

# What's up With Whats App

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# Objectives



List the features of  
Whats App



Explain advantages  
and limitations of  
using Whats App



Learn how to use the  
features of Whats  
App/Whats App Web



Collect ideas to use for  
lessons on Whats App

# WhatsApp Features

Application designed for smart phones to allow:

- Texting
- Voice Messaging
- Phone calls via WiFi or cellular
  - Voice and/or video
  - Free international calls via WiFi
  - Cellular connections use cell plan minutes
- Can send documents, photos and videos from one user to another



WhatsApp is a Facebook application

# WhatsApp Advantages

- Free to use, no advertisements
- Encrypted/highly secure
- CAN:
  - delete sent messages (within one hour of sending)
  - see if messages have been read
  - send group messages
  - send broadcast messages (recipients can't see the identify of other recipients)
  - send files from phone to PC/Mac/tablet and vice versa



\*\*\*Recording video calls is not simple and will require other software. Sending the recorded call is likely to be challenging if the call is longer than a few minutes.

# WhatsApp Limitations



- All users must install WhatsApp application on their device
- Limit of 4 devices on video calls (8 devices if all have recent beta version)
- Smart phone must be connected to permit PC, Mac and tablet (e.g., iPad) use. If phone app is disconnected PCs, Macs and tablets get an error message.
- Document/photo size limitation is 100 MB to send files.
- Video limitation is 16 MB to send files.

# WhatsApp for PCs and Macs

## Pros

- Faster typing using a keyboard
- Can easily send files stored on your computer
- Much larger storage for downloaded files



# WhatsApp for PCs and Macs



## Cons

- Phone must remain on with WhatsApp running
- Can only be used for chats. Cannot be used for phone calls or video calls unless an Android simulator is installed on the PC or Mac.  
(Instructions can be provided for the installation of the simulator.)

# WhatsApp Teaching Considerations

- Screen sharing not available.
  - Camera can be pointed at something, but this is not an effective way to share content.
- Files can be sent to students.
  - Most email services limit attachments to 5 MB
  - WhatsApp allows attachments up to ca. 100 MB.
    - Use of a PC or Mac can simplify the sending of files but students must have a device that can open these files.
  - Files can be sent and students can obtain them at a different time. Students do not need to be logged on at the same time the files are sent.





# How to Use and Install WhatsApp



## WhatsApp Beginners Guide:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3EdIiJeTXk&t=3s>



## WhatsApp - In-Depth Tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSHrAcEYqpo>



## Installation



## Android phones:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ij5yrurWKuw>



## iPhones:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BbPADb9AUGY>



## PCs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AtzRYhDTWls>



## Macs:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxhIPCcab\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxhIPCcab_o)

# Pictures

1. Icebreaker – Where are you? What can you see out of the nearest window? Ss upload pictures
1. Upload a Picture – Under Caption Write – “Tell me about this picture.” – Ls send a voice message telling about the picture. (**Speaking, Pronunciation**)
  1. Higher level Ls record a story about the picture.
2. Upload a picture – Ls send a voice message or text back a caption for the picture.

## Examples



# What is Cindy Doing?



- ❖ She is cooking.
- ❖ Cindy is cooking.
- ❖ Cindy cooks everyday.
- ❖ Cindy is cooking now.

*“What are you doing?  
Send me pictures!”*

# Video Project

In class, learning about COVID-19 ....Health Tips, Social Distancing Guidelines, Things to do at home, Cleaning during the pandemic. Each learner chooses a topic. They then record their own short 1 minute video of themselves talking about their topic, or demonstrating something. (Can combine into a movie for all to watch.)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TG56X-bQCUc>

# Reading



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STORY/ARTICLE AND  
QUESTIONS FOR THEM  
TO COMPLETE. ALSO  
SEND A RECORDING OF  
YOURSELF READING  
EVERYTHING.



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