

Roll Your Own: Making Online Activities and Courses the Easy Way

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Quia.com

1. Sign up via <http://www.quia.com/newuser.html> (make sure you sign up with a web-based e-mail account such as Gmail or Hotmail so you can check your e-mails right away during the session for the confirmation e-mail). Make sure you choose the **Instructor** account type.

Your username: _____

Your password: _____

2. With your partner create a basic quiz that contains at least:
 - One multiple choice question
 - One true-false question
 - One multiple correct question
 - One fill-in question
 - One matching question
 - One ordering question
3. Go to <http://www.quia.com/shared/> and find at least three activities from the Shared Activities section that you might want to use with your students. You may want to write down the URLs below.

English360.com

1. Sign up via <http://learn.english360.com/accounts/register> (make sure you sign up with a web-based e-mail account such as Gmail or Hotmail so you can check your e-mails right away during the session for the confirmation e-mail). Make sure to choose the **Teacher** Account Type.

Your e-mail address: _____

Your password: _____

2. Check your e-mails, click on the activation link in the e-mail you should receive, and sign in with the e-mail address and password you created.
3. Complete your profile if you like, or skip this step.
4. Click on the Projects tab along the top.
5. Click on Create a New Project. Complete the New Project information and click Save.
6. Take a minute to familiarise yourself with the main page of your new project. You'll see that on the left-hand side there is a list of folders contained in your project (at the moment this consists of one folder titled Untitled), in the middle of the screen is information about your project, and on the right-hand side are Project Actions (things you can do with your project).
7. On the left, click Add Folder and give it the name Unit 1. Click Add.
8. You will now see the new folder Unit 1 appear in the left along with Untitled Page. Click on Untitled Page; this will take you to the first page of your project.
9. On the Untitled Page, click on Page Actions (towards the right-hand side of the page). Click on Edit Page Information, and change the page title to Page 1. Click Save.
10. You are now back on your Page 1 and here's where the real action starts! On this page, create at least one of each of the following activities:
 - a. Simple Text
 - b. Fill-in-the-blank
 - c. Matching
 - d. Drag & Drop
 - e. Multiple Choice
11. If you are feeling adventurous, try embedding a YouTube video, an image or some other multimedia content from elsewhere on the web.