

What are the benefits of online learning?

Before you start, answer the following questions

What are the advantages and disadvantages of online learning? Do you prefer online lessons or face-to-face classes in the traditional classroom?

Which of these benefits of online learning is the most important? (Tick ✓ your answer)



learning from home



having flexible times



meeting people from different places



Pista: Recordá que al final de la ficha encontrarás la **clave de respuestas** de las actividades para revisar tu trabajo.

Pista: Antes de realizar la siguiente actividad de **comprensión lectora**, te sugerimos que primero leas el texto completo para tener una **idea general**. Luego, para resolver la actividad, podés **resaltar** las palabras en el texto que te permiten darte cuenta cuáles son las opciones correctas. De esta manera, podrás hacer distintos tipos de asociaciones con las palabras. Te dejamos un ejemplo en el texto.

1. Read the following text about the advantages and disadvantages of online learning and match these headings

with their paragraphs: **Connectivity issues - Reduced financial cost - Efficiency - Problems to focus on screen - Accessibility of time and place - No digital knowledge.** Look at the example.

Online Learning: Advantages and Disadvantages

As a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic, schools are looking toward online learning platforms to continue educating students. Today, digital learning is a necessary resource for students and schools all over the world. But online learning has positive and negative aspects, and understanding these advantages and disadvantages is important for institutions to create more efficient strategies for education.



What are some of the advantages?

- Efficiency:** teachers can use videos, PDFs, podcasts and other digital resources in an **effective** and **fast** way.
-: students can attend classes from any location. Additionally, they can record and save their classes and access the material when they need it.
-: online learning eliminates the cost of using transport. It also eliminates the use of printed books so the use of digital material is beneficial for the environment.

What are some of the disadvantages?

-: some students can have problems to be in front of the screen for long periods of time.
-: internet connection is fundamental for online classes. Without good and consistent internet

connection for students and teachers the education process is impossible.

- f.: some teachers have a basic understanding of technology so it's difficult for them to teach online. Some students can have the same problem.

Adapted version from "[Advantages And Disadvantages Of Online Learning](#)"

 **Pista:** En la actividad 2, podés utilizar el siguiente diccionario online www.wordreference.com para buscar las palabras que no conozcas.




Wordreference.com
<https://bit.ly/3wzq2zF>

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2. Knowing some tips related to online learning can help students study more effectively. Read the following tips and match the words in **bold type** with the correct definitions in Spanish.

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|---|-------------------|
| a. Organize a weekly schedule | 1. horario |
| b. Stay organized and avoid clutter | 2. iluminación |
| c. Have good lighting in your workplace. | 3. tareas/deberes |
| d. Log in every day to check emails and assignments | 4. desorden |

 **Pista:** Antes de realizar una actividad de **comprensión oral**, te sugerimos que escuches el audio/video completo para tener una **idea general**. Para resolver la siguiente actividad, recordá que no es necesario comprender todas las palabras del video. **Focalizá tu atención** en las oraciones que tenés que seleccionar y hacé **asociaciones** de palabras. También podés ver el video las veces que lo consideres necesario y hacer pausas.

Here is an interesting video about some useful tips for online study. Are you ready to learn some more tips?



5 tips for online study
Monash University.
<https://bit.ly/3vXB7vd>

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3. Which of the following tips are mentioned in the video? Watch the video and tick ✓ the correct options. Look at the example.
- a. Find a comfortable place to study.
 - b. Organize groups to connect with other students.
 - c. Ask for help.
 - d. Transfer your notes into interactive formats.
 - e. Ask questions.
 - f. Submit assignments on time.
 - g. Take time for yourself.
 - h. Revise your notes before your class.
4. Get into groups and make a list of some useful tips for online learning with the information from the previous activities. Also add more tips to the list.

5. Here is an extract from an article called “How Technology Affects Sleep”. Read the text and complete these sentences:

- a. The use of digital devices before bedtime can cause problems to
- b. It's not a good idea to use before you go to bed.

Many people don't know that the use of electronic devices can have a negative impact on their sleep. These gadgets emit blue light which can interfere with the production of melatonin, a hormone that regulates sleep. That's why, before bedtime, it's a good idea to turn off all your digital devices.

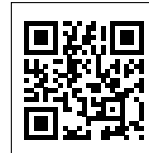


Adapted version from “[How Technology Affects Sleep](#)”.

Before you finish

Think about the following question: In your opinion, does online learning have more advantages or disadvantages? Compare your answer with a classmate.

Further practice



Are you a good digital citizen? Do the quiz on the website of the British Council to find out.
<https://bit.ly/3sotDz6>

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Keys for correction 1) a. Efficiency; b. Accessibility of time and place; c. Reduced financial cost; d. Problems to focus on screen; e. Connectivity issues; f. No digital knowledge
2) a.1; b.4; c.2; d.3 **3)** a. b. c. e. g. **5)** a. sleep; b. electronic devices / digital devices.