Do you agree?

## WRAP UP

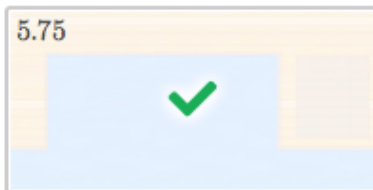
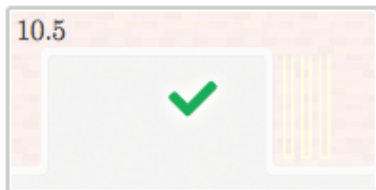
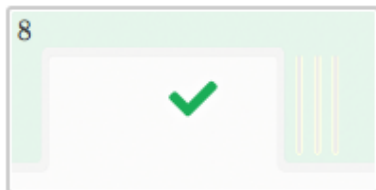
We don't really like the title for this lesson. We'd like a title that summarizes everything you learned today – the math, the world, and all. What should we title this lesson?

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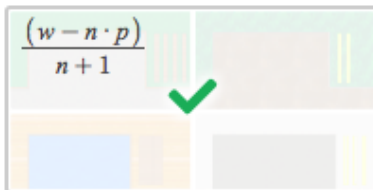
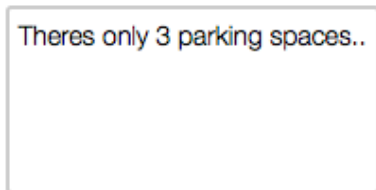
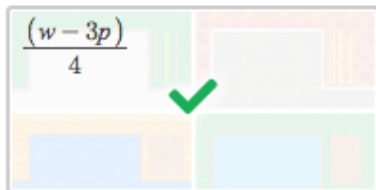
Probably a measuring tape. Or Square Ft.


## NUMBERS



There are 6 dividers. You would subtract the total numbers of ft the dividers take up all together.  $41 - 18 = 23$ . Next you would divide 4 from

## EQUATIONS



 agree  
Because if you add a divider in the middle of each one then it becomes 8 dividers which makes it half

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Central Park

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# Look for what Internet resources do well


- Self-correcting and adjusting
- Community of mentors
- Global Reach
- Authentic Tasks
- Aesthetically Engaging Tasks





Look for what your program  
needs





# Look for what your program needs more of:

- More research paper writing?
- More problem solving with students with different world views?
- A larger window onto the world?
- More making change in the world?

# Terminology and Beliefs

- Differentiation
  - Meeting the needs of every child by observing and developing learning paths for each
- Follow the Child
  - Successive stages
  - Internally driven development
  - A prepared environment for each stage.
  - Multi-age groupings

# Words are Beliefs

## Cosmic Education

- "...the Cosmic Plan can be presented to the child, as a thrilling tale of the earth we live in...." (To Educate the Human Potential, p. 2)
- To have a vision of the cosmic plan, in which every form of life depends on directed movements which have effects beyond their conscious aim, is to understand the child's work and be able to guide it better." (Dr. Maria Montessori, 'The Absorbent Mind', Clio Press, 135)

## Project-based Learning

A teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to a meaningful, real-world complex question, problem, or challenge (Bie.org, 2014).

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## OUTCOME-BASED EDUCATION

### NON-MONTESSORI EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY:

OBE is an educational theory that bases each part of an educational system around outcomes. By the end of the educational experience or lesson each student should have achieved the outcome's goal. Classes, opportunities, and assessments should all be based around helping students achieve the specified outcomes (Spady).

- OUTCOME-BASED EDUCATION
- MONTESSORI: Each learning experience has dual outcomes or aims.
- • Indirect aims focus on abilities and aptitudes that children will put to good use throughout their lives. These are often foundational to children's success.
- • Direct aims provide the child with a skill she can use in the present and is typically less global and more connected with a specific skill.

# edutopia



Integrated Studies



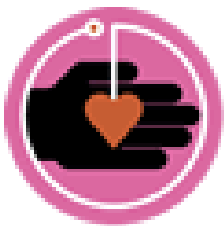
Comprehensive  
Assessment



Project-Based  
Learning



Technology  
Integration



Character Education



Teacher  
Development

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Which components of a three period lesson?








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# When do you use digital interactives?

- Concept maps
- Independent practice
- As a self-correcting material, reinforcing lesson.




# Phet



# Zooniverse



# Tour of Ellis Island



Should a student be reading  
aloud to a computer?





# SELF-ADJUSTING INDEPENDENT WORK

- “I can do it myself.”
- Self-correcting material.
- The downsides:
  - Currency reward system (teacher opt out)
  - Leader board (teacher opt out)
  - Screen vs people



# Use Professionally Curated Sites

- Read Write Think
- National Science Teacher's Association
- NCTM – Illuminations
- CPALMS

# NCTM



# Know Your Own

- Montessori Math Materials Might Be Phased Out Too Early

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