

Answers to Chapter 3: Comprehension Questions

1. *Why is it important for students to create digital representations of classroom rules and procedures?*

It is important for students to express rules and procedures in a way that makes sense to them. Such projects make it easier for students to remember the rules and understand why they are important. One reason that screen capture technology (such as Jing, ScreenChomp, Educreations, or TouchCast) is well-suited for this task is because it allows primary students to explain rules orally instead of writing them out. Furthermore, screen captures are a form of multimedia technology, which means that students engage multiple senses at once. This aspect of screen captures may make rules and procedures more accessible for kinesthetic, visual, and auditory learners.

2. *Describe how technology can be used to enhance vignettes and role playing.*

Students use vignettes and role playing to act out scenarios in which rules and procedures are or are not followed. Video recording technology on tablets, digital cameras, or smartphones can enhance this process if students use editing software such as iMovie to polish their performances. Prerecording a performance also eliminates the need to physically perform it live in front of a group of classmates. This can allow for more elaborate scripts, and it alleviates some of the stress of students with stage fright.

3. *Provide two examples that demonstrate your own intentionality regarding the planning and organization of learning centers in your classroom.*

Answers will vary from teacher to teacher. Ideally, learning centers will be organized in such a way as to promote easy movement around the classroom. Digital learning centers should be accessible but out of the way to prevent distractions among students working at different centers.

4. *How do you use technology to establish and maintain rules and procedures in your classroom?*

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