

Provide options for expression and communication

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Provide multiple means of Action and Expression' from the Guide: [Universal Design for Learning](#)

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Overview

Explore the UDL 'options for expression' guideline.

Which approaches are already part of your practice?

What new options could you offer learners?



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Utilise multimedia

Support communication with more than talking.

Use visuals and hands-on activities to maximise participation and understanding.



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Offer physical and digital tools

Support access to a variety of tools and approaches giving students options in how they present and share their learning.

Visual tools and approaches:

- drawings, graphics, infographics, posters, acrostics, comics
- mural, display, timeline, collage, installation
- board game, magazine, brochure, digital presentation
- movie, storyboard, stop motion film, photographs, advert.

Auditory tools and approaches:

- write and record songs, raps, slam poetry, jingles
- voice avatar (Voki or Voicethread)
- make a news report, podcast
- conversation in social media (Twitter or Facebook)
- publish a blog post, website
- design a survey and interview, talk show, debate, lecture, questions for a trivia show
- soundtrack to a novel, poem, time period, feeling.

Physical tools and approaches:

- construct a model (for example, diorama), installation, sculpture
- create a role play, skit, tableau, dance, puppet show, demonstration, costumes.

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Build in scaffolding



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Reflection questions

What creates barriers to expression in assignments and activities? How can I minimise or remove these barriers?

What tools can I offer to increase students' ability to express knowledge (spell-checkers, calculators, manipulatives, text-to-speech)?

How am I building students skills in communicating ideas using a range of media?

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Useful resources



UDL tech toolkit

A comprehensive kit of tools and approaches aligned to UDL.

Publisher: CAST

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UDL Strategies

This online resource provides suggestions and resources aligned to the UDL framework. Each checkpoint in the guidelines has a photo and description.

Publisher: Enome Inc

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