



Creating Mediation Tasks: Tips



Read the theory...

- Familiarize yourself with the concept of mediation
- Decide what kind of mediation task you would like to create
- See examples of tasks (e.g. activity bank)



Steps in creating a task

- Search for everyday examples in your immediate environment (where people use mediation in real life without knowing it)
- Look for authentic texts such as songs, picture books, comics, advertisements, messages on social media etc.
- Find tools/resources you could use to create multilingual materials/tasks
- Think about text complexity (simpler texts for lower levels; more complex texts for higher levels)
- Consider the relevance of the task to learners' needs (contemporary topics)
- Consider the cultural / linguistic features of your learners' heritage languages
- Consider the problems the learners encounter when learning the target language
- Adapt the authentic texts and construct the task



How can technology help?

- Seek free online multilingual dictionaries (including picture dictionaries)
- Use social media (Instagram, WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter, Tiktok)
- Use sites where students can share their productions



Final steps

- Help your learners to understand the importance of mediation
- Consider various forms of informal feedback as well as self- and peer-assessment
- Ask for support and validation from colleagues