

# The two-edged sword of gaming: The benefit of gaming in territory education

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Start



- Gamification is the use of game elements in non-game contexts (Deterding et al., 2011.)
- 71% studies show positive learning results from the use of gamification (Majuri, 2018.) 12★

Wanna know some examples of gamification?

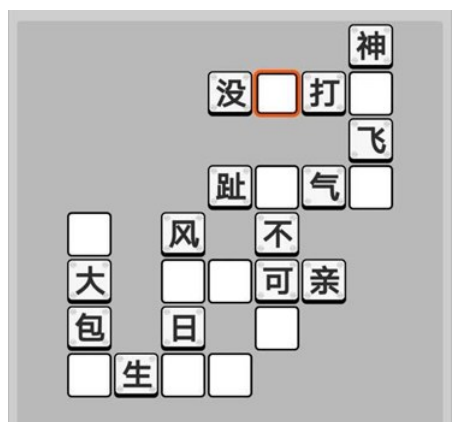
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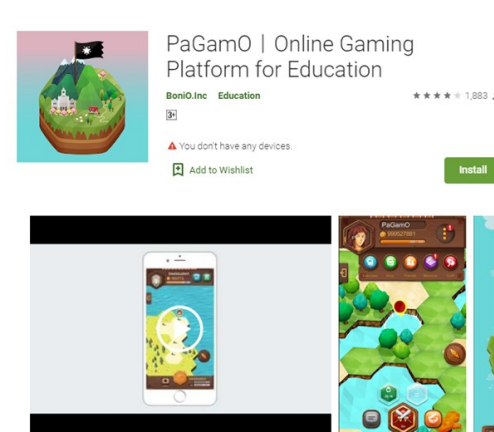
Who wants to be a Millionaire



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- Responses form 180 students form FOUR classes. 8★
- In contrast to their responses in exercise format, 19% of students choose risk taking even the expected value is negative.
- Results helps students to learn how behavioural bias affect investing decision.

Wanna know about the pros or cons of gamification?

Cons

Pros

Cons

- Effects are limited in certain types of questions, like coding and proof.
- Time-effectiveness is doubtful, the problem is severe in territory education with course duration of only 13 weeks.
- Resistance from students on the reward system, as it is similar to attendance.

Wanna know about the bright side?

Yes  
Yes

No

Pros

- Strengthen students' understanding on subject-knowledge, by putting themselves into other people's shoes.
- Foster feelings of enthusiasm towards the subject.
- Keep students' attention in the class, and increase their engagement.

Wanna know about the cons?

No

Adding Game Elements to class<sup>1,3,4,5,7</sup>

- Story (Fantasy)
- Choice
- Rewards
- Rapid Feedback
- Interaction

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Wanna know more about the meanings of game elements?

Yes

No

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- Story: Narrative can helps students to process information and provide a meaning to their studies.
- Choice: Students feel something is at risk when they have to make a decision. It can increase their attention on the class and engagement with the subject.
- Rewards: Variable rewards are scheduled into the learning experience to provide extrinsic motivation for students to solve the problem at hand.
- Rapid Feedback: When the time between action and feedback is short, students are more excited to learn and participate.
- Interaction: Interaction among students leads to greater learning satisfaction.

6★ Example in the class

The expected value (EV) is calculated by multiplying each of the possible outcomes by the likelihood each outcome will occur and then summing all of those values.

Invest: \$2 Success: +\$3 Fail: \$0

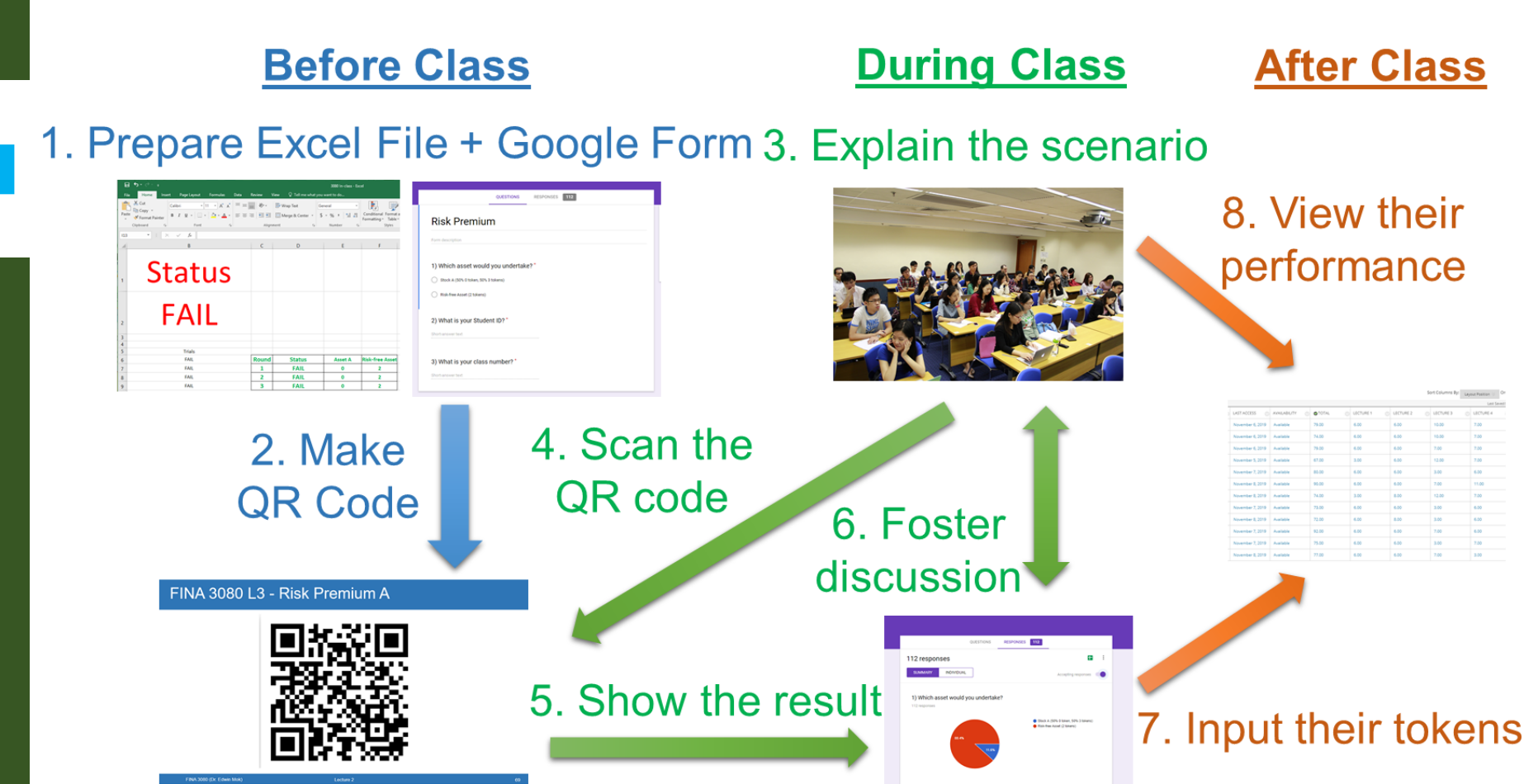
$$EV = 0.5(3) + 0.5(0) = 1.5$$

98%+ students know that they should not invest, as EV is less than their investment.

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Application

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Examples

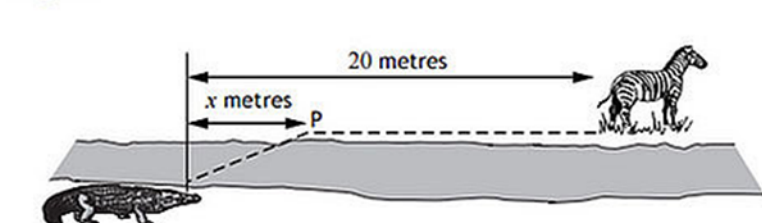
What is the greatest dynasty in the past?

⇒Paraphrase to:

⇒Which dynasty in the past would you most like to live in, and why?

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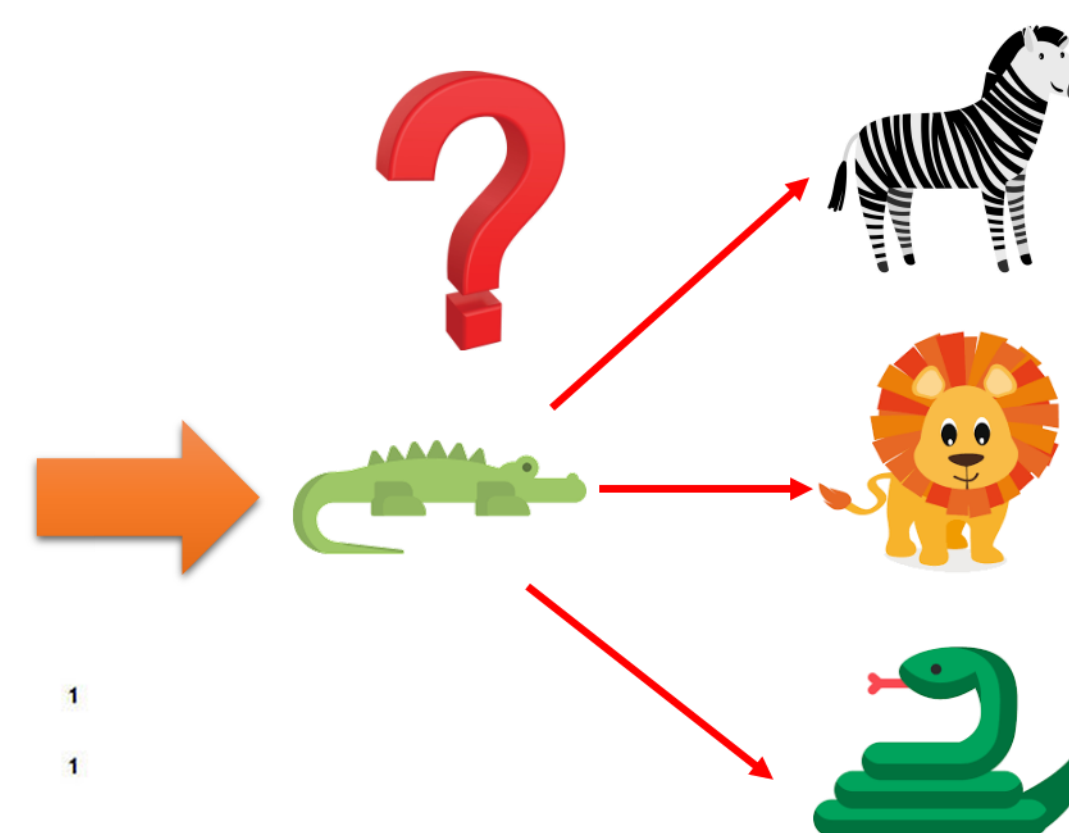
8. A crocodile is stalking prey located 20 metres further upstream on the opposite bank of a river. Crocodiles travel at different speeds on land and in water. The time taken for the crocodile to reach its prey can be minimised if it swims to a particular point, P, x metres upstream on the other side of the river as shown in the diagram.



The time taken, T, measured in tenths of a second, is given by

$$T(x) = 5\sqrt{56 + x^2} + 4(20 - x)$$

- Calculate the time taken if the crocodile does not travel on land.
- Calculate the time taken if the crocodile swims the shortest distance possible.
- Between those two extremes there is one value of x which minimises the time taken. Find this value of x and hence calculate the minimum possible time.



If you are interested in gamification in learning, please contact me at:

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Yes

TAKEAWAYS

- Get started with two to three activities. 20★
- Make the scenario simple.
- Give a story: Students respond favourably to questions related to the real world.
- Foster interaction with students and among students.

Wanna know my contact info?

No

Thank you



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Don't forget to find out your performance based on the STARS you get!

Excellent: 100+★ Very Good: 76 – 100★ Good: 51 – 75★ Fair: 26 – 50★ Poor: 0 – 25★

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