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CREATING STUDENTS' WORKSHEETS USING CANVA IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING (ELT)

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Abstract

This descriptive qualitative research explores the integration of Canva in the creation of students' worksheets for English Language Teaching (ELT). Canva, a versatile tool offering professional templates tailored for educational purposes, enhances the effectiveness of educational materials. The platform's intuitive editing tools enable educators to customize templates with illustrations, icons, and graphics, thereby enriching visual appeal and engaging students effectively. Canva's user-friendly interface facilitates quick printing or digital sharing of completed worksheets, optimizing time and resources in educational settings. By leveraging Canva, educators can create visually appealing and interactive worksheets that cater to diverse learning needs, thereby enhancing student engagement in language learning. In ELT, student worksheets serve specific purposes to develop various language skills. Vocabulary worksheets assist students in learning and retaining English vocabulary through activities like word matching and sentence creation. Grammar worksheets focus on understanding and applying grammar rules, involving exercises that identify parts of speech and transform sentences. Reading comprehension worksheets aim to improve comprehension of English texts by prompting students to identify details, decipher word meanings, infer author intentions, and make inferences. Writing practice worksheets provide opportunities for students to refine writing skills across genres such as letters, essays, narratives, and descriptions, fostering proficiency in outlining, paragraph development, and editing. Listening worksheets enhance auditory comprehension skills through tasks like listening to conversations or texts and responding to related questions or tasks.



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Speaking activities worksheets promote oral communication practice through dialogues, role-plays, or presentations, boosting students' confidence in spoken English. Integrated skills worksheets combine reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities into cohesive exercises that allow students to apply language skills in meaningful contexts. In summary, these diverse types of worksheets support comprehensive language development and proficiency in English, addressing varied learning needs effectively within the ELT framework.

Keywords: Canva, Students' Activity Sheet, Students' Worksheet, Worksheet

INTRODUCTION

The learning process is a communication process where process communication always involves three constituent components, that is, components message sender (teacher), component message recipients (students), and components the message itself is usually in the form of subject matter. Usually, process learning failure occurs in communication that results in material lessons or messages conveyed teachers cannot accept students optimally so that not all of the material lessons can be well understood by students, and even students as recipients of wrong messages capture the contents of the message be delivered (Syamsu, 2020). The learning process is the interaction carried out by teachers and students to achieve a certain goal by utilizing everything that is in the environment to facilitate the achievement of goals learning. The roles functions and responsibilities of education greatly determine the quality of human resources (Alpiyanti et al., 2021).

In this era of globalization, technology plays an essential role in a variety of disciplines, including education. The rapid development of technology requires teachers to be good at using technology (Ani et al., 2022). Using technology makes it easier to acquire knowledge and information, and because technology is designed to aid human endeavors (Amrina et al., 2022). It is undeniable that in the field of education, teachers





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have a very important role in improving the quality of learning, so a professional teacher is required to have various competencies following 21st-century learning, namely to be careful, active, creative, and innovative in utilizing digital technology. ICT mastery and its implementation in learning as an indicator of competence. Teacher professionalism is an absolute potential that must be possessed by teachers.

Even though technology is now a useful tool in the classroom, many teachers still struggle to integrate technology into their teaching practice (Yunus et al., 2022). It is supported by (Sholehah et al., 2023) that there are still a significant number of teachers who do not know how to use digital technology for learning, including the creation of digital learning material. In addition to the ability the teacher limited opportunities to utilize IT in enriching learning-based media digital. As it is known that the media has the means to convey messages, so it is deep media learning is very important in making it easier for teachers to deliver the material. Therefore, the role of the media is very important in the student learning process.

Learning via the use of media will enhance the creativity of teachers and make it simpler for them to deliver instructional content so that it may be conveyed to students more effectively. Teachers can take advantage of current technological developments to create media interesting learning and increase students' learning motivation. The media used in learning activities or learning media acts as an intermediary to convey messages or learning materials to students so that learning objectives can be achieved. Media is useful for making learning more interesting, overcoming the limitations of space and time, and interactive and concrete. So, learning media is very necessary for activity learning, especially in learning at school, where elementary school children have characteristics of learning through concrete objects.

Currently, many applications are available that can used by teachers to create their learning media, one of which is Canva. The Canva application is a graphic or visual processing application that is quite popular today (Fitria, 2022b). This Canva application is a cloud-based graphics processing application so we have to be connected to the





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internet if we want to use it. We can use the Canva application to create learning media, such as infographics, material summaries, worksheets, brochures, posters, presentation templates, YouTube thumbnails, and more. Canva application provides templates based on certain categories. There are seven categories, namely social media, presentations, documents, personal, education, marketing, events, and advertisements. We just have to choose which template is most suitable for the teaching media they want to make based on the material and student characteristics. This interactive learning media application is very easy to access. This application can be accessed by teachers using cell phones or computers.

The Canva app is an online design program that provides a wide variety equipment such as whiteboard (brainstorm, flowchart, team and planning), infographics, presentation (education presentation, game presentation, brainstorm presentation, talking presentation, mobile-first presentation), document, lesson plan, video (video massage, mobile video, YouTube video, YouTube video ad, YouTube intro, video collage, feed ad video, slideshow video, linked in ad, TikTok video, Instagram reels, Pinterest video pin, Instagram post and story), mindmap, print product (invitation, postcard, posters, flyers, circle stciker, memo, brochures, poster, wall calendar, gift certificate, mug, label, gift tag, ebook cover, magazine cover, and business card), charts, bookmark, report, planner, program, blog graphic, proposal, bulletins, website (business, portofolio, event, education, retail, bio-link, and service website), calendar, Zoom virtual background, educational video, phone and desktop wallpaper, artistic CD cover, graphic organizer, invoice, education infographic, concept map, google classroom header, class schedule, group work, certificate, resume or CV, cover letter, comic strip, worksheet, etc.

Student worksheets are learning tools that facilitate students to study independently, and creatively and have open-ended thinking (Hidajat, 2022). A student worksheet is designed with a digital application using the Canva online application. Design development will be disseminated to elementary school teachers in Malang. Student worksheet was developed with the basic principles of creative learning to improve teacher





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self-regulation skills. This socialization directs teachers to develop student worksheets based on creative learning independently according to the subjects and materials they are engaged in. Student worksheet creative learning designs for improving teacher self-regulation skills can improve the quality of learning by facilitating their students in every learning practice in class.

There are several previous studies related to the use of Canva as a learning media. First, Wicaksana et al., 2020) state that Canva is used to create a poster. Character education-based reproductive health posters using Canva are suitable for use in learning. Second, Irkhamni et al. (2021) state that teachers can make math e-modules more engaging by utilizing the Canva tool. Therefore, with engaging Mathematics subject emodules, distance learning can increase students' enthusiasm for studying. Third, Agustini et al. (2021) using an e-book created using the Canva application as a learning medium is very suitable for use in the teaching and learning process of learning science. Fourth, Mukti (2021) states that the Canva application is very helpful for students in writing invitations. Teachers can use it to create interesting teaching materials, especially in making Formal Invitations. Fifth, Lestari & Sihombing (2022) states that Canva is one of the instructional tools that can assist both students and teachers. Teachers can instruct students on how to use Canva to create a CV, and students can demonstrate their abilities by using Canva to create a CV. Sixth, Fitria (2022b) explains that Canva can be used for writing a cover letter (application letter) because Canva has a template for writing a cover letter. Users can choose a free cover letter template based on their wishes or a theme that matches the job vacancy. Seventh, Juwairia et al. (2022) state that making digital flyers with Canva is proof that students can create a brochure of promotional media creatively according to the demands of the business/industrial world, train students' creativity, and improve students' skills in designing flyers to become a business opportunity. Eight, Abdussalam et al. (2022) explain that educators can create interactive PowerPoint presentations using the Canva application that is interesting and fun for students.





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The previous studies above show that there is a similarity and a difference with this research. Those studies and this study have a similar focus on the use of Canva in creating or making learning media. In different aspects, there are different research objects as stated in the first research focuses on posters, the second research focuses on e-modules, the first research focuses on e-books, the fourth research focuses on invitations, the fifth research focuses on curriculum vitae (CV), the sixth research focuses on the first research focuses on application letter, the seventh research focuses on brochure, and the eight research focuses on PowerPoint presentation. The researcher is interested to know the use of Canva in creating worksheets for students. So, this research focuses on the use of Canva in creating a worksheet (student's worksheet). Therefore, the objective of this research is to simulate the Canva app in creating/making a student's worksheet.

Method

This research uses descriptive qualitative research. Descriptive qualitative research involves presenting qualitative data through a holistic analysis of a phenomenon, social situation, or group behavior (Fitria, 2023). It describes observational findings within a specific scientific framework. This research aims to explore and describe the process and results of using Canva in creating student worksheets. The main goal is to understand in depth how educators use Canva as a tool for creating student worksheets. Researchers use Canva to create examples of worksheets that suit curriculum needs or relevant learning materials. The data in this research will be collected observation of the simulation through process of using Canva (https://www.canva.com/templates/?query=worksheet) in creating student worksheets. Observations will be made directly on with the Canva interface, including the steps taken in the process of creating worksheets, using the available Canva features, as well as their strategies in organizing and designing content according to the needs of the curriculum or learning materials. Besides, the researcher observes the features Canva provides to





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support student worksheet creation, such as customizable templates, graphic design tools, and options for inserting images, text, or other interactive elements. The collected data, consisting of documented manufacturing processes will be analyzed. First, all documented materials such as screenshots, recordings, and text descriptions will be reviewed and analyzed.

Findings and Discussion

Findings

Before creating a student worksheet, it is crucial to follow a structured approach. Firstly, establish the worksheet's title, theme, class, and semester details, and include the school's identity for identification purposes. Secondly, define clear objectives aligned with the Basic Competency (KD) framework to ensure educational relevance. Thirdly, outline the work procedures that guide students through the necessary steps to complete their assignments effectively. Fourthly, include a data table, which remains blank initially and serves as a tool for research or observational learning activities. Lastly, prepare discussion materials that consist of pertinent questions directly related to the learning activities. Understanding these preparatory steps is essential for crafting a well-rounded student worksheet. The process involves delineating basic competencies, indicators, and learning objectives that will be transformed into actionable learning formats through the worksheet. Additionally, identifying process skills aligned with these competencies and objectives ensures clarity and effectiveness in student engagement. Furthermore, specifying student activities that correlate with competency indicators and learning objectives helps in creating focused and purposeful learning tasks. Moreover, selecting appropriate tools, materials, and learning resources enhances the instructional quality and supports student achievement aligned with educational goals. Finally, assessing the attainment of learning outcomes ensures that the worksheet effectively meets its intended educational objectives.





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We can create a worksheet using Canva, which provides ready-to-use, professional templates. Canva is a platform that can be used as an alternative in developing worksheets. Canva provides templates that can be edited to suit your needs using intuitive design tools, and worksheets can be printed directly and shared with just a few clicks, saving time. Templates can be edited according to needs using intuitive design tools, and worksheets can be printed directly and shared with just a few clicks, saving time.

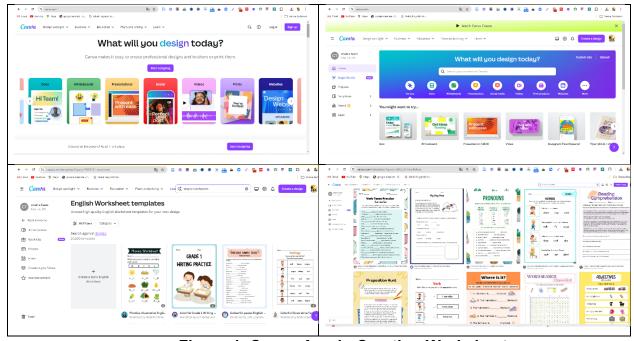


Figure 1. Canva App in Creating Worksheet

There are several ways to create students' worksheets or students' activity sheets by using Canva as follows:

Open Canva. Sign up for Canva with an email, Facebook account, or Google account.
 If you are already a user, sign in to the account. Look for the "student worksheet" template to get started. To use Canva, you need to create an account first. The method is very easy.

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After accessing the site, click the "sign up" button on the left or upper right corner of the screen. You can register with a Google account, Facebook, or email address. Once you do, our Canva account is ready to go.

- 2. Find the best templates. We will find templates for a variety of themes in Canva's student worksheet template library. Narrow down the search results by adding keywords that match what we are looking for. Click on the preferred template to start the design. Choose from our selection of hundreds of templates and various design elements to turn student worksheets into effective and enjoyable learning experiences.
- 3. Experiment with features. Explore millions of illustrations, icons, and other graphics. Add frames and borders, text boxes, shapes, and other elements. Choose a unique color scheme and add animation if the worksheet is shared digitally. Add the title and content of the student worksheet along with the font and typographical elements. Create eye-catching designs with free and premium education-related images from Canva's library. We can also insert photos from the drive using our uploader tool. Want to create student worksheets in the format of puzzle games, mazes, matching letters and pictures, tables, or crosswords with the help of hundreds of design elements, from lines and grids to shapes and icons.
- 4. Customize our design. Continue to personalize our students' worksheets to our liking. We can fill in the assignment details ourselves, upload our illustrations, and add or remove text boxes at will. Use the drag-and-drop tool to move elements. A good student worksheet contains a title, clear instructions, and activities or practice questions. Worksheets must contain sufficient information, but without filling up the page, so that the assignment is clear. We can add illustrations, we can also use a unique font or color scheme, to spark interest in doing the practice questions. Depending on the assignment to be done, the format of the student worksheet might include columns and rows, some text leaving room for answers, illustrations, and drawings to make the design more colorful, and bold letters to emphasize important





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points and sections. Students' worksheets should have clear instructions, easy-to-understand graphics, and lots of space for students to write down answers. Student worksheets must use the language and concepts discussed in class, so try not to use issues that are unfamiliar to students. Create worksheets that are easy to edit in case something needs to be changed.

5. Publish and share. Deploy student worksheet designs in one click. Share with colleagues using collaboration tools or print worksheets to be used as practical learning materials. We can always go back and edit our design at any time. Now, with the existence of electronic printed books, student worksheets can also be accessed in the same form. We can choose to provide student worksheets in digital form or go the old-fashioned way and print them out for students. If we are printing student worksheets, we need to make sure to select the Print - PDF option so that the designs are printed in the best resolution. If you have nothing else to add, our design is complete. Since Canva has an auto-save feature, your work will be automatically saved in the aforementioned save folder. What you can do next is download the design or share it on other platforms. We can also transfer your designs to online storage tools like Google Drive and Dropbox. To download it, click the "Download" button in the upper right corner of the screen. Or, we can click the down arrow button next to it to bring up more options. For clarity, the locations of the two buttons are shown with red arrows in the following figure.

Discussion

Student worksheets are learning devices or tools in the form of sheets containing instructions regarding assignments or work that students must complete. Student worksheets contain instructions and steps to complete a theoretical assignment or practical assignment. The benefits of using worksheets are that they can assist teachers in preparing lesson plans, make students active in learning, students can obtain notes on learning materials, students can add information about the concepts being studied, train





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students to discover and develop skills, increase student learning activities in developing learning concept. Student worksheets have a function to bridge teaching and learning activities to be able to form effective interactions between teachers and students and to enhance student learning activities in improving student achievement or learning outcomes. In addition, it also functions as teaching materials that can minimize the role of the teacher and activate students more, as teaching materials that make it easier for students to understand learning material, and facilitate the implementation of teaching to students.

Student worksheets or Student Activity Sheets, which are easily abbreviated and called student worksheets, are one of the teaching materials that can be used and applied in learning. Lots of teachers choose to use student worksheets in the learning that will be carried out. Many students' worksheets are chosen because they are capable enough to present the subject matter to be conveyed and are accompanied by quite a lot of training and evaluation. Teachers who choose to use student worksheets in learning especially those who compose their own need to pay attention to many things. The selection of this student worksheet must follow the function and purpose of compiling and making Student worksheets the function of compiling and utilizing Student Activity Sheets (student worksheets) in learning serves several key purposes (Prastowo, 2015). Firstly, they act as teaching materials that minimize the educator's role, fostering more active participation from learners themselves. Secondly, these worksheets facilitate a clearer understanding of the provided materials, presenting information in a concise format enriched with practical tasks for students to engage with. They also streamline the teaching process, making it more efficient for educators to deliver lessons effectively to students. Additionally, as highlighted by Prastowo (2013: 206), the objectives of student worksheets include presenting teaching materials that encourage interactive engagement, offering tasks that enhance students' comprehension and mastery of the subject matter, fostering independent learning among students, and assisting educators in assigning tasks effectively. Student worksheets are typically integrated alongside textbooks and





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interactive learning media to enhance the learning experience, ensuring a comprehensive and accelerated understanding of the curriculum content.

Technological advancements necessitate educators to enhance creativity and innovation in their instructional practices. While teachers commonly utilize Student Activity Sheets or students' worksheets as instructional materials, they often overlook students' engagement with the content. Worksheet serves to shift the learning process away from being solely teacher-centered. In response to rapid technological progress, worksheet development now integrates tools like the Canva application, which offers diverse and appealing designs to prevent information delivery from becoming monotonous. By incorporating Canva, worksheets can include captivating visuals and narratives to reinforce learning materials effectively (Rahmah et al., 2023). One type of teaching media or teaching aid is a student worksheet also known as a worksheet. The worksheet is a learning medium that can evaluate learning outcomes, and usually, it contains questions that students will answer (Amalia et al., 2024). The advantage of worksheets, which are a learning medium, is that they will make learning fun in class (Ashoumi et al., 2023).

Creating student worksheets has great significance in the educational context because it provides various important benefits for the teaching and learning process. First, student worksheets provide a clear and organized structure in the delivery of learning material. By specifying the title, theme, class, and semester, as well as the school's identity, student worksheets help identify learning objectives and context. Second, the learning objectives listed in the student worksheets direct students to achieve the basic competencies that have been determined. This helps ensure that student learning activities are relevant to the existing curriculum and aids in the understanding of key concepts. Third, structured work procedures in worksheets provide clear guidance for students about the steps they must take to complete their assignments. This not only facilitates independent learning but also helps in developing students' problem-solving and self-reliance skills. Fourth, the data table provided in the worksheet can be used for





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research or observation activities that support evidence-based learning. It provides an opportunity for students to collect and analyze information systematically. Fifth, discussion material integrated into student worksheets provides stimulation for reflection and a deeper understanding of the learning material. Relevant questions encourage students to think critically and develop their understanding through interaction with lesson content. Overall, creating student worksheets is not just about providing material, but also about guiding students through a learning process that is structured, meaningful, and supports the development of their cognitive and social skills. Therefore, educators need to pay careful attention to the process of planning and creating student worksheets to support the achievement of effective and sustainable learning goals.

As mentioned earlier, student worksheet has specific functions and purposes when used in learning. It is very important to pay attention to the functions and objectives of this student worksheet so that Student worksheets are not used haphazardly, they can be applied in learning such as the functions and objectives of student worksheets when they are compiled. The function and purpose of this student worksheet are very helpful for teachers and students to be able to use student worksheets properly and easily in implementing student worksheets in learning.

In learning English, several types of student worksheets can be used for various learning purposes. Each type of student worksheet in English learning can be adapted to the specific needs and ability levels of students. Educators can choose and design the right worksheets to help students achieve learning goals effectively and comprehensively. In English learning, the use of various types of student worksheets (worksheets) has different functions to support students' abilities comprehensively. By utilizing various types of student worksheets, educators can design in-depth and varied English learning according to student's needs and abilities. The following are some common types of student worksheets in the context of English learning:



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Table 1. Common Types of Student Worksheets in English Learning

No	Types of Student Worksheets	Purposes
1.	Vocabulary Worksheets	Vocabulary worksheets help students learn and remember English vocabulary through various activities such as word matching, filling in the blanks, or creating sentences with new words.
2.	Grammar Worksheets	Grammar worksheets focus on understanding and applying grammar rules in English. Activities may include identifying parts of speech (noun, verb, adjective, etc.), filling in grammatical gaps, or transforming sentences.
3.	Reading Comprehension Worksheets	Reading comprehension worksheets help students understand English texts through questions that lead them to identify important details, the meaning of words, the author's purpose, or make inferences.
4.	Writing Practice Worksheets	Writing practice worksheets allow students to practice writing various types of text such as letters, short essays, narratives, or descriptions. This can include activities such as creating an outline, developing paragraphs, or editing writing.
5.	Listening Worksheets	Listening worksheets help students improve their listening skills in English. Activities may include listening to conversations or short texts, then answering questions or completing tasks based on what they hear.
6.	Speaking Activities Worksheets	Speaking activities worksheets are designed to allow students to practice speaking in English through dialogue, role-play, or short presentations. This activity helps increase students' confidence in oral communication.
7.	Integrated Skills Worksheets	Integrated skills worksheets combine various skills such as reading, writing, listening, and speaking in one activity. This helps students to apply their various skills in a meaningful context.

The use of Students' Worksheets in learning English has several significant benefits. First, student worksheets help strengthen students' understanding of vocabulary,





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grammar, and sentence structure in a structured and organized context. This allows students to learn independently by practicing the material they have learned. Second, student worksheets can be designed to improve reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills in English. Activities such as answering questions, writing short essays, or participating in discussions allow students to apply their skills in a meaningful context. In addition, the use of student worksheets can be adjusted to the student's level of ability and interest, thereby facilitating differential learning. This allows educators to provide appropriate challenges and support students who have different learning speeds. By utilizing student worksheets in English learning, educators can create a more structured, interactive, and comprehensive learning experience for students. This supports the learning objectives of improving communication skills in English as well as preparing students to face various communication situations in real life.

Language skills, especially English which includes skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing require quite a long time if compared to the allocated time (Bramastiwi & Hermayawati, 2020). Therefore, combining skills and language in a student worksheet will shorten the time and be more practical in the teaching and learning process. According to Brown (2004: 116) combines the language skills needed to make the learning process easier. Based on the results of the pilot test of cartoon student worksheet teaching materials by students shows an average practicality level of 78.96 % and is included in the practical category (Yolanda, 2019). Student worksheets with cartoon images are stated to be very practical because these teaching materials can be used by students anywhere, anytime, and without the need for expertise special tools or special tools so that they are practically used in the learning process, making it easier for students to understand solid and capable material saving time. This student worksheet can make the learning atmosphere fun because the more colorful cartoon pictures on this student worksheet make students feel interested read and understand worksheets.





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Conclusion and Suggestion

Conclusion

The integration of Canva into worksheet creation revolutionizes educational tools for educators, offering a diverse array of professional templates specifically designed for educational purposes. Canva simplifies the design process with intuitive editing tools, enabling extensive customization through the incorporation of illustrations, icons, and graphics to heighten visual appeal and foster student engagement. Its user-friendly interface facilitates swift printing or digital sharing of completed worksheets, optimizing educators' time and resources. By leveraging Canva, educators can craft visually captivating and interactive worksheets that cater to diverse learning needs, enhancing student engagement in language learning. Personalizing designs further augments the effectiveness of these worksheets, ensuring clarity with well-structured layouts and explicit instructional content. Canvas features allow educators to experiment with various formats such as puzzles, mazes, matching exercises, tables, and crosswords, fostering creativity and enjoyment in learning. Moreover, worksheets can be easily adapted or updated to maintain relevance to classroom objectives. Efficient publishing and sharing capabilities enable educators to utilize these practical learning materials effectively, promoting active student participation and comprehension in language acquisition.

In English language learning, diverse types of worksheets serve specific purposes tailored to enhance various language skills. Vocabulary Worksheets aid in learning and recalling English vocabulary through activities like word matching and sentence creation, while Grammar Worksheets focus on understanding and applying grammar rules through exercises like identifying parts of speech and transforming sentences. Reading Comprehension Worksheets enhance understanding of English texts by exploring details, word meanings, and author intentions. Writing Practice Worksheets provide opportunities for students to practice different genres like letters and essays, refining skills in outlining and paragraph development. Listening Worksheets develop listening skills through tasks like listening to conversations and answering questions. Speaking Activities Worksheets





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promote oral communication via dialogues, role-playing, and presentations, bolstering confidence in spoken English. Integrated Skills Worksheets integrate reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities into cohesive exercises, facilitating comprehensive language development.

These worksheets reinforce understanding of vocabulary, grammar, and sentence structures, fostering independent learning and practice. They enhance overall language proficiency by engaging students in meaningful tasks such as writing essays and participating in discussions. Adaptable to students' abilities and interests, these worksheets support personalized learning experiences that accommodate diverse learning paces. Integrating worksheets into English language education enhances learning effectiveness, preparing students to communicate effectively in real-life situations while ensuring learning remains enjoyable and engaging through visually appealing elements like cartoons.

For teachers who want to use Canva to create English worksheets, the following steps can help maximize the use of this platform. First, take some time to dive deep into all the features and tools available in Canva. This platform provides various templates that can be adapted to the theme and purpose of the English worksheet you want to create. Choose a suitable template to provide a strong foundation for creating designs. Creativity in using Canvas design features is also very important; add visual elements such as relevant images, graphs, or illustrations to enrich students' visual experience. Make sure the instructions on the worksheet are clear and easy to understand, and arrange the layout efficiently so that all the information can be conveyed well. Before use, test the worksheet to ensure its quality and get input from colleagues or students for further improvements. Finally, consider integrating worksheets with other technology or interactive learning media to increase student engagement in the learning process. By following these steps, teachers can create English worksheets that are effective, interesting, and support the achievement of learning objectives well.

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