Isn’t technology meant to make things easier? The use of online assessment tools to assess language proficiency.

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Presentation

- Background to the TECM101 course
- TECM101 Assessment
  - On line quizzes
- Benefits
- Challenges
- Puzzle of Practice
Background – TECM101

+ Year One compulsory course – Bachelor of Teaching and Learning.

+ 2014 – 246 students.
  - 157 on campus / 89 distance students.

+ Series of lectures and workshops, PowerPoints, workbooks, vocabulary lists, Echo 360 recordings, podcasts, Language Perfect.
TECM101 Assessment

1. Critical reflection assignment – 50%
   - Submission drop box Learn

2. Te reo Māori language assessment – 50%
   Range of questions to show understanding of the language and tikanga covered in the course.

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Mini Quizzes – 5%

Range of questions (25) to show understanding of the language and tikanga covered in the course.

Complete the gaps below with the correct word in te reo Māori:
Mā ________, mā ________, ka ________ _________ te ______

Select one:
- a. pango, whero, oti, ai, mahi
- b. pango, whero, oti, ai, māhi
- c. pango, whero, oti, ai, māhi
- d. whero, pango, ota, ia, māhi
- e. pango, whero, oti, ia, mahi
- f. whero, pango, ota, ai, mahi
Mini Quizzes – 5%

**Question 2**
A classroom teacher wants to foster a sense of belonging in her classroom. Which of the following concepts is she trying to establish?

Select one:
- a. wairuatanga
- b. manaakitanga
- c. whanaungatanga
- d. whakapapa

**Question 3**
You are involved in a debate and you hear a member of the audience say 'Kia ora'. This means they agree with your position. 'Koia koia' can also be used in this context. True or false?

Select one:
- True
- False
Final Quiz – 35%

+ **Part A: Written Question**
  - Write 5 sentences in te reo Māori describing a set picture using specified language taught in TECM101.
  - Correct punctuation, spelling, macrons, accurate use of language structure, correct translation of sentences.

+ **Part B: Multichoice/matching questions**
  - Range of questions to show understanding of the language and tikanga covered in the course.
Benefits

1. Accessibility for students
2. Self marking – limited to specific types of questions
3. Consistency – on campus / distance
4. Part A: Written component – provides a more accurate reflection on language development
5. User override – reset attempts
Challenges

1. Assessment – academic rigour
2. Effectively ‘open book’ assessment
3. Technical issues - macrons in written quiz, internet availability (weather)
4. Sound files – problematic
5. Limited with types of questions available
6. Front loaded – quiz development
How do you utilise online assessment tools to effectively assess language skills within a university context?