Now And Later: Tools For Pre-Arrival Assessment

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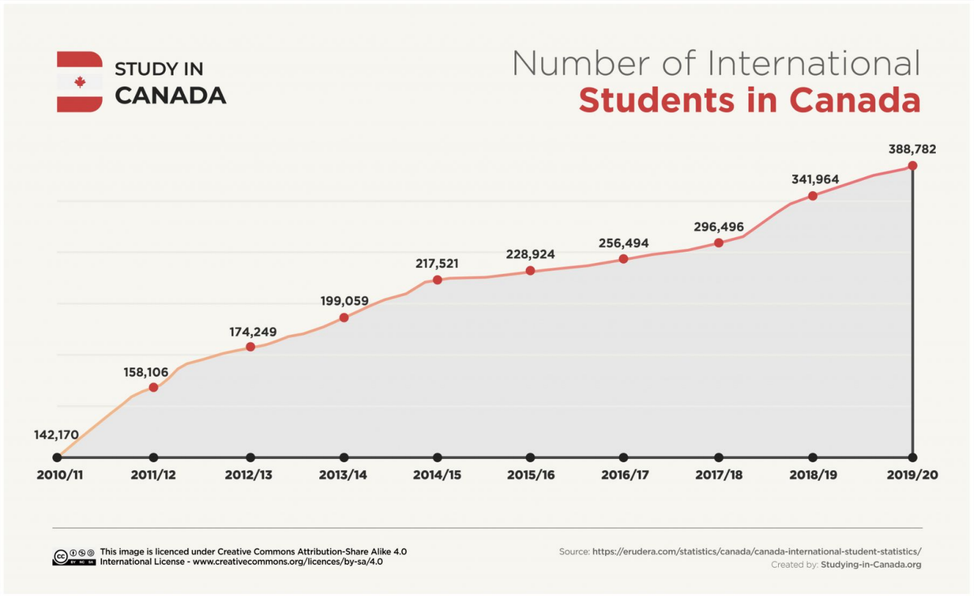
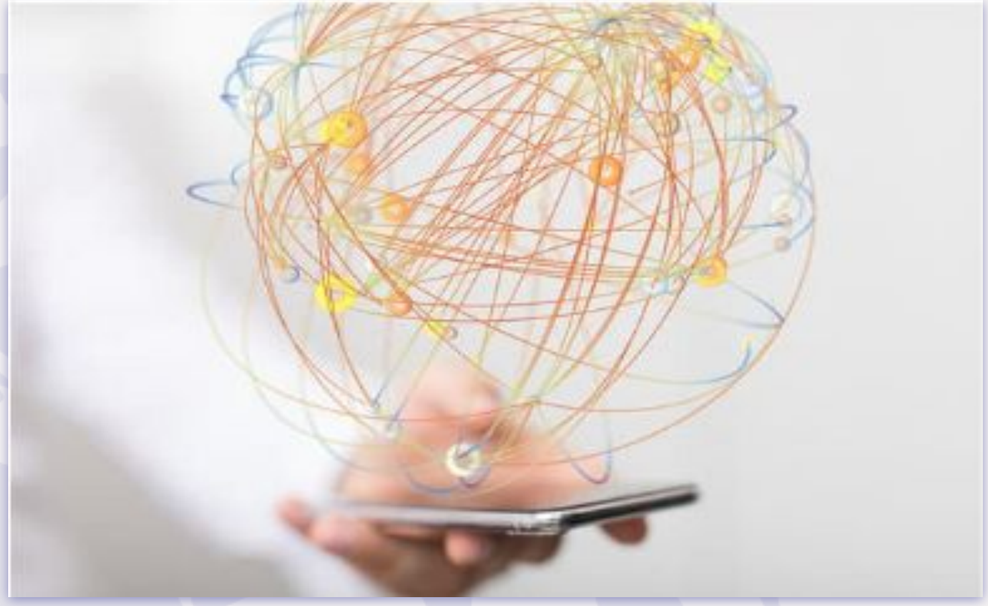
CONTEXT FOR PRE-ARRIVAL ASSESSMENT

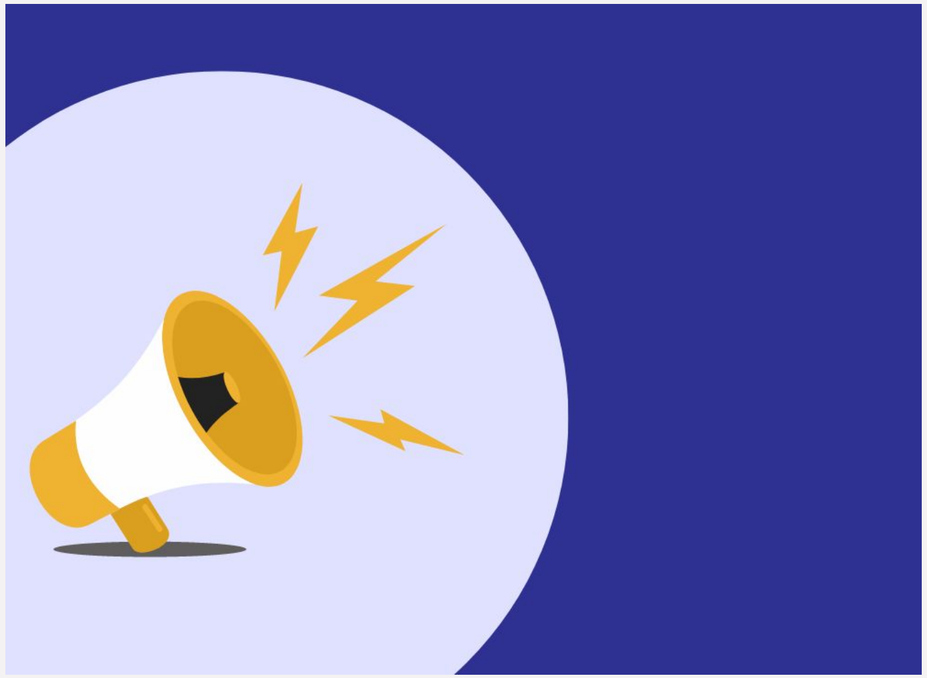




HOW CAN PRE-ARRIVAL ASSESSMENT HELP PROGRAMS & STUDENTS?

PRE-ARRIVAL ASSESSMENT HELPS PROGRAMS

- ★ Start to build relationships with students earlier on
- ★ Get a sense of language ability
- ★ Plan levels and staffing



PRE-ARRIVAL ASSESSMENT HELPS STUDENTS

- ★ Engage with the faculty and program sooner
- ★ Get a sense of their language placement*
- ★ Develop habits of responding to emails and announcements from your team

**If results are shared with the student*

VOICE FROM THE FIELD

From the international student's perspective!

Why accurately placing international students is so important?
And do the students know why?

- ★ Covering the basis
- ★ Where the journey begins.
- ★ Time is Money.

Stepping stone to success!

OK, so you see the value in doing some kind of assessment

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NOW

LATER

What are the ***challenges***?

Challenges For Programs

- Extra work for faculty
- Difficult to coordinate with incoming students
- Might still be a need for post-arrival placement testing
- How accurate are the results?

Challenges For Students

- Can feel confusing to acclimate to the tools
- They have a lot of other details they are coordinating while preparing to travel
- They may feel that they are not yet “focused” on English

VOICE FROM THE FIELD

- Misplacement: study plan changes upon arrival.
- Accessibility:

  -At-home testing X test centers

  -Scheduling issues
- Misinformation about “why” taking a pre-arrival test:
  - -It’s not a pass-or-fail exam.

TOOLS TO FACILITATE PRE-ARRIVAL ASSESSMENT

TYPE 1: Live Interview –Scheduling

Google Meet
Web conference

Zoom
Web conference

Microsoft Teams
Web conference

Webex
Web conference

GoTo Meeting
Web conference

Additional Options

Invitee Questions
Name, Email + 1 question

Calendly

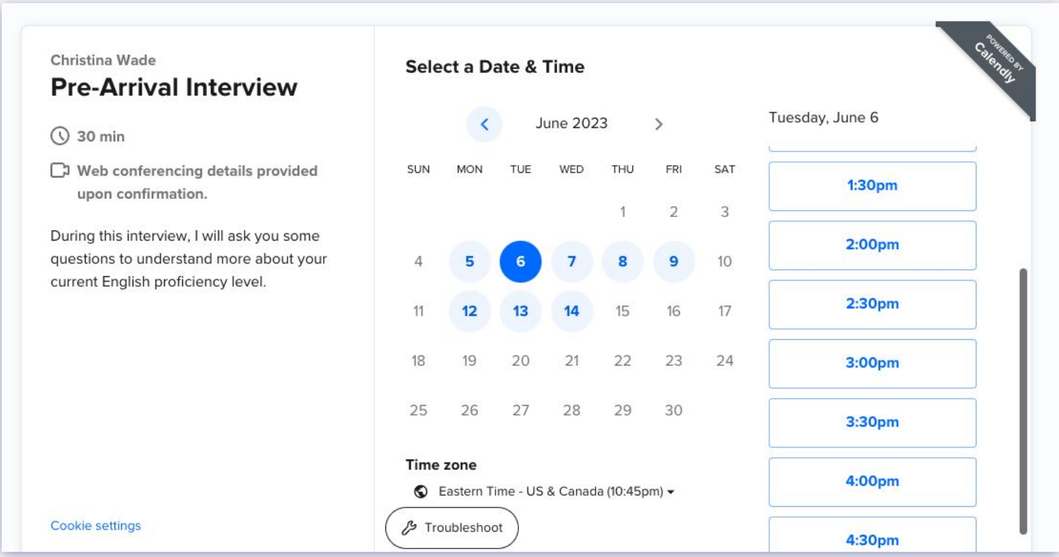
Date range

Invitees can schedule...

15 calendar days into the future

Within a date range

Indefinitely into the future



Other Scheduling Tools

YCBM

https://youcanbook.me/

*Need paid account to do 1:1s

Free/Low Cost

Doodle

https://doodle.com/en/

Easy to Use

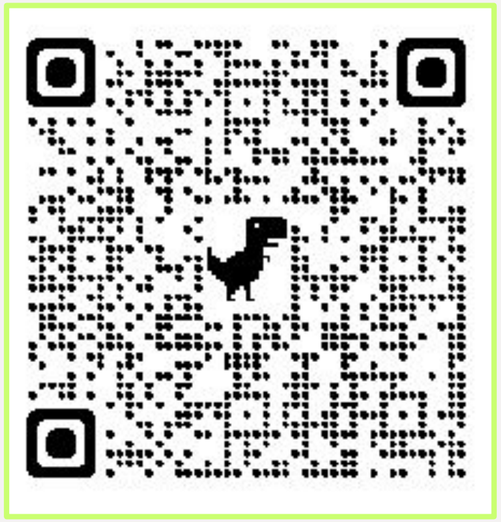
motion

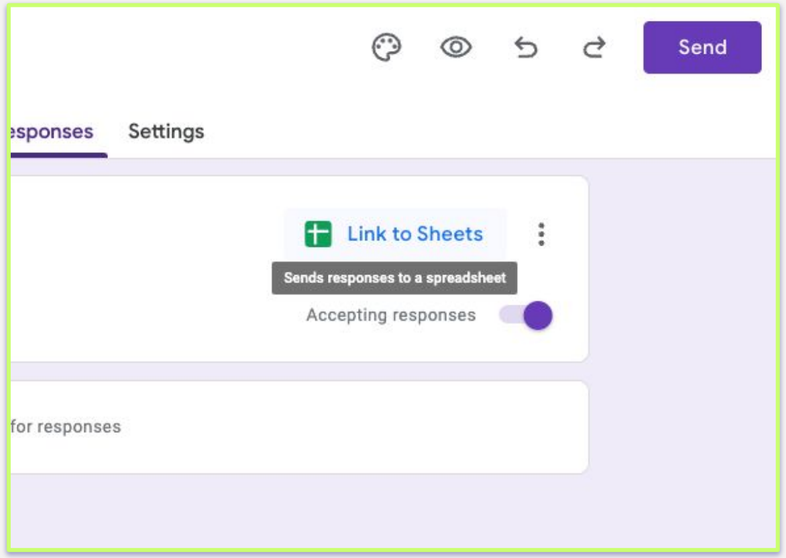
https://www.usemotion.com/

Eliminates Pain Point

TYPE 2: Asynchronous Simulated Interview

TOOL 1





TYPE 2: Asynchronous Simulated Interview

TOOL 2

CANVAS BY INSTRUCTURE

anthology + Blackboard

Google Classroom

moodle

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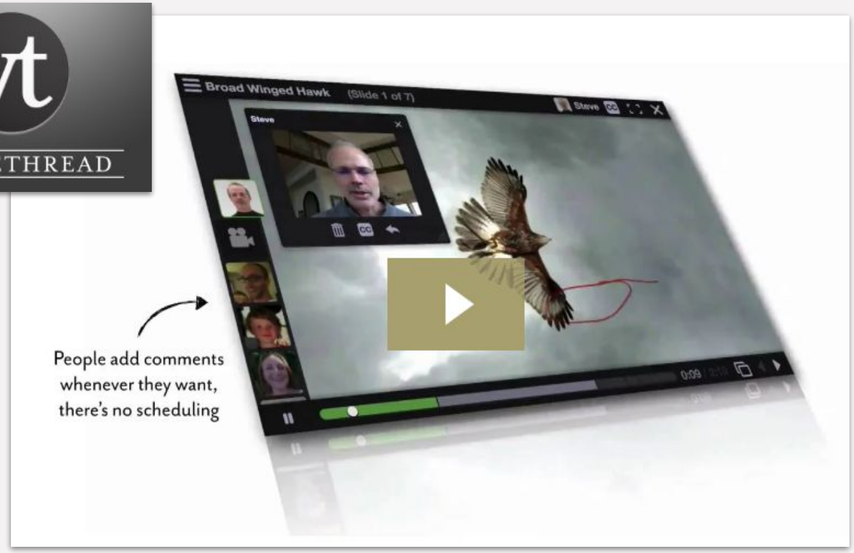


Flip

COLLABORATION, CONFERENCING, DISCUSSION, RESEARCH

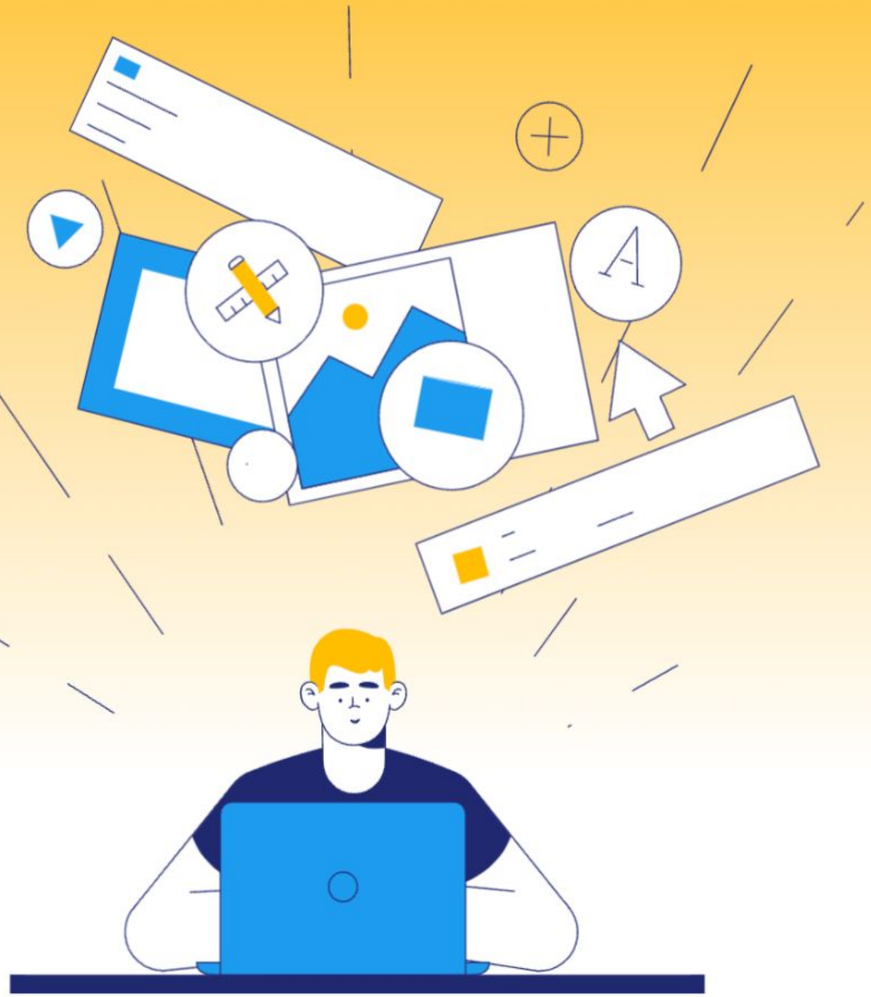
#OneNewThing: Conducting Interviews Using FlipGrid

Build a pre-arrival “mini-course” where students can interact with each other, complete different types of assessments, and get used to your school LMS in a low-stakes

TYPE 3: “BYOA” Build Your Own Assessment

Use something like “Interactivo” to design and deliver your own assessments to students.

Interactivo simplifies creating engaging and multimedia lessons and assessments in the most user-friendly way.



Mention that you heard about Interactivo from the iTEP - TESL Ontario Webinar for special pricing!

CONS: IN BUSY PROGRAMS, THE TIME AND EFFORT REQUIRED TO DEVELOP AND USE YOUR OWN PRE-ASSESSMENTS OFTEN PREVENTS PROGRAMS FROM IMPLEMENTING THEM.

OFF-THE-SHELF EXAMS

iTEP Placement

A perfect tool to determine what level of English classes a student should be placed in and as a progress assessment to identify how a student's language ability has grown after 1-2 semesters in their English program

iTEP Snapshot

Designed for pre-arrival testing and to gain a Snapshot of the test-taker's English fluency delivered in-country

iTEP Academic-Plus

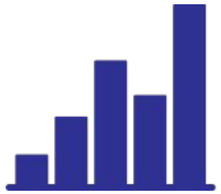
Online and on-demand language evaluation for Colleges and Universities.

HIGHLIGHTS

TESTS ADMINISTERED ON-CAMPUS OR AT-HOME

ONLINE AND ON- DEMAND TESTS, AVAILABLE 24/7

LOWER COST THAN OTHER EXAMS



FAST & RELIABLE SCORES: 1-2 DAYS

HIGHLY SECURE TEST ENVIRONMENT

TRAINED AND CERTIFIED ESL GRADERS

CEFER ALIGNED RESULTS

EXAMS 60-90 MINUTES IN DURATION

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- Proven exams
- Fast results (no burden on your faculty)
- Accessible from any location
- Meaningful results

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