

Today's reflection piece starts with a brief ramble on the perspective and tools of teaching online teaching. In the second paragraph I discuss the class itself in more detail.

T had some difficulties with the class due to lack of student comprehension, which was below expectations for their course level. and a week later, this was proved to be not the case. It's still unclear why the students were struggling throughout this class when they managed better the following week. During the debriefing session T was informed that the breakout rooms had students that were performing quite well, and already understood the material. Therefore, it is important to note that T's perspective without being able to be in every breakout room at once is perhaps tunnel visioned. All of these things are just guesses. It is certain however that when in BBB, it is not possible to view the shared notes and the group chat at the same time. Yet both of these BBB functions are quite essential to the learning experience. This had me hypothesizing that perhaps it may be better to place a Google Docs link in shared notes, and encourage students to run docs in one browser while being able to easily switch between the two. However, some students are less technically inclined or less technologically up-to-date than others. Therefore, at least shared notes avoids the issue of slow computers/internet/user errors.

The introductory exercise of fill-in the blank song lyrics is a personal favourite of mine, and I was just curious how T drew names at random. The blanks that were filled in were related to the course content, which formed an excellent bridge between the activity and the next part of the lesson, adjective clauses. This was followed up by an exercise on adjective clauses, wherein T beautifully used SVO for one student's answer of "the pen you gave me" rather than "you gave me the pen." There was a break, and then T got into how questions are formed with adjective clauses. After all of this we played Taboo, which was a bit hit or miss via BBB, but it is certainly a resource I can draw from.

Now that I look back at this reflection, I think I've simply gotten used to using BBB because it's a powerful and useful all-in-one tool. I can also still say that I wish I had more desk space for a second monitor though!