

# Hot Potatoes Quiz Generator - Now free!

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There has never been so many free goodies available to the innovative teacher as now. Hot Potatoes (click on link to download) has become free software since 1 September 2009. The fact that it is free does not make it any less valuable! I think that is where many people don't quite get it. They equate the cost of software with its value. That is just not true.

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is top notch software that you as the educator may use to create quizzes for your learners in html format. Don't let all this talk of html, scare you. An html document is simply a document that a browser such as Firefox or Internet Explorer can open. You can create these quizzes and anyone with a computer that has a browser installed - and most computers have browsers - will be able to use them. They do not need propriety software. They also don't need to have Hot Potatoes installed. You can copy these quizzes into a folder and when you double click on any of them it opens in the default browser and away you go!

Hot Potatoes is in fact a user friendly suite of 6 programs that you can use to create interactive multiple choice quizzes, cross-word puzzles, fill-the-gap type questions, matching and short answer questions. Students love these - especially the feedback that you can build into it. There is also a Potato "Masher" that you can use to link these quizzes into a chain.

Of course, if you want the full benefit of quizzes like Hot Potatoes you need to use them in a Learning Management System such as Moodle, which is also free! That is a story for another day. (You can visit the forum for a post on Moodle.)