# Online Classes: Surviving and Thriving in 2021

**KOTESOL 2021** 

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### **Positive Aspects**

- Connectedness
- Intimacy
- Focus
- · Portfolio assessment
- · Less paper!

### **Considerations for Adopting New Tech**

- Purpose
- · Ease of Use
- Gallagher's Decision Matrix

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#### **Teacher Level Matrix**

#### Gallagher 8 x 5 Technology Matrix

Assistive elements	-2	-1	0	1	2	Score
Implementation will address a specific issue in carrying out the teaching	creates new problems	unnecessary level of complexity	nil effect	should help	solves issue	
This technology will speed the process of understanding	total interuption	will slow down	no gain	some increase	much faster	
This technology will facilitate the understanding	creates new problems	including technology explanation here may confuse	neutral	aids in understanding by exemplar	confirms the concept clearly	
Students will learn ICT skills during the process	not yet ready	some skills must be taught to complete	application of old skills exercised	new skills introduced	new skills learned	
Skills necessary will be transferable skills	non-transferable	task specific only	unknown at this time	usable in other areas	blends learning beautifully	
This technology will generate multiple opportunities in the future	non-transferable	task specific only	no increase	yes	required for next stage of learning	
Teacher preparedness/support level	likely teacher stress	I am novice at this technology and am not ready to teach with it	I have some experience and fair level of knowledge but with some gaps or wekanesses	Generally strong experience and knowledge but have some reservations	I am highly experience with very good knowledge/skills to teach with this technology	
There is enough technology for all students to engage equally	enough to introduce it only	shortage of technology	shared equipment	full coverage	excess available	

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Overall Score



Brian Gallagher, Meiko University https://anthonybriangallagher.weebly.com/uploads/4/7/3/9/47397837/qallagher technology implementation decision matrix jalt 2019.pdf

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