

Hands-on Exercises – Cognitive Space

ReadSpeaker on Brightspace

- Open a new window on Firefox. You should land in an open Brightspace sandbox.
- Select the English 1101 course.
- Select Unit 1 on 'Poetry.'
- Select the lesson 'Poetry Terms.'
- To read out the lesson loud with highlighting:
 - Click on the media icon on the top left below the topic name to start hearing the lesson read out to you with highlighting.
 - Stop the reading.
- To change the settings:
 - Click on the settings icon in the media bar. You can
 - Turn off/on the highlighting.
 - Choose the grouping of words for highlighting.
 - Change the color of the highlight.
- To download the lesson in audio format for offline listening:
 - Click on the download button to get the file to the computer.

Proloquo2go on iPad

- Review the video in the Cognitive Space of a small boy using Proloquo2go on his iPad.
- Open the app on the iPad.
- Touch the pictures that you want to string together to make your message.
- Each time a picture is touched, it is added to the top margin.
- When finished, touch the top margin to hear the text corresponding to all the pictures spoken together.

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Echo with Brightspace

Alexa as a Quick Way to Information and Getting Things Done

We all think of smart speakers like Echo as a bit of fun. Get Alexa to tell a joke, sing a song, play some music, play a game. But Alexa can make getting information and getting things done a little easier, especially if accessing information or manipulating an interface is difficult for any reason.

Helpful Things Alexa Can Do:

- Help you keep a to-do list and remind you of upcoming things
- Set timers and alarms
- Look up, spell and translate words and phrases
- Do simple math and convert to other units of measure
- Get the news and the weather

The Brightspace Assessments Alexa Skill

What if, before you started marking, you could ask Alexa what was available for grading, or where you should start? As a fun little project, some D2Lers made a first crack at building an Alexa skill to do just that. It's still elementary, but it gives you an idea of what is possible. If you want to see it developed further, definitely pass that feedback along!

Things to try:

- Say "Alexa: Ask Brightspace which activity I should mark first."
- Say "Alexa: Ask Brightspace how many assignments do I have left to Mark?"
- Say "Alexa: Ask Brightspace how many assignments have been submitted since two weeks ago."
- Say "Alexa, ask Brightspace how many discussion posts do I have left to mark?"

Sadly, Alexa can't do the assessments for you, but at least now you don't have to waste time searching to see where you should focus first.