



## TEACHING TIPS WITH TECHNOLOGY

### Quizlet for Flashcards helps students “stay ahead of the game”

*Featuring: Carina Rock, Reading, Rockville*



Carina Rock, who teaches reading on the Rockville campus, uses technology to solve the age old problem of getting students to actually use vocabulary flashcards for study and review. She is a self described “technology person, and I like to be able to do things online.” There are many disciplines that require the use of Flash Cards as a study aid, including developmental reading and foreign language courses. However, Carina found that many of the “Millineals” that she teaches do not want to use physical flash cards.

Her solution lies in Quizlet. Quizlet (<http://quizlet.com/>) allows instructors, or even students themselves, to create vocabulary flashcards online. The students can then view these flashcards via the internet, on their iPods, or Android phones.

Quizlet even provides online games that are automatically created when you create a Quizlet set that allow students to practice and reinforce vocabulary concepts. She has found that the students enjoy using these flashcards and that “using quizlet is easier for you and your students when studying vocabulary.” Studying Quizlet flashcards “is not something that you have to nag students to do,” thus she is able to hold students responsible for remembering the information they learn using Quizlet with minimal fuss. “It’s something they do on their own.”

Carina has expanded her use of Quizlet so that students create their own vocabulary sets and use them in student groups. Ultimately she hopes that students will remember Quizlet and use it not only during her reading courses, but later in their academic careers to create their own vocabulary flashcard sets. “There are a lot of applications for vocabulary flash card sets, including biology, computer classes, and medical terminology courses,” she said.

Carina encourages you to explore <http://quizlet.com> as a resource that you and your students can use for vocabulary, and other applications. Here is a sample set of her quizlet vocabulary:

<http://quizlet.com/2670567/cv2-ch-1-sec-2-flash-cards/>

There are also many vocabulary sets for foreign languages, biology, chemistry, and other courses that have already been created by the quizlet community, and are free for you and your students to use.

## **Steps for Creating your own Quizlet Flashcards**

1. Visit <http://quizlet.com/>
2. Create a new Quizlet account. There are two choices when creating a Quizlet account:
  - a. You can connect your existing Facebook account to set up Quizlet access
  - b. You may create an account specifically for Quizlet by clicking the "Sign Up" button in the upper right hand corner.
3. After signing up for a Quizlet account on <http://quizlet.com>, click the "Make Flashcards" button to create a new Flashcard set.
4. Give your Flashcard set a title, and note the subject in the subject field.
5. Decide who can use the flashcard set. (You probably want to set this up so that everyone can see your flash cards).
6. Decide who can edit the flashcard set. (You probably want to set this up so that only you can edit your flashcards).
7. Enter a description in the box if desired.
8. Enter your Flashcard term using the box on the left, and the definition for the term using the box on the right.
9. Repeat as desired until you have created the entire Flashcard set.
10. After entering all Terms, and Definitions, click the "Create Set" button to create your Flashcard Set.
11. After clicking the create set button, you will be taken to your Flashcard set.
12. Make note of the link in the address bar, so that you can share your flashcards with students.

**Note:** You and your students can select a variety of options to use the Flashcards that you have created. They can learn the terms online, chose to take a test based on the Flashcards, or they may print the cards so that they may study.

**Quizlet Images:** If you are using the free features of Quizlet, you can browse an existing image gallery to add images to your flashcard, but you may not upload your own images for use on Quizlet. Uploading your own Quizlet images is a feature only available for members with a paid subscripton on the Quizlet site.

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