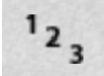


How to make and use Flippity activities

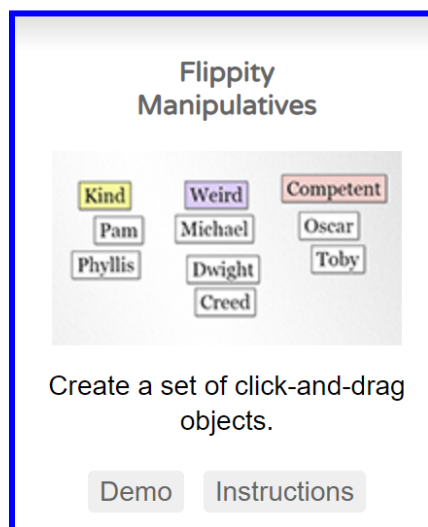
[Flippity.net](https://www.flippity.net) is a free website, created by a teacher, that lets you create a number of fun interactive activities.

Note that, due to changes in Google security settings, many Flippity activities changed last year. If you watch YouTube tutorial videos from 2021 or earlier, the images may be different.

Available activities

- **Flash cards**, flex cards (multimedia), **manipulatives** (word magnets)
- Quiz show (Jeopardy-style), board game, virtual breakout (answer questions to open locks)
- **Snowman** (hangman-style games without the violence), WordMaster (Wordle-style)
- Randomizer and random name picker
- Connecto (Connect-Four type activity)
- **Madlibs**
- Matching game (like Wordwall Matching Pairs). When playing, click the  icon at the top of the game board to add numbers to the cards (so students can tell you which cards to turn over). The numbers are quite small -- the Wordwall matching pairs activity is better for online play.
- Bingo (good for in-person classes only; hard for Zoom classes since many students don't have laptops and can't use the virtual bingo cards on their phones while on Zoom)
- Wordsearch, crossword puzzle, and word scramble (anagram) puzzles, **but** these only generate puzzles to be printed; they **can't be played online**.

For each activity, you can try a demo, or click to get instructions for creating your own activity.



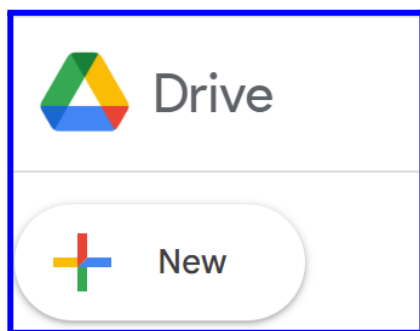
Making Flippity activities

- **Quick & Easy:** You enter the data (text) on the Flippity website, and click the Generate button. This generates the activity on a new webpage. **Important:** You need to bookmark the webpage or copy and save the webpage address in order to be able to find the game again.
This option is **only available** for Manipulatives, Random Name Picker, Randomizer, Word Search, Word Scramble, WordMaster, Snowman (but you can't add clues in Snowman using this method), and Bingo.
- **Google Sheets:** You make a copy of the template spreadsheet for the activity, enter the data (including web addresses for any images), and follow the directions. As part of the process you will publish the spreadsheet to the web. Then the spreadsheet will generate a link that you use to access the activity. (It's easier than it sounds; contact Amy if you'd like to do a quick Zoom session on how to do this.)
You need to have a Google account to be able to access Google Sheets -- either a gmail address or a beavertonliteracy.org email address.

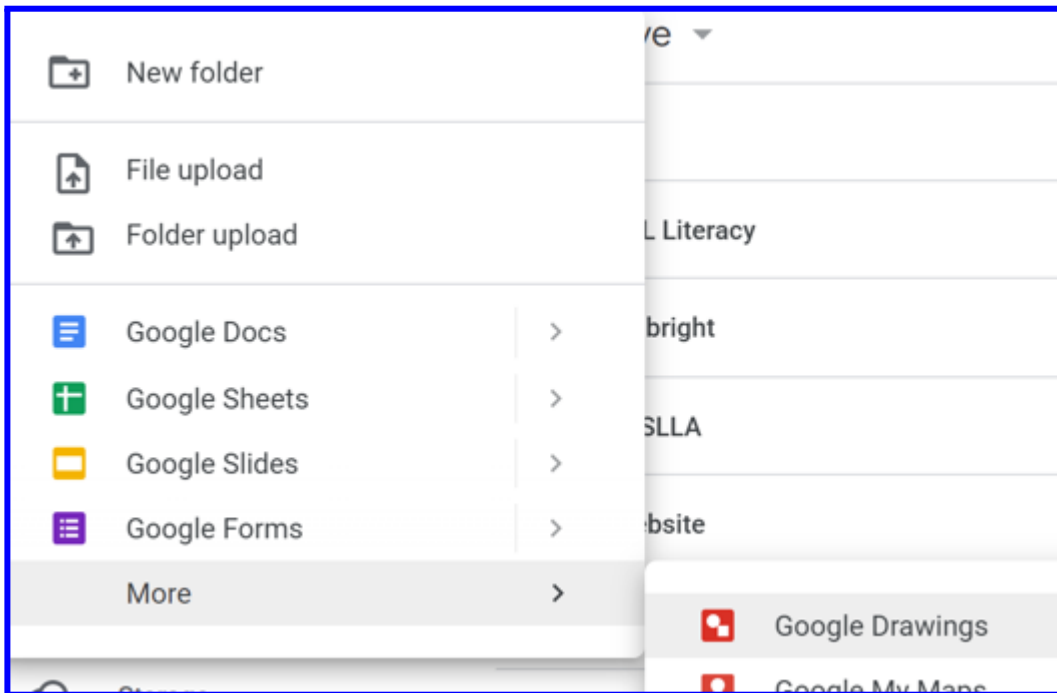
Adding images

The biggest trouble I've had with Flippity is adding images (which are critical for Intro-level learners). Unlike Wordwall (where you can upload your own images or use the Wordwall search function and select images), in Flippity you have to paste the URL address of the image, and it must end with ".gif", ".png", ".jpg", ".jpeg", or ".webp". You can't just use images on your own Google Drive. This means you have to find an appropriate (hopefully open source/Creative Commons) image on the web, get its web address (Windows: right-click and select Copy Image Address), and see if it works. I have mixed success getting the images to work.

The best workaround I've found is to use Google Drawing. In Google Drive, select **+New**



then scroll down to More and select Google Drawings:



Upload or copy and paste your image into the Google Drawing, give the document a title, publish it to the web (File/Share/Publish to web) and then copy the resulting link to the Google Sheet. Contact Amy if you'd like to do a quick Zoom session on how to do this.

Other notes

Because of the difficulties that I've had with adding images, I generally prefer to create activities in Wordwall. I still use Flippity for the Snowman (hangman-style) games, because the Wordwall hangman game doesn't provide a non-violent alternative. The Flippity Manipulatives (word magnets) are also easy to create.

Flippity also has some fun features that aren't necessarily interactive, but might liven up your slides, such as **Fun with fonts**, allowing you to create words with different fonts, then take a screenshot and paste them into your document:



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