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A Review of TubeQuizard.com

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Abstract

This article reviews a web-based educational tool named TubeQuizard, which allows users to create interactive listening quizzes based on YouTube subtitled videos. The platform offers pre-made quizzes with a wide range of topics, levels, and language points. Besides that, TubeQuizard allows EFL teachers and learners to choose videos beyond its collection and modify quizzes to suit their purposes. Therefore, it is beneficial for improving listening skills and other components of language, such as grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and spelling. It is worth noting that educators can use TubeQuizard to design tasks for both teaching and assessment progress. The website also aids students in self-learning activities to enhance their language competency. Along with its significant advantages, TubeQuizard has some minor drawbacks that could be improved.

Keywords: TubeQuizard, website review, listening quizzes, language learning.

Introduction

Title	TubeQuizard
Website	http://www.tubequizard.com/
Product type	Website for listening testing and practice
Publisher	Olya Sergeeva and Kirill Sukhomlin
Language	English
Level	Five levels based on Common European Framework Reference (CEFR) levels: A2, B1, B2, C1 and C2
Target Audience	English language learners English language teachers
Operating system(s)	iOS, Android AS system and PC
Registration	Not required
Hardware	An internet-accessible device

Price	Free

In recent years, multimedia technology has played a significant role in the progress of teaching and learning languages, especially English. Xiao-Pand and Khapre (2021) say that it has changed the traditional teacher-centered teaching scheme and enhanced the quality of the information being delivered. Furthermore, by virtue of media technology, English language instructors now have access to additional resources and opportunities to teach their students effectively (Gerstein, 2014).

Regarding online resources, YouTube has been recognized as one of the most effective media platforms for teachers in English classrooms (Fay & Matias, 2019). The platform provides users free access to a wide range of videos with various topics and levels. Therefore, YouTube is useful for English learners of different ages and language abilities. There is evidence that YouTube has improved language competencies of English learners. Results from a study conducted by Watkins and Wilkins (2011) show that the website contributes positively to the development of four fundamental English skills: listening, reading, speaking, and writing. In addition, Nasution (2019) suggests that exposure to World Englishes through videos on YouTube can help students develop their authentic vocabulary, while Nofrika (2019) argues that YouTube can also enhance English grammar.

There are various ways to exploit YouTube in teaching and learning English. One tool that can support the usage of YouTube is the website TubeQuizard.com. It allows English teachers to generate interactive quizzes based on subtitled YouTube videos. This article aims to give an overview of TubeQuizard – a tool designed by two English educators, Olya Sergeeva and Kirill Sukhomlin, and a reflection on its use with non-English major students at Van Lang University.

A General Description

TubeQuizard is a web-based platform accessible at http://tubequizard.com/ and compatible with various mobile devices, including smartphones, tablets, laptops, and similar devices.

It offers a variety of quizzes based on diverse topics associated with videos on YouTube. This website can be a valuable resource for EFL teachers and students who want to improve their language skills and learn about different topics engagingly.

EFL teachers and students can use TubeQuizard.com as an interactive and captivating resource to acquire language skills. Teachers can inspire their students by incorporating current events into their lessons. At the same time, students can improve their linguistic skills by enlarging their vocabulary, boosting their grammar, and enhancing their critical thinking abilities.
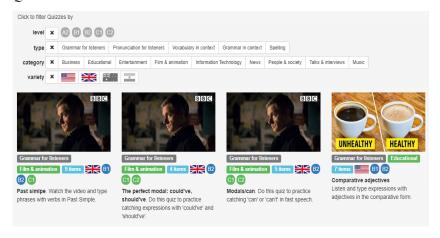
Quiz Collection

The Quiz Collection on the website TubeQuizard.com serves as a valuable resource for language learners of varying proficiency levels. With clear instructions and immediate feedback, such user-friendly quizzes allow learners to monitor their progress and identify areas that need improvement. Users can access quizzes categorized according to their language level, ranging from A2 to C2. Additionally, the quizzes are further classified into specific types, including grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary, and spelling. This helps learners concentrate on areas that they want to improve upon.

Furthermore, users can choose quizzes from a wide range of topics, such as business, education, entertainment, film and animation, information technology, news, people and society, talks and interviews, and music. A variety of subjects provide an opportunity for learners to practice their language skills in topics that interest them. Overall, TubeQuizard's quiz collection is a valuable and comprehensive platform for language learners of all levels.

Figure 1

Quiz Collection

Train With Your Video

"Train with your video" is an inventive feature available on the website "tubequizard.com" that makes it possible for EFL teachers to generate interactive quizzes using YouTube videos. This feature enables teachers to easily incorporate appealing and authentic video content into their language lessons and assessments. In addition to the features mentioned, "Train with your video" allows EFL teachers to select specific segments of a YouTube video and create questions based on that selection. This characteristic is especially beneficial for teachers who want to focus on specific language skills or grammar points. Furthermore, "Train with your video" gives EFL teachers two approaches to creating quizzes. One choice is to use the search tool "Search on YouTube" to find a relevant video for their lesson. The second option is to enter the URL of a particular YouTube video into

the system. This versatility allows teachers to select the ideal video to meet their teaching needs. All in all, "Train with your video" is an adaptable and dynamic feature that EFL teachers can make use of to create entertaining and effective language learning experiences for their students.
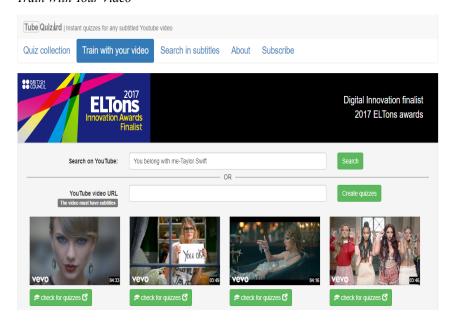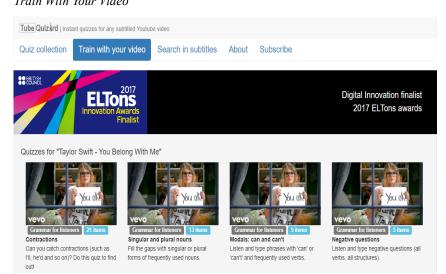
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Train With Your Video

Figure 3

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Search In Subtitles

The **"Search in Subtitles"** feature on TubeQuizard.com is an excellent tool for EFL teachers to create quizzes based on their students' needs and interests. This function enables EFL teachers to browse through subtitles of available videos and choose from a range of categories, including grammar, pronunciation for the listeners, vocabulary, grammar in context, and spelling. This feature presents an excellent opportunity for teachers to tailor the quizzes to their students' specific requirements, ensuring they are engaged and motivated during their learning process. Moreover, the ability to input particular words, phrases, or regular expressions extracted from the subtitles in the videos is particularly beneficial. It allows teachers to pinpoint the language components they want their students to pay attention to in the filling-the-blank exercise, making the learning experience more targeted and productive. Overall, the "search in subtitles" feature on TubeQuizard.com is a valuable asset for EFL teachers to create customized quizzes that fulfill their students' specific needs and interests. By offering a selection of categories and customization options, this feature enables teachers to create engaging exercises that focus on the language aspects that their students need to improve upon. Incorporating authentic videos into the learning process also helps to create a more immersive and interactive learning experience that can enhance the overall effectiveness of the teaching process.
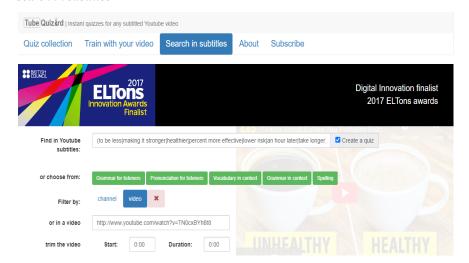
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Search in subtitles

Figure 5

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Evaluation

Strengths

TubeQuizard.com has earned praise from both EFL teachers and students, as it offers numerous benefits regarding its accessibility, suitability to different language levels, variety of topics, and authentic material incorporation. Firstly, TubeQuizard's accessibility is one of its major advantages for EFL teachers and students. Everyone can assess the website at no cost. Teachers and students who may be unable to access other resources because of financial constraints or other obstacles will find this feature particularly beneficial. As such, TubeQuizard offers everyone the same chance to access language learning tools.

In addition to its accessibility, TubeQuizard is appreciated for its capability to fit different language levels. Learners can improve their grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and spelling at their own pace by taking quizzes ranging from A2 to C2 levels. Moreover, TubeQuizard offers a wide range of topics that correspond to the students' interests. EFL

teachers who desire to design engaging lessons that are suited to their students' needs will find this function especially valuable. When students are allowed to choose topics that they find interesting, they will be more invested in their learning, resulting in better engagement and improved learning outcomes.

Finally, EFL teachers have seen the benefits of TubeQuizard's ability to incorporate authentic materials into their lessons. Scrivener (2019) claims that "authentic materials can expose students to natural language use and help them to develop their communicative competence." TubeQuizard allows teachers to generate their own quizzes based on their students' needs and interests, which can include videos available on TubeQuizard or from YouTube. This feature can be employed to enhance students' curriculum and give students authentic language experiences. Therefore, students have more opportunities to expose to different accents, registers, and discourse types of English**.**

Overall, TubeQuizard.com is a great tool for both EFL teachers and students. Its accessibility, diversity of levels and topics, and ability to incorporate authentic materials make it a powerful asset for language acquisition. As Beatty (2020) sums up, "we must embrace technology and its ability to enhance language learning opportunities." The use of technology to improve language acquisition is best demonstrated through TubeQuizard.

Weaknesses

While the website TubeQuizard has a host of useful features, it also has several shortcomings that limit its effectiveness as a language learning tool.
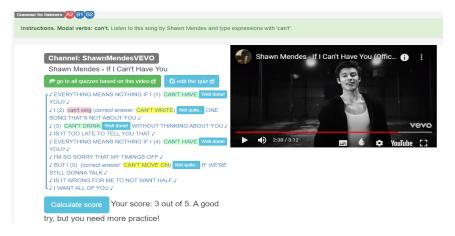
One major shortcoming of TubeQuizard is that it provides only a certain number of videos with subtitles. If teachers want to explore videos with different accents or topics, they have to use to search for videos on Youtube outside the pre-selected videos. However, only those with high-quality subtitles are accepted. Hence, it is difficult for educators to customize quizzes from specific videos or topics that they want to focus on.

In addition, TubeQuizard provides only sentence completion exercises. This type of exercise is beneficial for developing specific skills, such as listening for specific words or phrases. However, sentence completion exercises are a passive form of learning in which learners merely select the correct options without actively engaging with the language or improving their own production skills. Therefore, learners might not have opportunities to develop independent language skills or the ability to use language creatively. What is more, using the same type of exercise repeatedly can be tedious and lead to boredom and monotony, especially for learners who prefer more interactive and engaging activities. Apart from that, sentence completion exercises often only require a simple answer, which can make it difficult for learners to receive detailed feedback on their listening skills. Without detailed feedback, learners may not know where they need to improve or how to develop their listening skills further.

Reflection

We incorporated TubeQuizard into the pronunciation, grammar, listening and vocabulary lessons for eight classes in the A2 level at Van Lang University, and it has proven to be a successful approach to teaching English language skills. The teacher-designed lessons have allowed for the incorporation of TubeQuizard in a way that has complemented the overall lesson plan and learning outcomes. Utilizing TubeQuizard in the pronunciation and listening classes has allowed students to learn in an entertaining way. Incorporating TubeQuizard into the vocabulary and grammar lessons has enabled students to learn new words and syntax structures enjoyably. The students' positive attitude and interest towards using TubeQuizard after 10 weeks are signs of the website's success. The website has provided a platform for students to learn English in an engaging and motivating way. The improved results in the students' English skills after using TubeQuizard are further proof of the website's effectiveness. The student's pronunciation skills and listening abilities have been enhanced by using the website's features and receiving feedback. Furthermore, the students have acquired and memorized new words and essential grammatical points through the numerous quizzes available. The website has developed an enjoyable and interactive way for students to learn English, helping them remember what they have studied.

Figure 6

Incorporating TubeQuizard into a grammar lesson about Modal verbs: can't

Pedagogical Implications

TubeQuizard has become a crucial tool that has significant implications for English language teaching (ELT) educators and researchers. Its versatility and strengths offer

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numerous benefits for educators and researchers aiming to enhance their language teaching and investigate innovative pedagogical approaches.

For Educators

The platform is available to everyone at no cost, serving as an inclusive resource that is particularly valuable for teachers dealing with students who may have restricted access to other language learning materials because of financial constraints or other obstacles.

TubeQuizard allows teachers to design lessons appropriate for students with diverse learning abilities by adapting to different language proficiency levels. In addition to listening skills, teachers can use this website to create activities to help students improve their grammar, vocabulary, or even English language pronunciation. Moreover, authentic materials in TubeQuizard quizzes can be added to the curriculum to influence students' language proficiency and cultural awareness.

For Researchers

TubeQuizard shows excellent potential for English language teaching researchers. It offers a platform for investigating innovative teaching methodologies and evaluating their impact on language acquisition. TubeQuizard's free access is advantageous for researchers, enabling them to gather and analyze data from a broad and diverse audience.

The diversity data of TubeQuizard opens up new directions for conducting research in both ELT and linguistic fields. For example, ELT researchers can generate quizzes to discover matters regarding students' interests when learning English or explore the effectiveness of specific teaching methods. Meanwhile, the website can provide tools for linguistic researchers to test students' ability to comprehend English at different accents or explore the impact of exposure to diverse language experiences on students' language proficiency and intercultural competence.

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Conclusion

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TubeQuizard is an effective tool that uses YouTube videos to aid the language teaching and learning process. It provides free listening exercises in different aspects of language (such as vocabulary and grammatical structures), with various topics, and for learners at different levels (from A2 to C2). Another feature of the website is that it allows educators to customize the exercises according to students' interests and levels. Most importantly, TubeQuizard supports the usage of authentic materials which provide students with more exposure to global English. However, there are also limitations related to the video selection and the types of exercises that can hinder learners' learning experiences. Overall, TubeQuizard, with its various options and features, is a valuable tool for English language classrooms.

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