# Pedagogical challenges and approaches to game-based learning

Let's learn and have fun!





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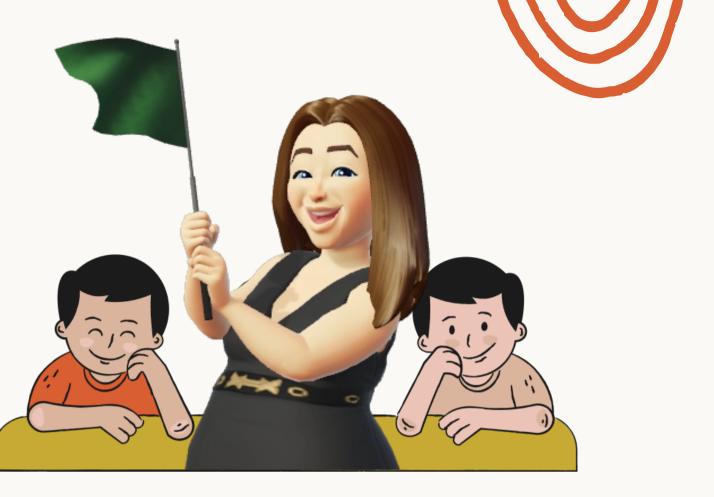
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# definitions



### game

gamification

# game-based learning

## serious game

## GAMIFICATION

Gamification is adding game elements to a non-game scenario. You reward certain behaviors with benefits or by "unlocking" new features or services.

### **GAME-BASED LEARNING**

Game-based learning (GBL) flips gamification on its head. Rather than implement game-like tropes into lessons, GBL uses actual games to teach.

Adding game-like elements (badges, experience points, etc.) to a lesson

Motivation: Likely **extrinsically rewarding**. I.E. the reward is tied to grades.

Assessment is not within the "game."

Game-like aspects are adjusted to fit the lesson content.



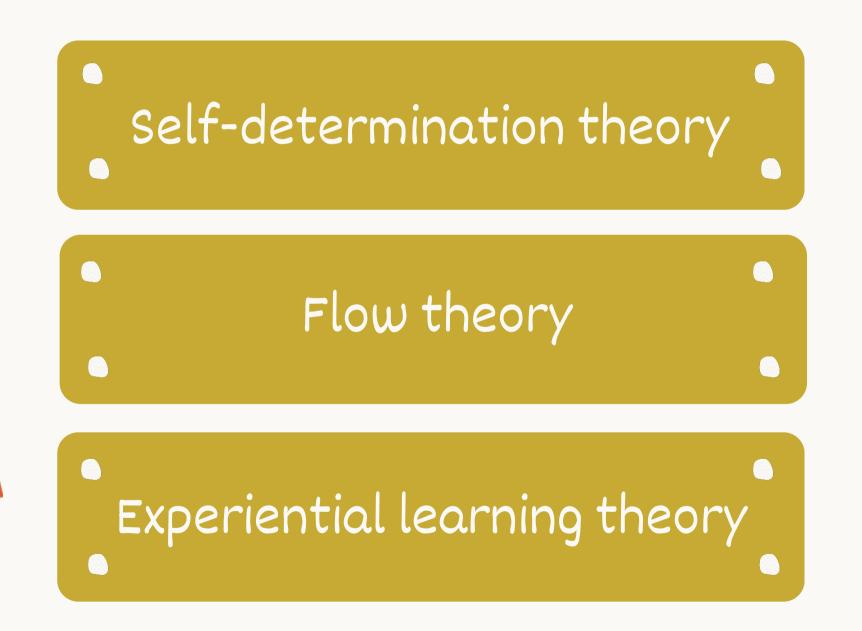
Lesson content is adjusted to fit the game.

Using games (such as Minecraft) to teach specific learning objectives

Motivation: Games are designed to be **intrinsically rewarding**. May also be extrinsically rewarding.

Assessment is in-game.

# Theoretical foundations





### Krath, Schürmann, von Korflesch (2021)





- 1) games foster motivation
- 2) play is a natural mode of learning
- 3) games induce cognitive flow, which is productive for learning
- 4) games support learning-by-doing
- 5) games allow for performance monitoring
- 6) games offer freedom of movement
- 7) games support social learning
- 8) games allow for safe experimentatio
- 9) games accommodate new generations of learners 10) there are many successful games for learning









# The effectiveness



# The effectiveness

the evidence of effectiveness needs to be more extensively studied

> Yu et al., (2021); Zainuddin et al., (2020); Mayer (2019); Faiella & Ricciardi (2015)



## the evidences on the use of games in educational contexts in relation to



# Affective outcomes

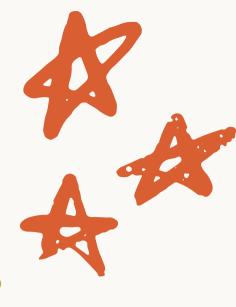
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### Learning outcomés

- Which game features promote learning?
- when does game playing have positive
  - consequences?

- Educational games could generally improve student motivations but the effect of them on motivation is contradictory Situational games could improve student motivation and
- performance
- Competitive games could lead to frustration of students Some students do not like to compete with their classmates



- Do people learn academic material better from
  - computer games or from conventional media?

# Affective outcomes



Gamification and Meaningful gamification Game-based learning: Simulations Role-playing Games Educational Board Games and Card Games Word Games Puzzle Games Video Games







# COMPUTERIZED SIMULATIONS AND PEACEBUILDING THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT (A 2018 CASE-STUDY)

## **GLOBAL CONFLICTS**

- Players (undergraduate students)
  - Israeli
  - Palestinian
  - American
  - Turkish
- Role-play: a Western reporter
- Results:
  - Improved knowledge acquisition about the conflict
  - Attitude regarding the conflict:
    - Third parties changed it
    - Direct parties did not

- Players (undergraduate students) Israeli

  - Palestinian
  - American
  - Turkish
- Role-play: the Israeli Prime Minister or the Palestinian President
- Results:
  - Improved knowledge acquisition about the conflict
  - Attitude regarding the conflict:
    - no change

### PEACEMAKER

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