Multimodality in e-portfolios: a longitudinal study in two language subjects

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Digital Communicative Competence

- Multimodality
- Hypertextuality
- Intertextuality



My English portfolio : My Firts English View Learning English The last view

My Firts English View

This is my first English view.

In this view you can see a picture of me in London, a video of my room, the first lingistic snapshot and checklists

WELCOME AND BIENVENUE !!!

Hi and welcome to my English first view. 👻



This portfolio is an assigment for the English subjet.

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Travel to LONDON :D So amazing!!



My relation with English so far

I've chosen this picture because it reminds me back to 2009 when I traveled to London. I was there for 3 days (on weekend) with my friends, and we planned to watch "The Lion King" musical on Sincerely, I have never liked the English subject because I have never known how to speak Lyceum Theater in Convent Garden.

times my friends and I were singing in a choir, so we were excited to watch this musical, and "The Lion." King' is an special one, because it brings back to my childhood.

This picture shows me in one street of London in march, and the wheatear was very cold.

My relation with English language it's very complicated; we have never been friends. In fact, I want ask "him" about divorce

I know that my English level is too low, but my purpose is making an effort to learn this language properly. Before getting into university, I did a two years course of FP Audiovisual Production, and I

My room, My world



Linguistic snapshot

I'm very excited to start university because I've completed recently a two-years Audiovisual Production course and, after selectivity, I'm here to learn more about this world. So I think that I have more background than people who come directly from Batvillerat, because I have already did things related with audiovisual field, like cameras, short films or ty programs. So I think that I have a strong position here. Also I have been related with the music world for almost all my life because I have been singing in a choir since 1999.

On the other side, I believe that my English is my main weakness because I know myself that my English level isn't sufficient as required. That's why I hope to learn enough English because I need that to work in this world. Nowadays, knowing English is very important.

will study English outside university to improve my English level and pass this successfully course. Also once a week I'll meet with my cousin, who knows English better than me, to speak English in a more informal way.

English properly, but now it's time to change and learn it properly. I would like to say "I can

All Checklists



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Mahara: constraints



Constructing a view in an eportfolio: coherence in layout and among elements

Verbal mode

- Writing (typography: size, colors, type)
- Oral discourse (paraverbal and non-verbal components)

Images: static and dynamic

Music and sounds

Interactive buttons, hyperlinks, etc.



RQs

1. How does the layout display develop across two terms?

2. What is the students' use of other multimodal elements available?



Design

English e-portfolio

- 1st year
- Three views
- **Explicit** instructions
- Three training sessions on multimodality
- Paced and guided

Spanish e-portfolio

- 2nd year
- Three views
- **Implicit** instructions
- No training sessions on multimodality
- Paced but not guided

N = 26 Media Studies students Total: 52 portfolios = 156 views



Learning evidences

English subject

- 1.Linguistic snapshot: 1 image, 1 essay, and an embedded video
- 2.Learning evidences: 1 video, 2 formal learning evidences & 2 informal learning evidences
- 3.1 image, 1 essay and 1 formal learning evidence

Total n elements: 11 (min.)

Spanish subject

- Expectations and a videocurriculum
- Review
- Final reflection and 2 formal learning evidences

Total n elements: 6 (min.)



First level of analysis: layout

Header (and paratext)

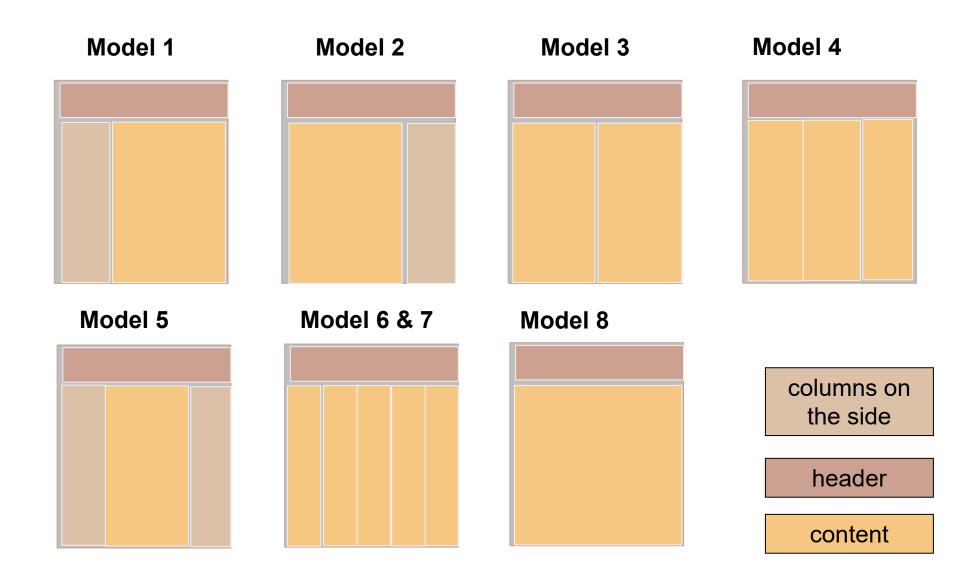
columns



View format

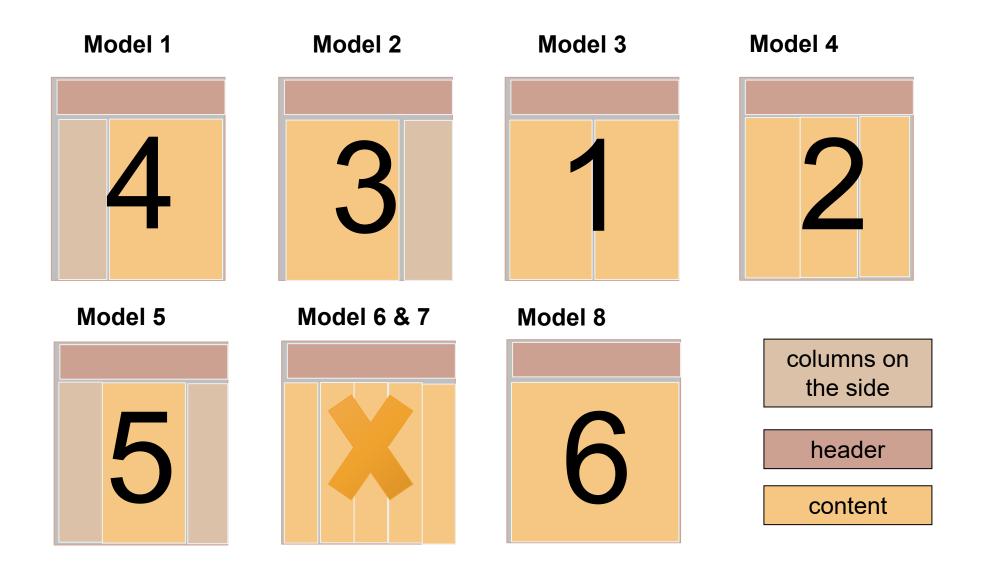


RQ1. Layout



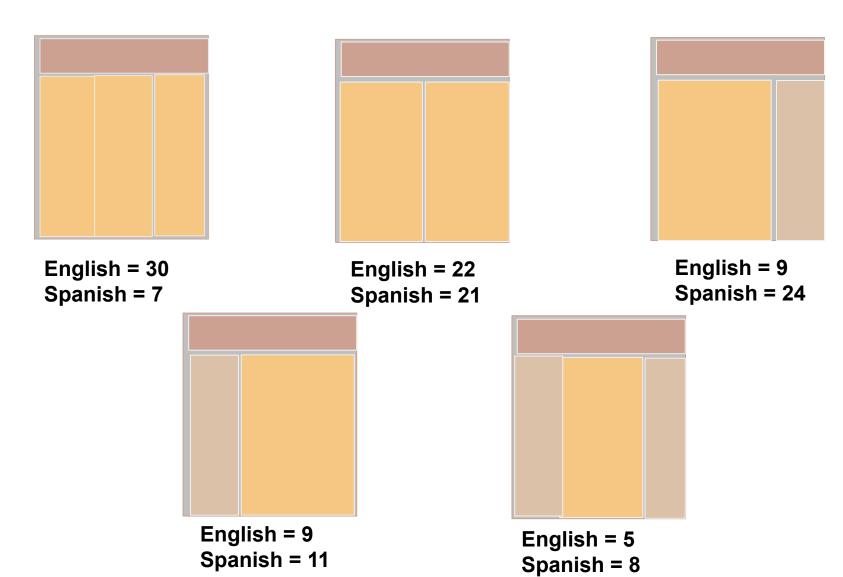


RQ1. Layout





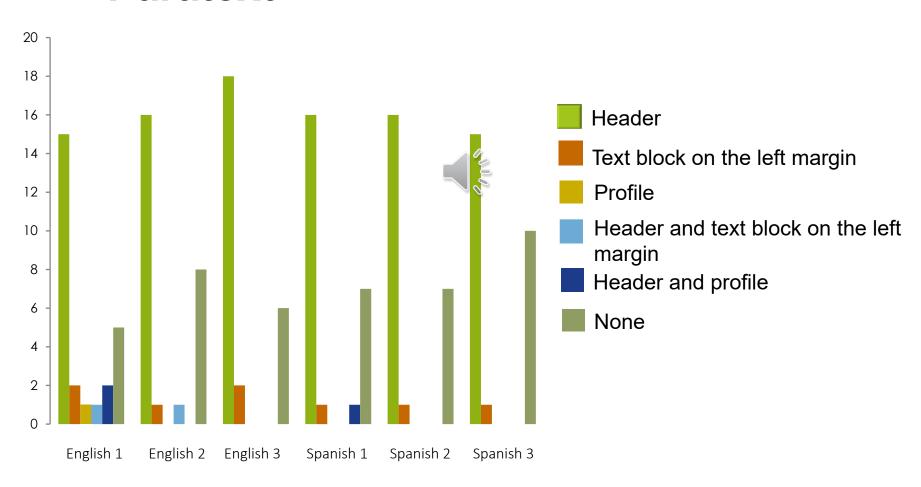
1. Layout





1. Layout

Paratext



1. Layout: paratext

Text block on left margin

"In this website you can find..."

My relationship with the English language

In this website you can find different middle, there is a text where I speak about my situation at the beggining of this course, my expectations for this English, ... and at the bottom, you can see a video where I speak about my

In the right column, there is a picture that I've chosen because it reflects my feelings towards English through the

document list for upload all the contents of this page, if you wish. Nevertheless the first document is to know more things about my English level. In this document you can see four checklists that I've completed putting and "X".

I hope you like it,

Lluís Altmann

VIEWS: MY WORLD AROUND ENGLISH DOING NEW ACTIVITIES, LEARN...

English language and I

things about my relationship with the I must confess that I haven't studied English with a teacher for two English language. In the column in the vears but, during this time, I've learned through the Internet and different films with subtitles.

> At the beginning of this course, I believe I will be able to follow the classes but sometimes I think I won't be able to understand something. In my opinion, my best strength is writing; on the other hand, the oral is my worst weakness because I'm a little shy. Also, when I try to maintain a conversation, sometimes it may be difficult to follow it when trying to say exactly what I would like to: I would love to know more vocabulary.

Obviously, if I want to pass it successfully, I have to practice more than in the last years and get in more touch with this language: I think that if I study the subject at home and I resolve all of my doubts, I do the homework, I write my diary in English and I see the films in English too, Just below this writing you can found a **my English level will be higher.**

> In connection with this, I'm happy because I feel we're not going to study the grammar like in other courses. This time, we will work the language at a B2 level with activities where the grammar is included, for example, the activities in pairs or group. That's why I have to start to be more self-assured in this language; otherwise, I won't pass this subject.

> In conclusion, I have to say that English is a language that I love but I have never had the opportunity to take a holiday in an English-speaking country. At present, my last relationship with the English language was three years ago, when I did English lessons and I went to England in summer for two weeks.



I have chosen this picture because I have a very profound feeling when I see it. I've taken it without thinking about all of the sensations that it can give me

MY WORLD AROUND ENGLISH

WELCOME TO MY PORTFOLIO!

Here I'm going to upload some materials of my English class.

Profile Information

- · Nom: Sandra
- . Cognom: Mezcua Paez
- · Ciutat: Barcelona
- Adreça de correu: sandra_mezcua@hotmail.com



AND WHEN THE COURSE ENDS.

My objectives in this course

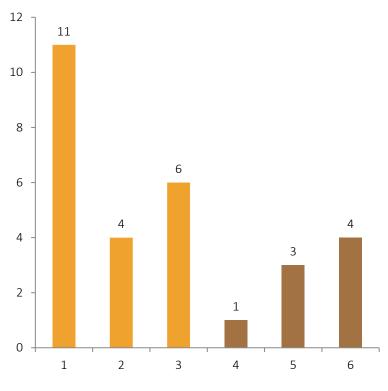
In the next paragraphs I'm going to explain some aspects of my personal situation with the English language and what things I am going to do this course to improve my English and pass this subject.

Firstly, I would say that this year I start in an English school because for me it is a little difficult to express myself in English, especially in writings. I got a five in the

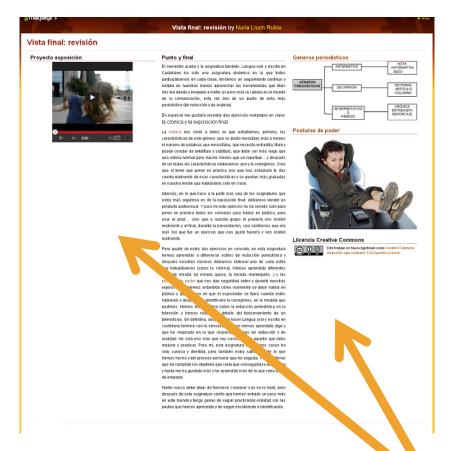
Header and profile info



1. modo *layout*Blanks



English 1 English 2 English 3 Spanish 1 Spanish 2 Spanish 3





1. Layout: discussion

- + Longitudinal development: less hyperfragmentation
- + Balance in the visual building through columns
- + Mastery of horizontal and vertical organization
- Increase in blank spaces: rush in finishing the assignment?



Second level of analysis

change and choice

colour

change in font size typography

Vista Final

hacer un buen uso de la lengua · Fundación del español urgente

¿Para qué me ha servido la asignatura? Aunque mi deseo es trabajar de fotógrafa Aunque mi desec es trabajar de totografa y no de rodactors, me resulta may útil saber qué se necesita para ser una buena comunicadora. Esta asignatura me ha aportado los conocimientos y las herramiertas sufficientes para sentirme más segura en mis actos comunicativos. Pero todavía me falta mucho por aprender.

Imagen propia tomada en Guernica (País Basco), el verano de 2012. Tras una semana andando, mis amigos y yo

Regardos a nuestro destino y pudimos ver el legendario árbol de Osemica.

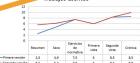
mayor seguridad a la hora de realizar cualquier tarea oral o escrita, y eso se debe a que ahora sé hacerlo, tengo una base de reglas y conocimientos que me ayudan a llevar a cabo esas actividades

En la primera vista de esta asignatura me planteé el objetivo de mejorar mi pronunciación y mi expresión

Creo que he mejorado basándome en la evolución progresiva de mis notas y en que ahora siento una

er nosotros mismos los que debian que encontrar errores en los es palabras o expresiones correctas es la mejor manera de aprendo:

rabajos Escritos



Expresión oral

Expression Unia.

En expression or all también he misorado, pero no tanto. La principal barriera os mi timidaz, ya desde pequela me daba misioh habitar en pilitico, o simplemente habitar con desconnection. Pero tras usas classes de festor y aprisana admicalo medi organisa admicalo sengeri, foenos, en partir, fro so siento misiod in vergeneza pero los nemotos me tracicionas, La accidadad dei velocumicado es la que más me apudo a cambiente misiona de evel a habitar com paldos. Otto compressivos de class vienos en video y misiona. dieron consejos. Estos consejos los intenté poner en práctica en la exposición para defender el proyect Like: Una semana de sus vidas'. Me mostré más convencida de lo que decia que en el videocurriculo pero me fallaron los nervios. El siguiente paso es perder estos diablos que hacen que mi voz y mis

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"GITEBUICO" GEBUIKOPO











Second level of analysis

Pictures

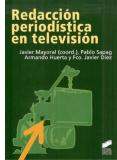
Vista Final

En esta tercera vista reflexionaré sobre el proceso de aprendizaje seguido en la asignatura y sobre los logros obtenidos en el manejo oral y escrito de la lengua

Trabaios escritos

- · Ejercicios de normativa
- Crónica
- Primera vista Segunda vista (reseña)

Haz clic en los enlaces para ver los documentos



ramientas indispensables para cer un buen uso de la lengua spañola

- Diccionario de la Real Academia Española
- · Diccionario Panhispánico de Dudas
- · Fundación del español urgente

Haz clic en los enlaces para ir a la página web.

Hay que entender y practicar para



¿Para qué mo a servido la asignatura?

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Creo que he mejorado basándome en la evolución progresiva de mis notas y en que ahora siento una mayor seguridad a la hora de realizar cualquier tarea oral o escrita, y eso se debe a que ahora sé hacerlo, tengo una base de reglas y conocimientos que me ayudan a llevar a cabo esas actividades

Como he dicho, mis notas han meiorado mucho durante el semestre, es más, he hecho un salto abismal.

Por ejemplo, en los trabajos escritos empecé sacando un insuficiente y en mi último trabajo he sacado un excelente. El tropezón con el resumen del texto Informarse cuesta me desanimó mucho y, si soy sincera, llegué a cuestionar si iba a aprender bien con unas correcciones tan exigentes. Pero me puse las pilas y me he esforzado al máximo desde entonces, y al final ha resultado que las equivocaciones son un paso más para llegar a la cima, lo importante es seguir caminando.

Debo decir que la actividad que más me avudó a meiorar fueron los ejercicios de normativa. Tener que ser nosotros mismos los que debían que encontrar errores en los textos, corregirlos y substituirlos por las palabras o expresiones correctas es la mejor manera de aprender a no cometer esos errores, y a que siempre hay que repasar más de una vez un trabaio, y si puede ser, por más de una persona

Trabajos Escritos



Expresión oral

En expresión oral también he mejorado, pero no tanto. La principal barrera es mi timidez, ya desde pequeña me daba miedo hablar en público, o simplemente hablar con desconocidos. Pero tras unas clases de teatro y algunas actuaciones de gimnasia rítmica lo superé, bueno, en parte. Ya no siento miedo ni vergüenza pero los nervios me traicionan. La actividad del videocurrículo es la que más me ayudó a cambiar mi forma de ver el hablar con un público. Mis compañeros de clase vieron el vídeo y me dieron consejos. Estos consejos los intenté poner en práctica en la exposición para defender el proyecto 'l ike: Una semana de sus vidas'. Me mostré más convencida de lo que decia que en el videocurrículo. pero me fallaron los nervios. El siguiente paso es perder estos diablos que hacen que mi voz y mis piernas tiemblen. ¿Cómo? Pues practicando más.

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Noticia en grupo



Videocurrículo



Primera noticia individual



Segunda noticia individual





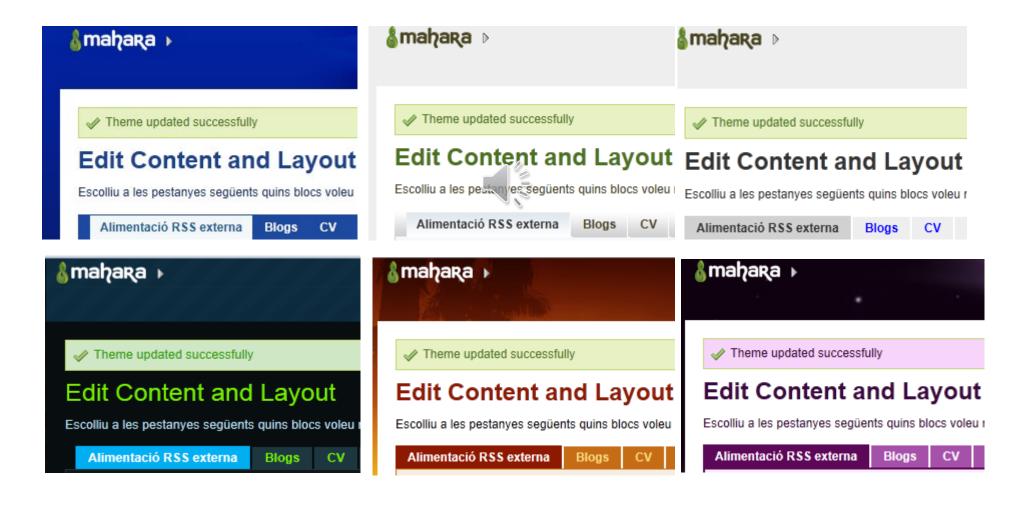
videos

graphs

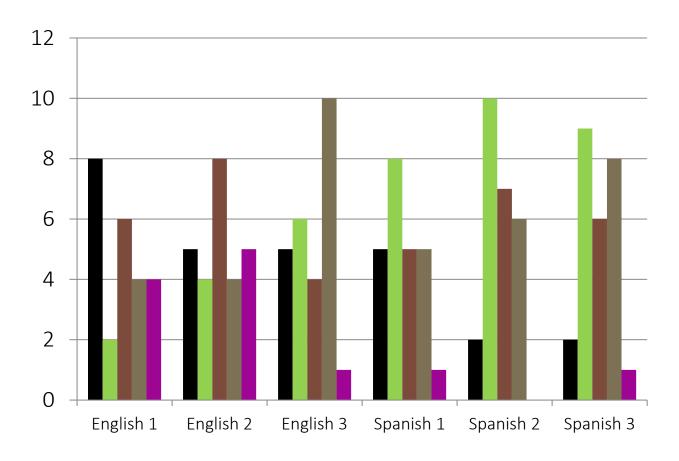
Drawings and infographies



2. Other modes: framework and background color



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2. Other modes: images, videos, tables, cartoons, etc.

Conclusion

In the next paragraphs, I am going to make an overall reflection about my portfolio

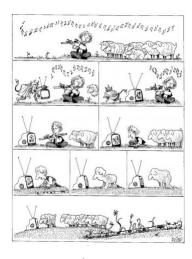
Regarding my learning process, I am going to say that I have learned a lot of new words and expressions, either related to each module that we have worked in class (Press, Radio, Film and Advertisement) or from the activities done for the informal learning evidences. Some of these words are:

PRESS	RADIO	FILM	ADVERSTISEMENT
Headlines (Titulares)	To brief (emitir)	To shoot (grabar/ rodar)	To endorse (promocionar)
Broadcast (retransmitir)	Podcast (digital medium like rtve a la carta)	rehearsal (ensayo),	Billboards (vallas publicitarias)

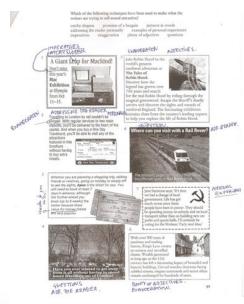
graphs and tables



logos



cartoons





Photographs and drawings



2. Otros modos: imágenes y vídeos

	English 1	English 2	English 3	Spanish 1	Spanish 2	Spanish 3	Total
Image	0	9	4	2	12	22	48
Video	5	6	5	9	31	23	105

^{*} Without considering the mandatory elements

Other graphic elements:

- 3 drawings
- 2 tables
- 3 cartoons
- 1 infography
- 1 logo



2. Other modes: Font type and color change

Metalinguistic section: The Open Window

I have learned these new words and expressions:

Self-possessed: amb molta fermesa.

"You must try and put up with me": ha de fer el possible per suportar-me.

Flatter: adular, afalagar.

Duly: degudament.

The nerve cure: cura de repòs.

Rural retreat: retir rural.

Moping: desanimat.

"Were quite nice": eren bastant simpàtiques.

Silent communion: comunicació silenciosa.

Color and font to bold

Formal evidence 1

This is a news item that I wrote in class. We were given a list of possible topics on which we could write it and a limited time to finish the task.

Scientific Breakthrough Will Save Lives From Pain

A discovery made yesterday by the team of the Laboratory of Molecular Structures in Toronto, Canada, is the key to the cure of a genetical disease known as the Horowitz mutation.

Font size and type change

In this view you can see some of the works that I have been making during the course.

Underlining

WELCOME TO THE SECOND VIEW OF MY PORTFOLIO!

Color change



2. Other modes: Font type and color change → metadiscourse and emphasis

Bold letters (51/156)

• Conventional use

Italics (38/156)

- Conventional use: codeswitching, titles, subject names
- Non-conventional use: examples, keywords (N=7)

Underlining (6/156)

• Subsections or emphasis. Only in English.

Font size change (5/156)

• 4 cases, for subsections, only one to highlight

Font type

• Quotations and titles

Highlighting (2/156)

• Only in English

Color change (11/156)

- Whole blocks (7/156)
- Key words/ phrases (5) or titles (2)



2. Other modes: audio files

English 1	English 2	English 3	Spanish 1	Spanish 2	Spanish 3
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2. Other modes: music

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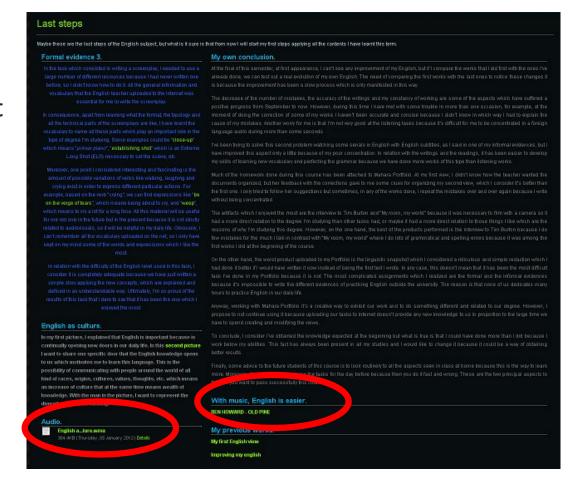
2. Other modes: where?

Text and most elements:

Spread all throughout the layout

Audio files

Bottom margins, mainly





2. Static images location

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6	4	
2	9	

13	11	7
1		2
4	8	6

2	15
2	5
1	2

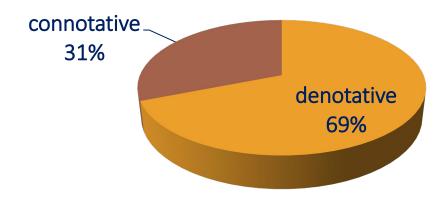
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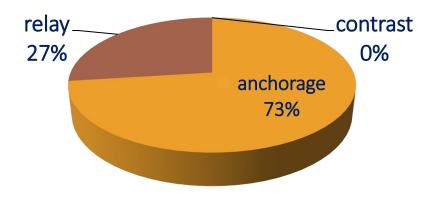
2		5		
3	2	4		



Images: representation potential

Representation of images in relation to text







Clear preference for referential images, over persuasive and argumentative ones. However, an increase of iconic components is observed over time

Most referential images appear in the upper part, prominent part for meaning-making.

Use of rhetoric images when compulsory, not voluntarily.

Overall, a wide use of multimodal syncretism in most students' views.

Images: discursive function



Conclusions and methodological implications

- Positive longitudinal evolution of view-building and use of meaning-making mechanisms.
- Wide use of the multimodal potential of the Mahara eportfolio.
- Full potential in images and discursive relations.
- Need to teach not just communicative competence or 'language' but how to communicate in digital environments.
- Cross-curricular language teaching (Spanish, Catalan, English).
- Continuous assessment is key to foster the students' progress.
- Competences other than language are assessed.
- Teachers' team work.
- Online evaluation, co-evaluation, self-evaluation are used to foster learner autonomy and critical thinking



Thank you!





