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5 Must Have Google Chrome Extensions for Educators

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Have you used Google products while teaching online? Are you looking for new ways to involve students when the semester begins? Do you want to make your life a lot easier for yourself? Even though you just responded YES to one of these questions, Chrome extensions are individualised software programmes that customise your Google experience to match your needs.

Essentially, Chrome extensions are like little digital hacks that make an educator's life more tolerable, especially during distancing learning.

How to download and use chrome extensions:

1

Visit the chrome web store while using your chrome browser.

2

Search the chrome extension you are interested in using, then click "add to chrome".

3

You will notice a new icon at the top of your screen in the toolbar once the download is complete.

4

Click the icon that correlates to the extension you want to use to activate it. Follow the directions on-screen after clicking the icon in the toolbar.

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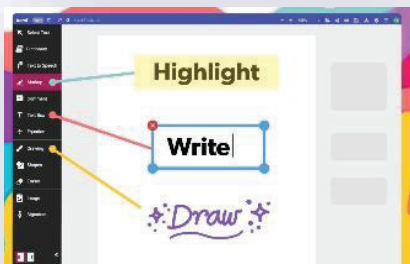
Need more help? Visit the Chrome Web Store Help Desk.

All of these extensions are free, so there's no harm in giving them a try. You can easily disable or remove them by typing **chrome://extensions/** into the Chrome address bar, or right-clicking an extension's icon in the toolbar to remove it. Every extension must have a toolbar icon, hide them without uninstalling by right-clicking and selecting **Hide in Chrome Menu**.

Here are **five free extensions** for educators to use at home or in the classroom! Give them a try and transform your online experience.

1. Bitmoji

Simply drag and drop your favourite Bitmoji into Gmail, Google Slides, virtual tasks, and anywhere else your heart desires. You can simply scan for the Bitmoji you like, copy it, and paste it anywhere with this extension!



Upload PDFs from your desktop or Google Drive and easily annotate them with a virtual pen, marker, or highlighter. You can also use a blank PDF and use Kami as a virtual whiteboard.

2. Kami

You can present this screen while on Zoom or Google Meet to annotate PDFs for your class to see. You can also use this with Google Drive and Google Classroom!

3. Grammarly for Chrome

You've probably seen plenty of ads for Grammarly, which wants very much to be the official spell and grammar checker for all your online writing. It's worth to install for the extra check on every word you write in the browser, from emails to social media and beyond. It even has a dictionary function, when you double click a word or phrase on a web page you get a definition or a link to something related to the term.

When you are typing anywhere in Chrome, a small, green icon appears and Grammarly begins to check the grammar and spelling of your work. If there's an error, it is underlined in red, and the student can see the type of error you made and correct it.

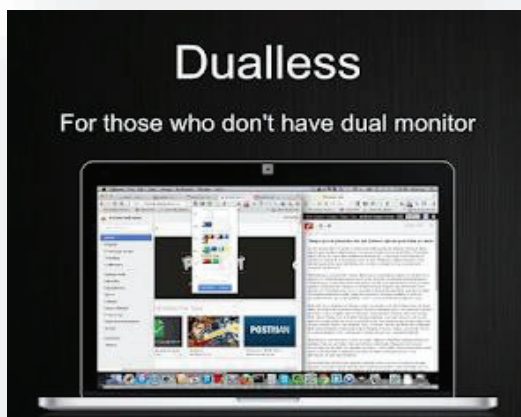


4. mote: voice notes & feedback

Mote lets you easily add voice comments and feedback to students' documents and assignments. You can use this audio feedback on Gmail, Google Docs, Slides, Sheets, Forms, and Classroom. It can also support transcription in more than 20 world languages, including English, Spanish, French, Portuguese and Arabic.



5. Dualless



Dualless allows a user to split their screen so they can work in two tabs simultaneously. For example, if you need to watch a video review of a lesson, they can open and view it in one tab while taking notes in Google Docs at the same time.

It splits your browser windows into two by just 2 clicks. The ratio can be adjusted according to your needs. You may have a browser window showing on the right that occupies 30% of your screen. Then the rest of the space leave to Google+. In addition, you also have a choice of splitting the screen either horizontally or vertically.

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