

Collaborative learning is also an approach that has proven popular with students learning online. Being able to communicate with other learners remotely effects a new digital pen-pal era and provides online spaces for the negotiation of meaning, an important step in interlanguage development. It is also important to provide well-crafted and transparent assessment rubrics for any assessments that involve self and peer assessment. For many students, assessment by anyone other than teachers may be a new concept. In addition to being given good rubrics, learners will need to be provided with training and practice in applying these rubrics to their own work and that of others.