

WHAT'S THE POINT OF ASSESSMENT? MAKING IT FIT FOR HUMANS

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- Of course, this is just one of many possible purposes! There are countless more.

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- What else? Please type in the chat.

Some prototype tasks we've been working on...

Would we design these tasks
the same way
for a Cambridge English qualification?



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Which of these words do you think best describes how she felt after winning the race?



☐ Ecstatic

☐ Overwhelmed

☐ Relieved

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SEE FEEDBACK



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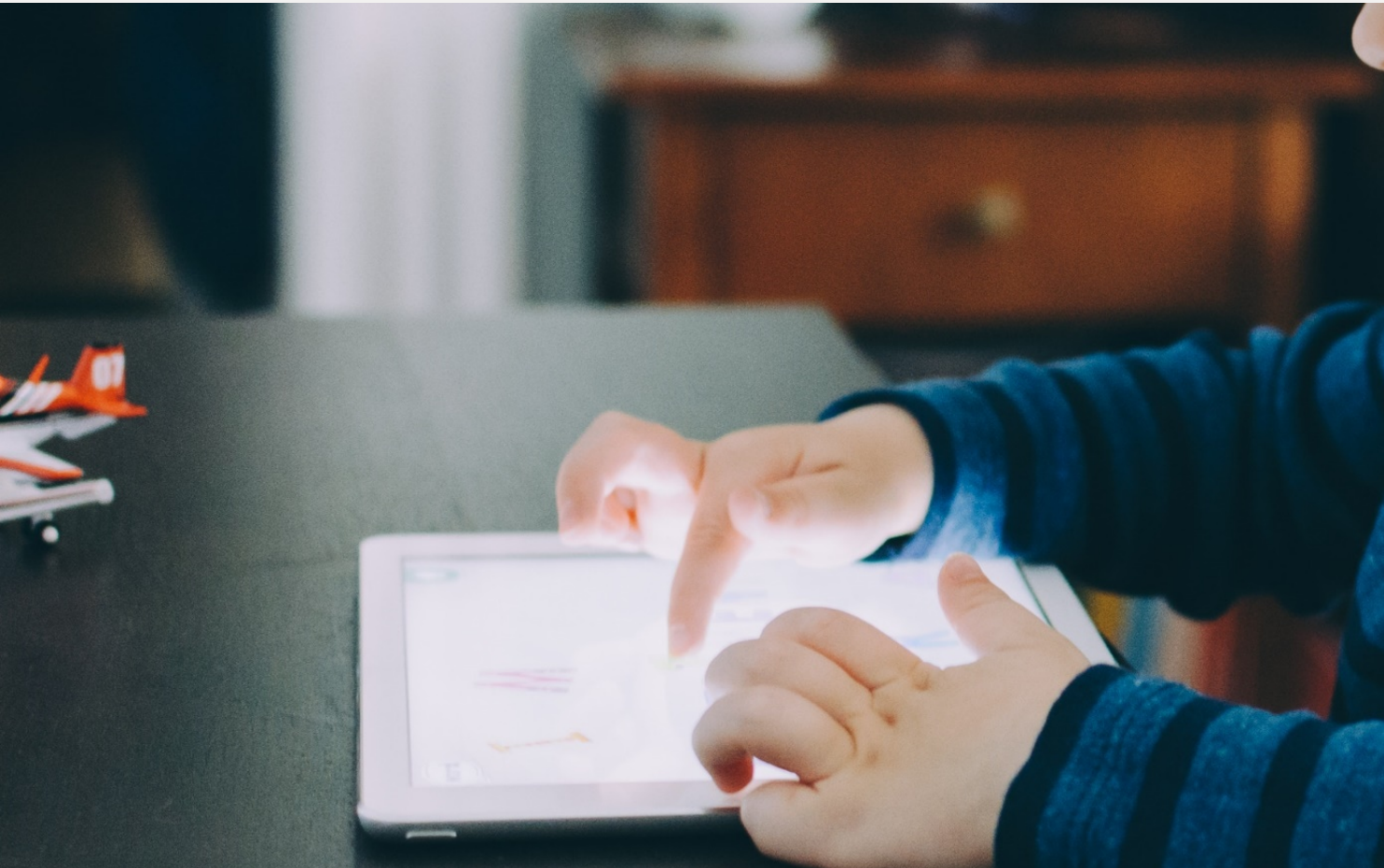
Games-based learning

Learning through play:

- game rules
- goals
- competition
- chance



What are immersive games?



A fully immersive game environment for players

Examples:

- Minecraft
- The Sims
- Fortnite

What is gamification?

Gamification: game elements that engage and motivate:

- points
- badges
- levels
- leader boards
- Challenges



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Some examples

What do you think was the aim behind the game/gamification elements in these products?







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Lighthouse full preview (2)



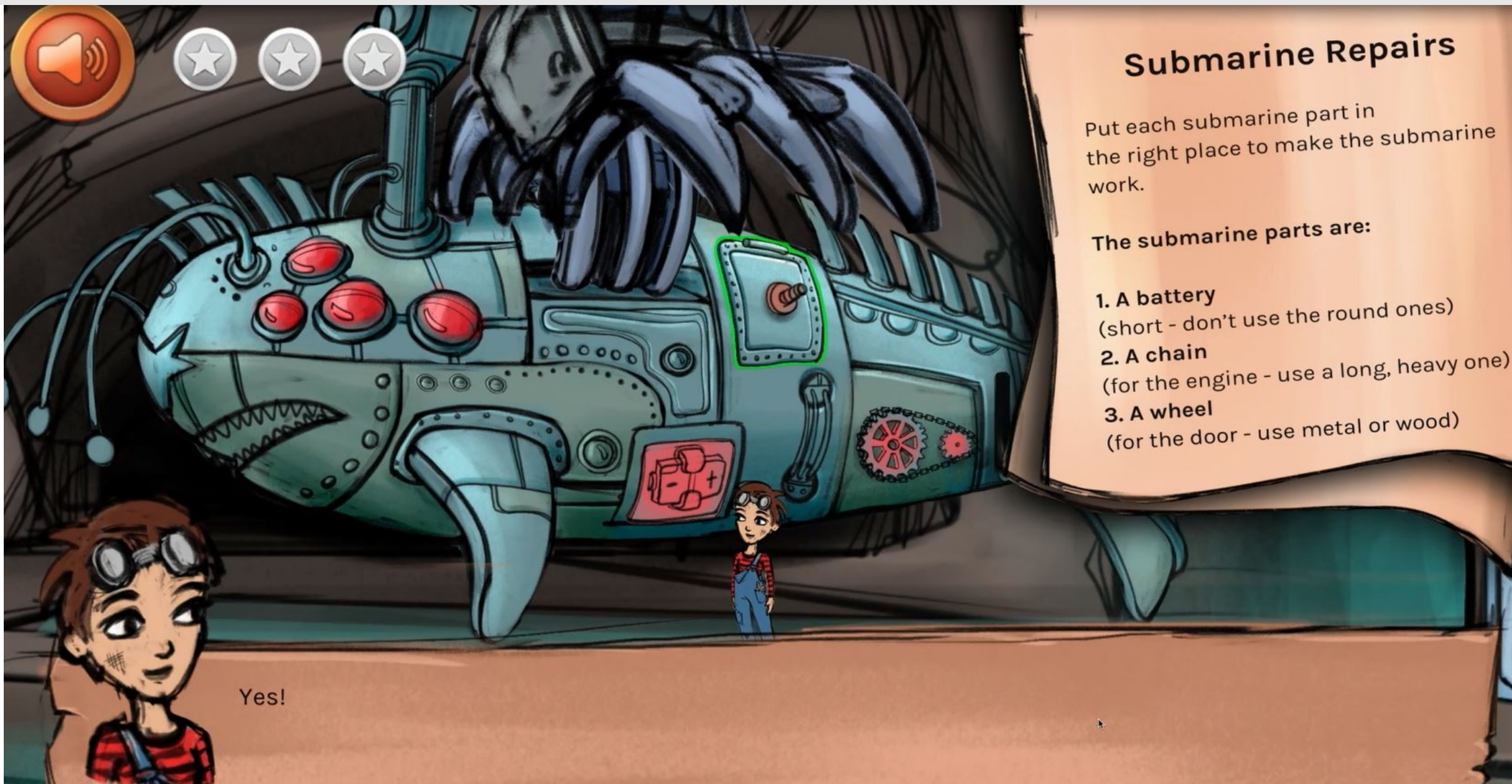
Submarine Repairs

Put each submarine part in the right place to make the submarine work.

The submarine parts are:

1. A battery
(short - don't use the round ones)
2. A chain
(for the engine - use a long, heavy one)
3. A wheel
(for the door - use metal or wood)





exam! LIFT!

Speaking

ROUND 3/3

Tap all the words which you
can use to talk about:

SHOPPING

Topic
Association

*Practise
pronunciation*

*Build vocabulary
around Speaking
Test topics*

*Practise
scanning*

Now it's your turn!

Work with your group to develop a new assessment task type

This could be a:

- Game or gamified task
- bite-sized activity
- something else...



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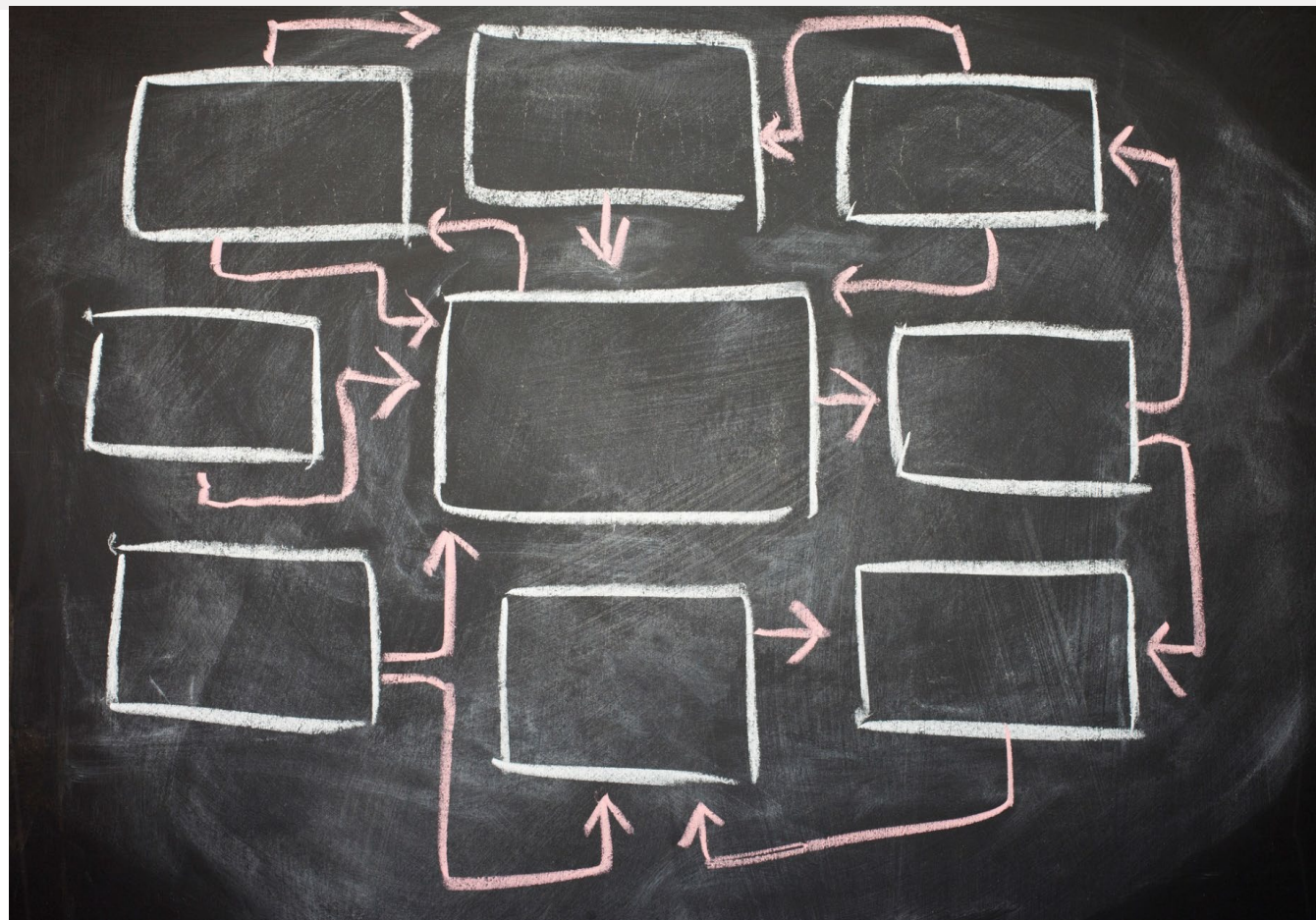


When designing your new task please consider the following:

- Purpose
- Construct
- Age/ level of learner
- Procedure (i.e. what the learner has to do)

Time to share

Please tell us about your task(s)



Thank you

