



Engaging Students in Fun Online Learning

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Agenda

- Setting the Stage: Online Learning at GBC
- Learning by Doing – The Model
- Structure and Content – Meet Avatoo!
- Pilots: Lessons Learned & Next Steps



Online Learning at GBC

- College-Wide Initiative
- Technological Tools Available
- Challenges
- Typical Online Courses vs. Learning by Doing



Learning Management System

➔ **Blackboard**

Alternative:

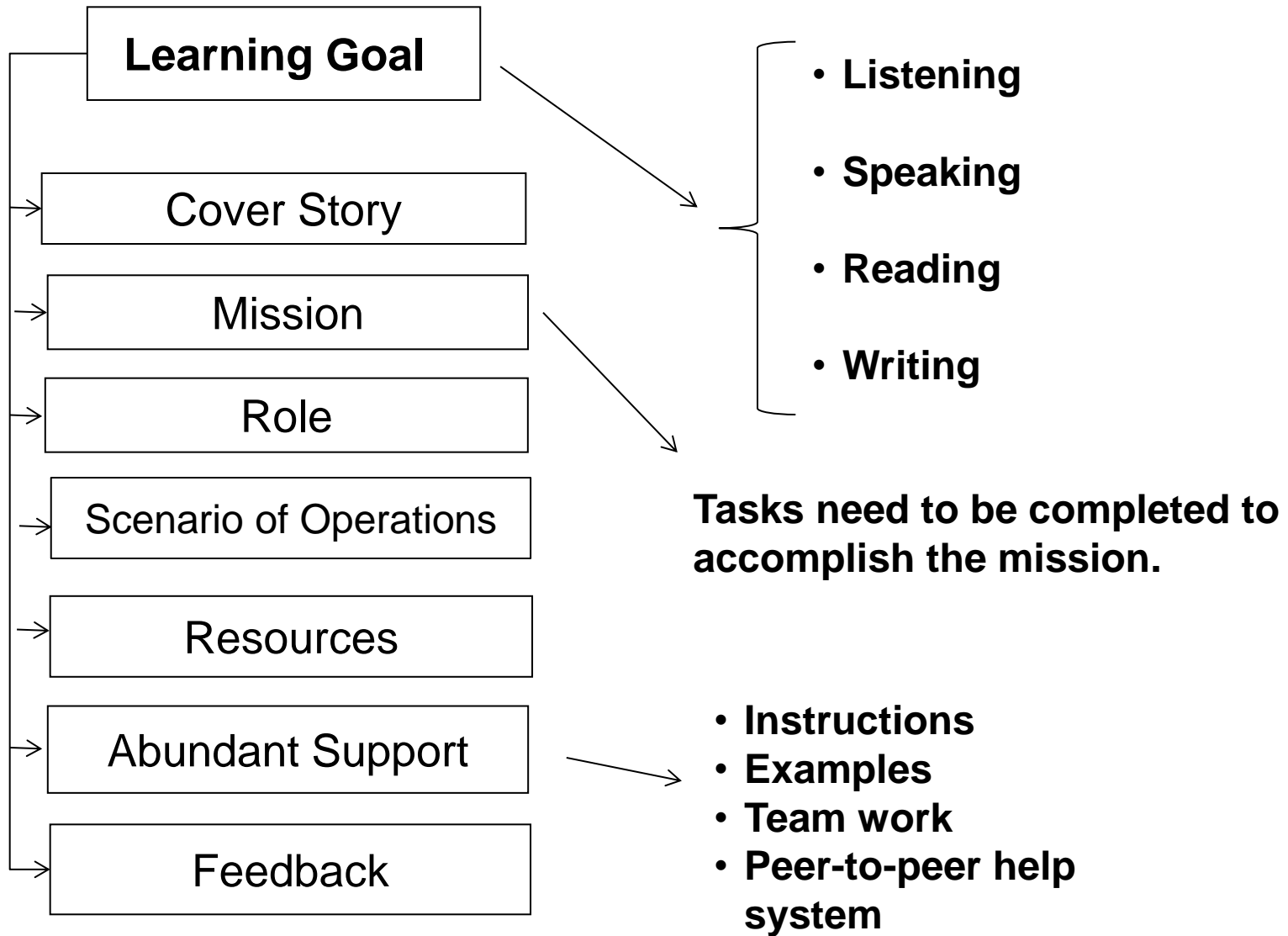
Moodle:

[HTTPS://MOODLE.ORG/](https://moodle.org/)

Desire2Learn:

<http://www.desire2learn.com/>

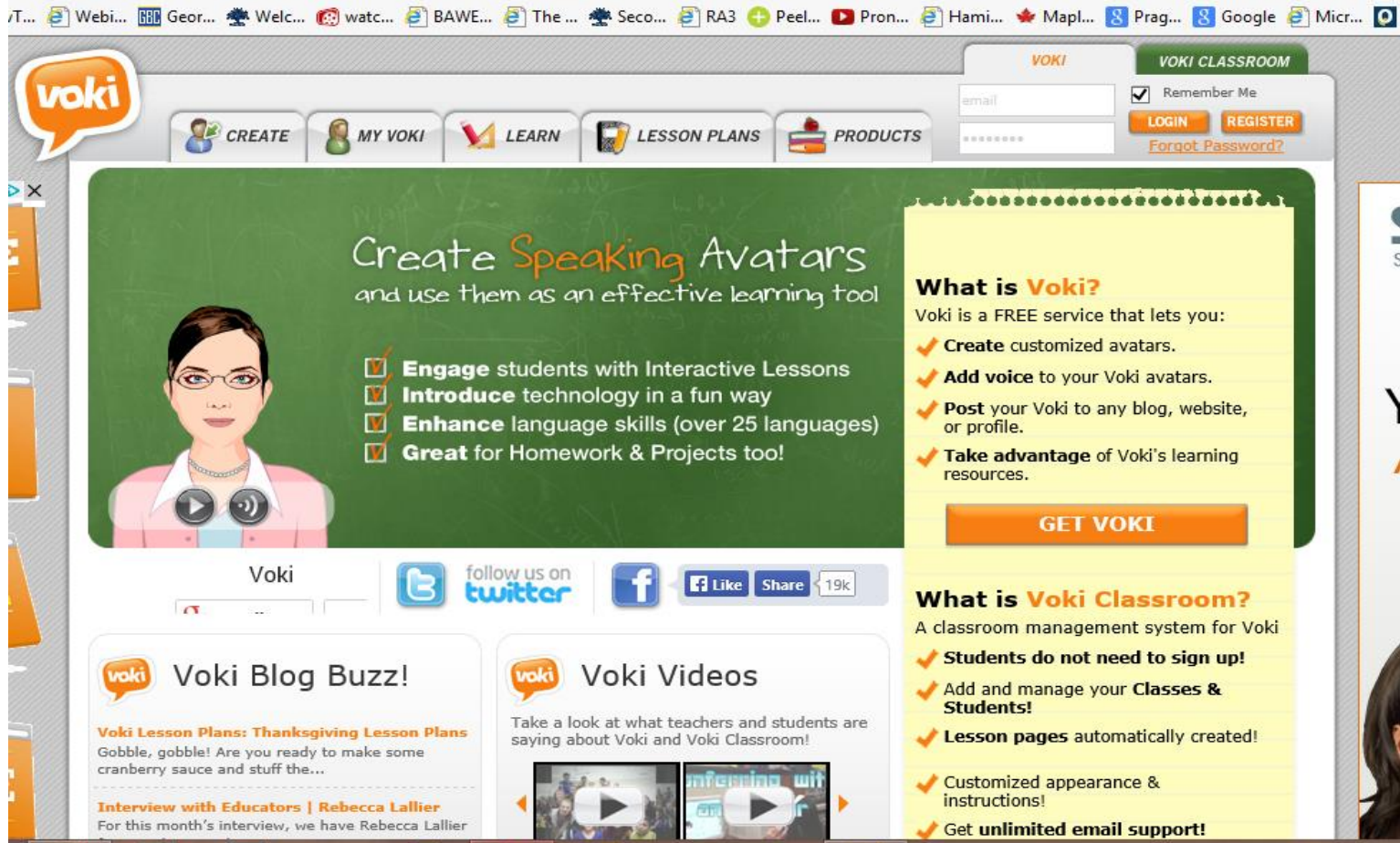
The Model



Week 1: On a Mission

- Task: Create an Avatar
- Guidelines
- Example
 - What is your name?
 - Are you a man or a woman?
 - How old are you?
 - Are you tall or short?
 - Are you slim or chubby?
 - What colour is your hair?
 - Is your hair short or long?
 - What colour is your skin?
 - Are you gorgeous or ugly?

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The screenshot shows the Voki website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Voki logo and buttons for CREATE, MY VOKI, LEARN, LESSON PLANS, and PRODUCTS. On the right, there is a login/register section with a 'VOKI CLASSROOM' tab, an email input field, a 'Remember Me' checkbox, and buttons for LOGIN and REGISTER. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features a green background with the text 'Create Speaking Avatars and use them as an effective learning tool'. To the left of this text is an illustration of a woman's head and shoulders with a play button and a microphone icon. To the right is a list of four benefits, each with a checkmark icon. Below this is a 'GET VOKI' button. Further down, there are social media links for Twitter and Facebook, and two featured content boxes: 'Voki Blog Buzz!' and 'Voki Videos'. The 'Voki Videos' box includes a video player with a play button and a '19k' share count.

CREATE **MY VOKI** **LEARN** **LESSON PLANS** **PRODUCTS**

VOKI **VOKI CLASSROOM**

email Remember Me

LOGIN **REGISTER**
[Forgot Password?](#)

Create Speaking Avatars
 and use them as an effective learning tool

- Engage** students with Interactive Lessons
- Introduce** technology in a fun way
- Enhance** language skills (over 25 languages)
- Great** for Homework & Projects too!

What is Voki?
 Voki is a FREE service that lets you:

- ✓ **Create** customized avatars.
- ✓ **Add voice** to your Voki avatars.
- ✓ **Post** your Voki to any blog, website, or profile.
- ✓ **Take advantage** of Voki's learning resources.

GET VOKI

What is Voki Classroom?
 A classroom management system for Voki

- ✓ **Students do not need to sign up!**
- ✓ Add and manage your **Classes & Students!**
- ✓ **Lesson pages** automatically created!
- ✓ Customized appearance & instructions!
- ✓ Get **unlimited email support!**

Voki follow us on **twitter** **f** Like Share 19k

Voki Blog Buzz!
Voki Lesson Plans: Thanksgiving Lesson Plans
 Gobble, gobble! Are you ready to make some cranberry sauce and stuff the...
Interview with Educators | Rebecca Lallier
 For this month's interview, we have Rebecca Lallier

Voki Videos
 Take a look at what teachers and students are saying about Voki and Voki Classroom!

Sample of Student Work



Sample Video 1

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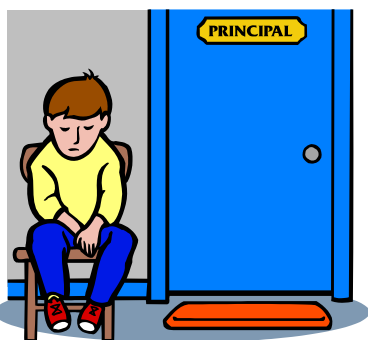


Sample Video 2

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Task: Avatar Has a Problem

Your avatar has a problem, so he/she decides to write a letter to an *Advice Column* to seek some advice.



- **My teacher caught me cheating on a test. I'm so ashamed. I don't want to go back to class.**
- **My rent is not bad, and I like the place very much. The only problem is my landlord - he is very mean!**
- **My teacher is nice, but she speaks too fast. I don't understand her very well.**
- **I don't like my school and I am homesick. I want to go back to my country, but I know my parents will be disappointed if I go.**
- **I feel so lonely here. I don't know how to make friends in Canada.**
- **I am in love, but I am afraid he/she does not love me back. I don't know what to do.**

Sample of Student Work

Hi! My name is Crazy J. I am very sad because I get caught by the police. I got a speed ticket of overspeed 30km/hr. I need to paid \$100 dollars. I want to change the bad hobbit. I can not drive fastly, need to be safety. What can I do? I do not have money to pay the fine. Can you borrow some to me?

I am Dongdong, and I am not happy now. I am a hard worker, but my salary isn't much, because my boss is very bad, he never give me enough wages, I asked him why, he said fire me, so I accept so little salary. I'm going on a date with my girlfriend now, but I am not having enough money. So,for my marriage, you lend me some money.

Don't pay your ticket. Go to the court and file your ticket. Then you can ask for forgive from the judge. change your habit. Slow down when driving. Work hard to make more money. I can barrow some money to you if you really need

Hello Dongdong,
I think you can looking for the other job behind your boss (it is very bad,but don't quit before you get new job,because you said you need money for your marriage.), when you get a new job then you can quit the old job.
Don't do something you don't like and enjoy.
Life is too short,so you must enjoy your life,cheer up.
Best regards,
Crystal.



Task: Avatar Needs a Job

Filling out an Employment Application Form

<p>FT Purchasing Coordinator for busy manufacturer. Experience a must! Competitive salary. If you enjoy a fast paced environment, this job is for you.</p>	<p>Telephone Interviewers The City University. No selling. Eves & weekends. \$10.50/hr. Bilingual \$14/hr</p>	<p>Summer & Full Time Positions Now hiring for: Ass't. Manager, Customer Service, Marketing, and Warehouse. Full training. No experience required.</p>
<p>Greek Culinary Mgmt. Exper. Professional required to manage food program, Greek restaurant. Toronto East.</p>	<p>Group dog walker needed. PT or FT long term. Car a must.</p>	<p>Electronics assembly Technician Soldering skills & electronics background req'd. Great pay!</p>
<p>Experienced Cooks needed to prepare and manage large catering orders, authentic South India snacks, sweets and rice items. Canadian food safety training required. Salary \$12 to \$16 per hour.</p>	<p>Front Office Secretary FT position. Engineering manufacturing company. Position involves computer, financial, international shipping, office mgmt.</p>	<p>Servers Needed La Cabana is looking for guest-focused individuals for FT & PT opportunities. Must be passionate about Hospitality. Food service/hospitality experience req'ed.</p>



Sample of Student Work

Employment Application Form

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORM*							
PERSONAL INFORMATION							
Name:	Arana	Aithea		Office Use Only			
	Last	First	Middle initial				
Address:	165	Queen Street	908				
	Number	Street	Apt	Other			
Toronto	ON		647233705	aithea@yahoo.com			
City	Province	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email			
How did you hear about this opportunity? (x) Website () Friend () Other							
MY AVAILABILITY & JOB POSITION							
Position Sought: Assistant Manager			Available Start Date: Available				
Status: (x) Full-Time () Part-Time							
Availability							
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
From	1:00 pm	1:00 pm	1:00 pm	1:00 pm	1:00 pm		
To	8:00 pm	8:00 pm	8:00 pm	8:00 pm	8:00 pm		
EMPLOYMENT HISTORY							
Current/Most Recent Employer:							
Can we contact this company? () yes () no							
Company Name	Start Date	End Date	Supervisor's Name and Phone Number				
Position/Duties			Reason for Leaving				
Please specify highest level of education completed: Marketing Degree							
What hobbies and/or activities are you involved in?							
Are you legally eligible to work in Canada? (x) yes () no							
REFERENCES (Please do not list relatives)							
Name	Occupation	Relationship	Phone Number				
Sebastian Perez	Supervisor	Friend	647 6484197				
Christian Polito	Manager	Friend	674 3012987				
Patricia Gilber	Manager	Friend	647 2013328				
Signature Aitea Arana		Date 10/10/2013					
Office Use Only							

* Based on Tim Horton's Employment Form available online

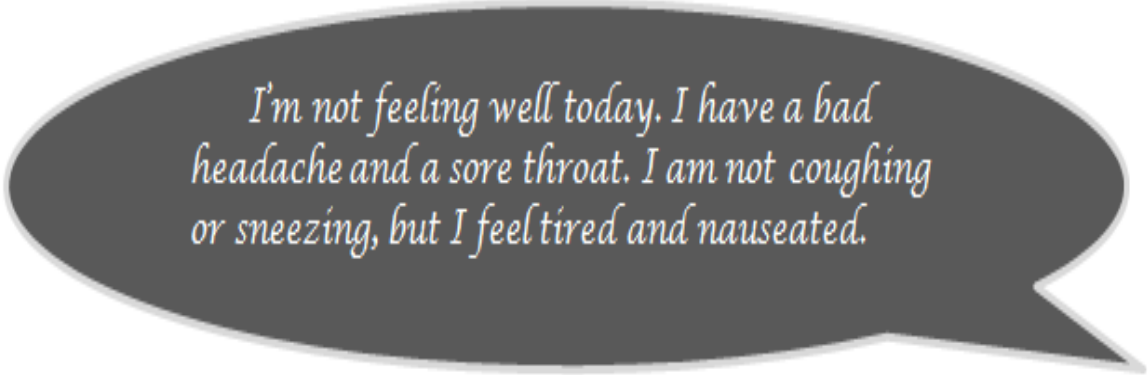
PDF file link:

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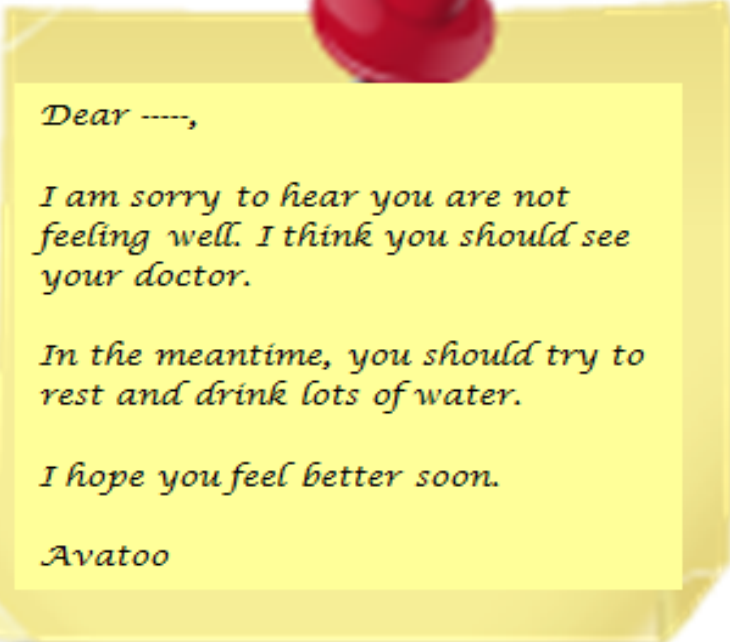

Task: Avatar Gets Sick

Symptoms

- a headache
- a fever
- a rash
- ...



I'm not feeling well today. I have a bad headache and a sore throat. I am not coughing or sneezing, but I feel tired and nauseated.



Dear ----,

I am sorry to hear you are not feeling well. I think you should see your doctor.

In the meantime, you should try to rest and drink lots of water.

I hope you feel better soon.

Avatoo

Giving Advice

- Have herbal tea
- Rest
- Stay in bed
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Sample of Student Work

I am lobito i dont feel well i have insect bite, and i have cold and i think i have fever and temperature what should i do ?????

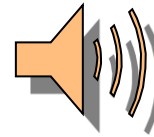
I'm feeling sick because I feel tired, I don't have enough energy. I have a headache, and I'm feeling dizzy. I have a pain in my body and my bones. I can't get u, and I can't come to class. If you know , how I can better please write for me. Thank you.

I think you need to see doctor right away. It might be some kind of danger inspect. You can get infection on that.

Parinaz.
I think first of all you need to take rest. You have to stay at home and try too sleep. It makes you better.

Listening & Speaking

- Listening to the doctor's voice mail



<https://soundcloud.com/glenfc/slide-15-docs-voicemail-1>

- Planning the message

- Greeting
- Your name and your contact number
- Spelling of your last name
- Brief description of what you
- Request for an appointment
- Your availability
- Closing remarks

- Recording voice mail

"Hi! It's Avatoo Leveltoo here. It's L-E-V-E-L-T-O-O - Leveltoo. I'm not feeling well today. I have a bad headache and a sore throat. I am not coughing or sneezing, but I feel very tired and nauseated. I need to see Dr. Smith, so I would like to book an appointment. I am available on any day after 4 pm. My phone number is 647-647-6476. I am looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you. Bye now."



Sample of Student Work

Audio Sample 1

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Audio Sample 2

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Audio Sample 3

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Listening Activity

Listen



Guided Practice

Write

HEALTH HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE	
<i>All the information that you provide in this questionnaire is strictly confidential and will become part of your medical record.</i>	
Date: ___/___/___ (m) (d) (y)	
PATIENT INFORMATION	
Name: _____ (Last) (First) (Middle Initial)	
Sex:	Date of Birth: ___/___/___ (m) (d) (y)
F <input type="checkbox"/>	
M <input type="checkbox"/>	
Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Common-Law <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed
Current Occupation:	
Referring Doctor:	Date of Last Physical (m/y) ___/___
PERSONAL HEALTH HISTORY	
Childhood Illnesses (√ all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Measles <input type="checkbox"/> Mumps <input type="checkbox"/> Rubella <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Pox <input type="checkbox"/> Polio
	<input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatic <input type="checkbox"/> Fever <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Medical Illnesses	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma

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Sample of Student Work

Health History Questionnaire sample A

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Health History Questionnaire sample B

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Health History Questionnaire sample C

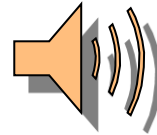
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HEALTH HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE			
<i>All the information that you provide in this questionnaire is strictly confidential and will become part of your medical record.</i>			
Date: <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> (m) (d) (y)			
PATIENT INFORMATION			
Name: Christopoulos Penelope (Last) (First) (Middle Initial)		Sex: F <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth: 7 / 15 / 1985 (m) (d) (y)
Marital Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Common-Law <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed		
Current Occupation: Student			
Referring Doctor: Dr. Smith		Date of Last Physical (m/y) 1 / 2013	
PERSONAL HEALTH HISTORY			
Childhood Illnesses (√ all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Measles	<input type="checkbox"/> Mumps	<input type="checkbox"/> Rubella
	<input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatic	<input type="checkbox"/> Fever	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Medical Illnesses	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease
	<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma		

Task: Leaving a Voicemail

- Do you remember that job application form your avatar filled out?

- There is a voice mail for your avatar



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- Plan your message. It should include:

- Greeting
- Your name
- The reason for you call
- Your availability
- Closing greeting

Good afternoon! My name is Avatoor Leveltoo. I'm calling about the phone interview. I am available for an interview on Wednesday, from 10 to 10:30. I am looking forward for your call. Thank you very much. Have a good day.



Sample of Student Work

Audio Interview 1

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Audio Interview 2

<https://soundcloud.com/glenfc/slide-21-audio-interview-2-1>

- Shorter
- Fewer tasks
- Lots of in-class demonstrations
- Hard copy instructions
- Computer lab time to introduce tasks
- Enthusiasm - key to success
- On-going support to teachers



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