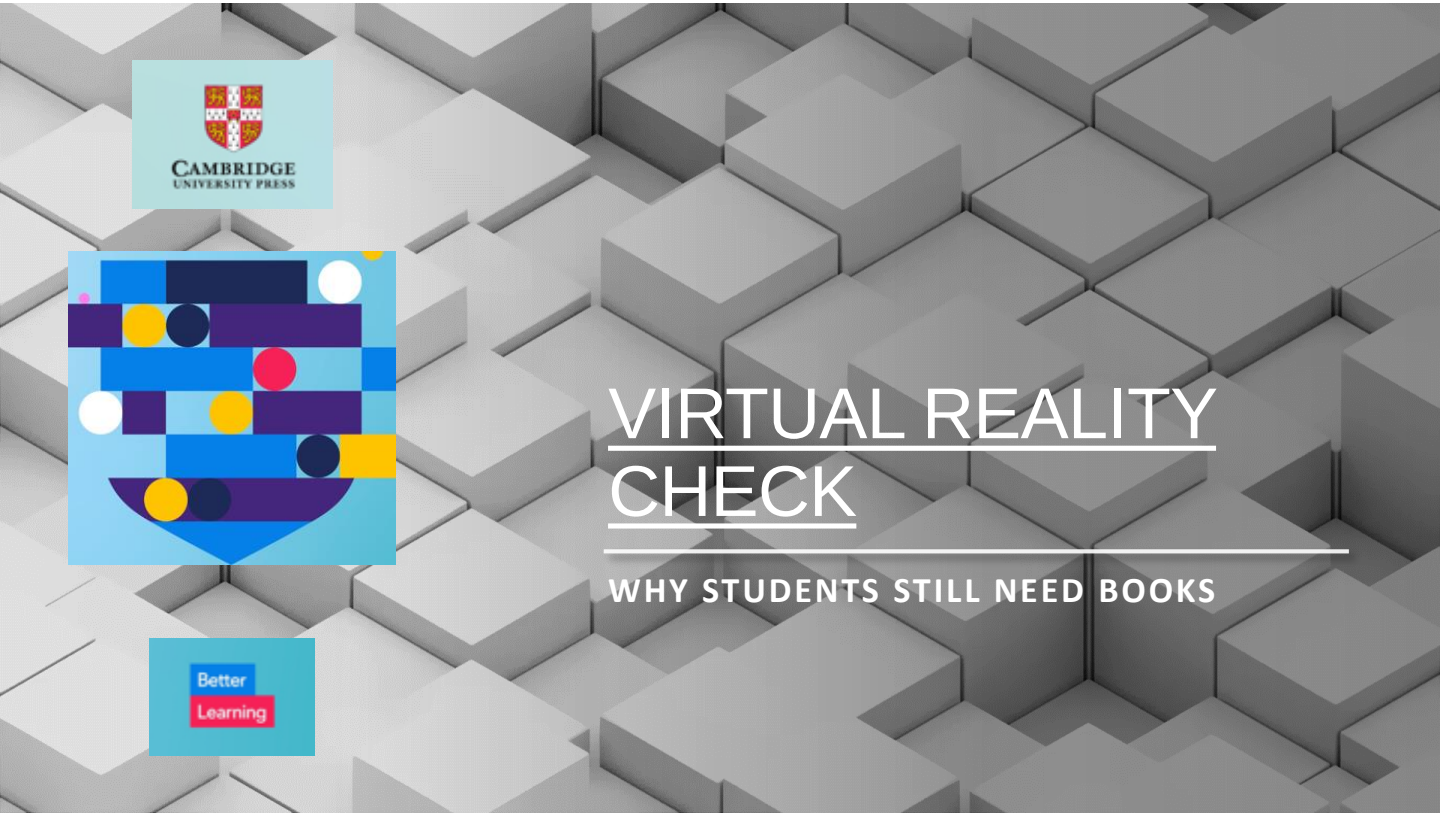
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Introduction

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Agenda

- Online learning vs classroom face to face learning
- Research on Reading Online vs Print
  -what does the research say?
- Importance of Students having a book
  - even if it is an online class
- Cambridge Solution

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Why Books?

- Why do students want a book?
- Why is this important?
- Should it be a requirement that students have a book?

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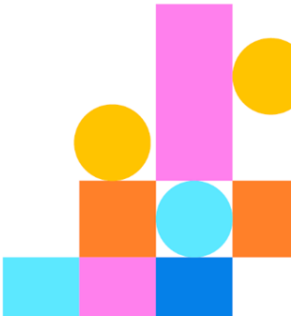
Characteristics of a Good Textbook

- Highly-qualified authors
- Well-organized subject contents
- Thought-provoking end-of-chapter questions
- Visuals (pictures)
- Comprehensive glossary and index
- Imbedded Technology (QR Codes)



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Purpose of a Textbook

- It can serve different purposes
- A core resource
- Source of Supplementary material
- Inspiration for classroom activities
- Textbooks conform to state/national recommended curriculum

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Benefits of Print Media in the Classroom

- Through books the students gain the legacy of knowledge earned by those who came before (Beckert, 1992). Without books (and textbooks are included here), no education could have been possible.
- “Books of proven literary worth should be the backbone of the curriculum” (Beckert, 1992). As such, teachers should intentionally make books part of their everyday teaching and learning experience and should always use them in the classroom.

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Research

- **Books** can improve the **Student's** ability to think, and they are able to find the solution to problems

- Reading **books** can builds the understanding and awareness of **students** in different situation

- **Books** make the **students** self-efficacy and compassionate and also boost the confidence of **Students**

- **Books** develop analytical skills

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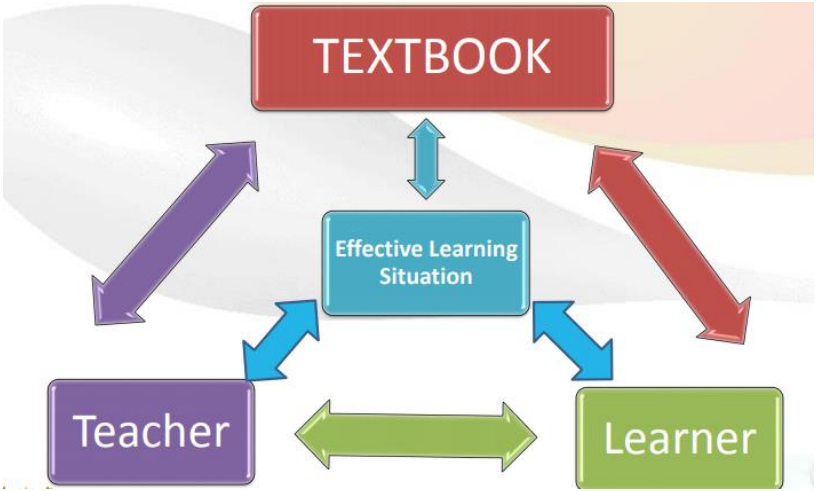
Effective Use of Textbooks



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Advantages for Teachers

- Assists in managing a lesson
- Saves time, gives direction to lessons, guides discussion, and facilitates in giving homework
- Provides confidence, security and structure
- It enables students to learn better, faster, clearer and easier

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Strategies to Use Textbooks

Effectively in a Virtual Environment

- **Encounter**
  - Information and new ideas. Read in advance
- **Engage**
  - Discussions with peers, collaborative activities (Breakout Rooms)
- **Reflect**
  - Engage in reflective writing and sharing what has been learned

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E-Books as Textbooks in the Classroom

- The electronic books, or e-Books, offer students, teachers and schools an additional medium or tool of instructions that can support or enhance the learning process

- The paper provides insight on what an e-Books is, and its advantages of using it as a text book in the classrooms as a substitute for print text

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E-Books and Reading from a Screen

- Cognitive workload
- Eye strain/fatigue
- Scrolling vs paging
- Number of characters per line

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