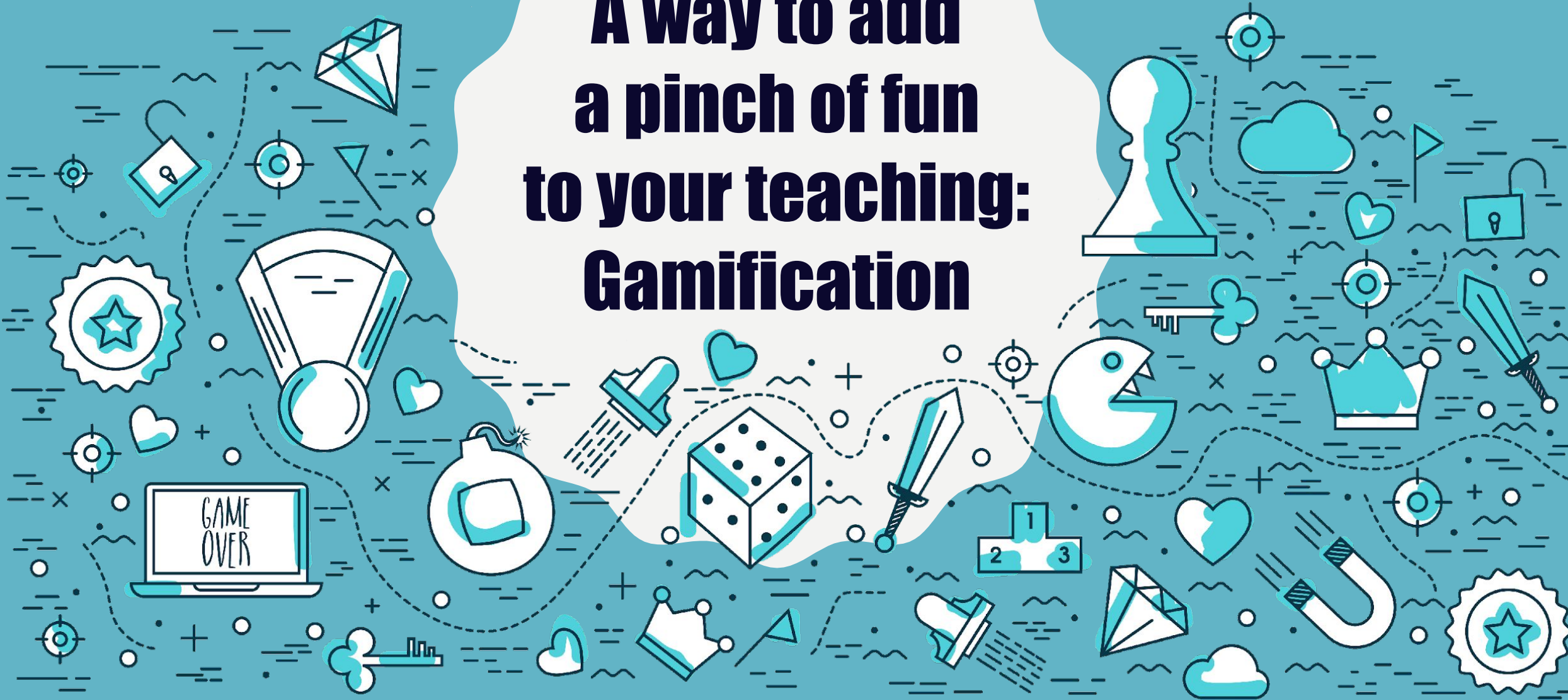


**A way to add  
a pinch of fun  
to your teaching:  
Gamification**





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Mentoring, e-Mentoring

Technology Supported Maths Education

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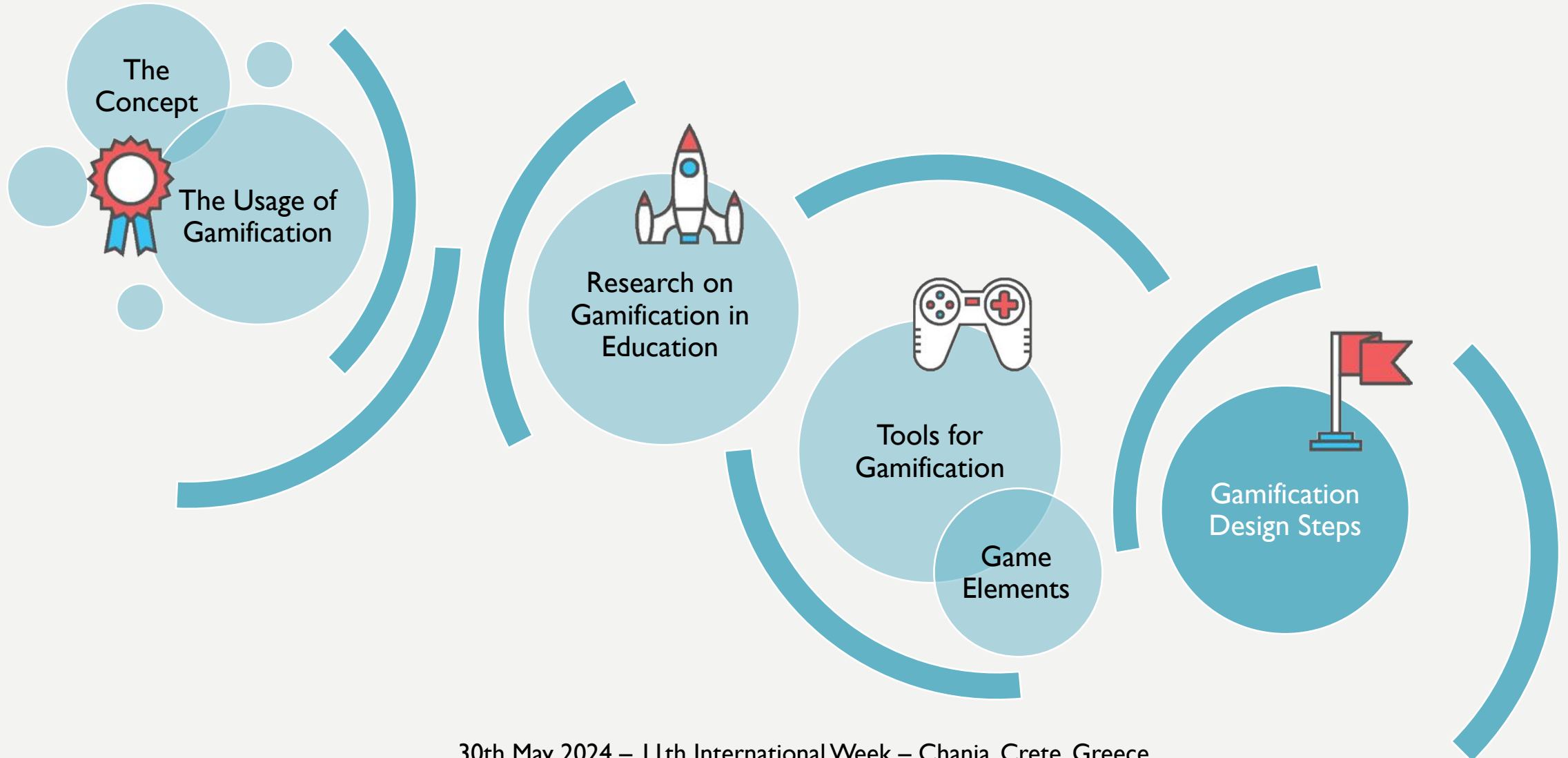
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Human - Computer Interaction

Technology Enhanced Maths Teaching

# MY PRESENTATION





# **WHAT IS GAMIFICATION?**



# DEFINITION OF GAMIFICATION

“  
The use of game  
design elements in  
non-game contexts  
”

“  
The use of game  
elements and game  
-design techniques in  
non-game contexts  
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The process of game-thinking  
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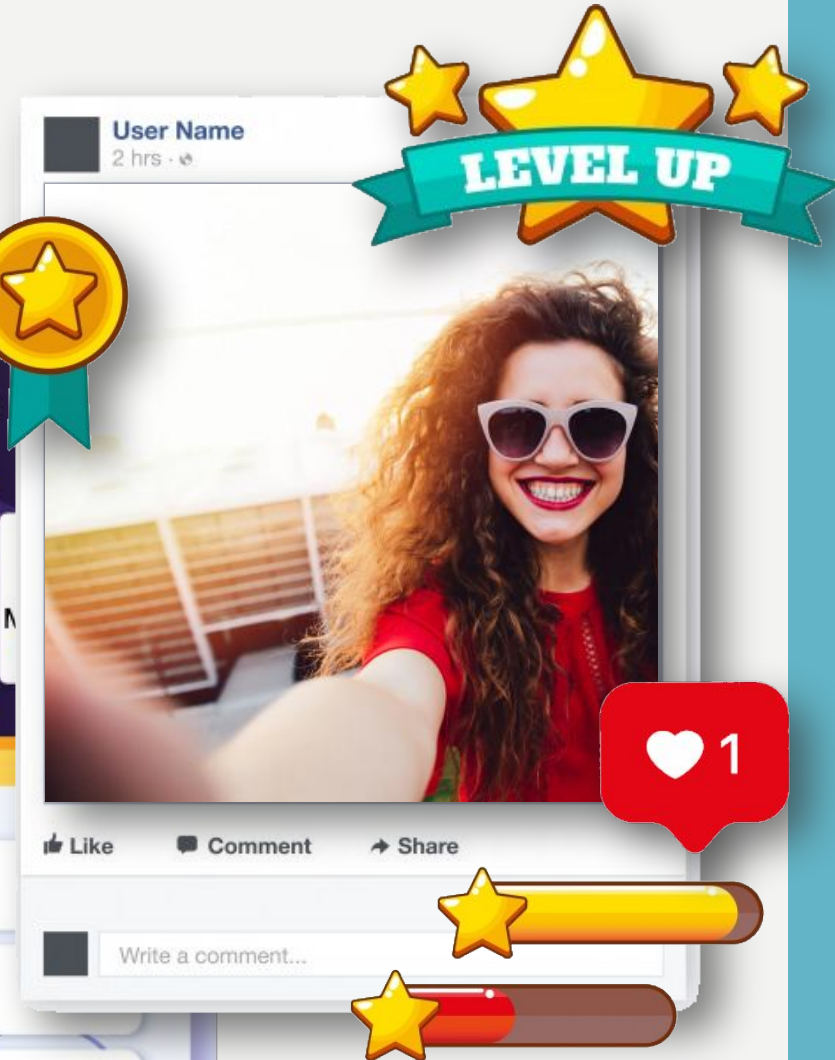
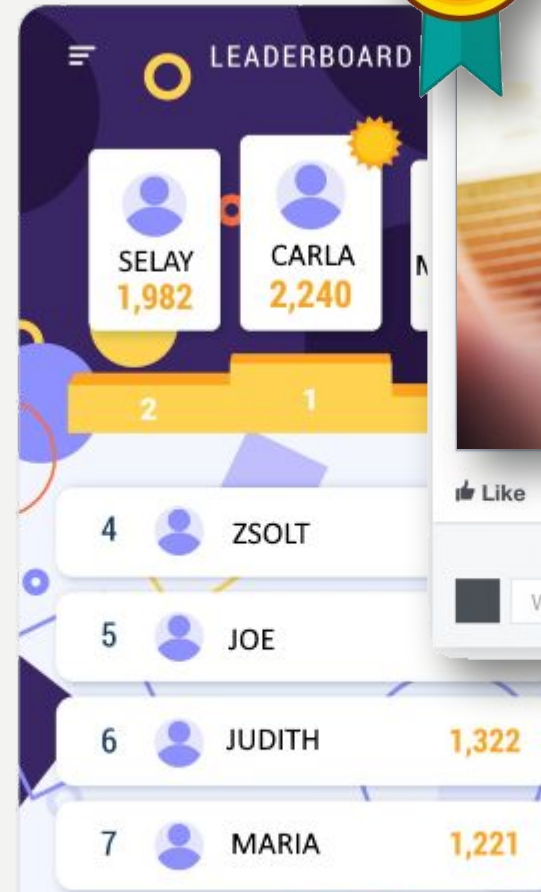
# IN THE EDUCATIONAL CONTEXT

Gamification can  
be described as

“an educational approach  
using game design  
principles in learning  
environments to  
engender interest and  
motivation in learners.”

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# GAMIFICATION IS NOT NEW!





# GAMIFICATION IS NOW EVERYWHERE!



1

Scan the app at the register to pay with your Starbucks Card in the app.



2

Collect Stars in each order.



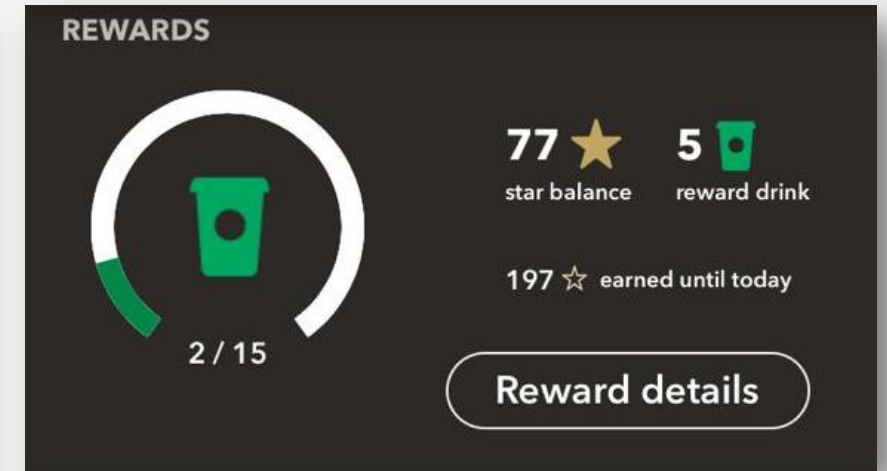
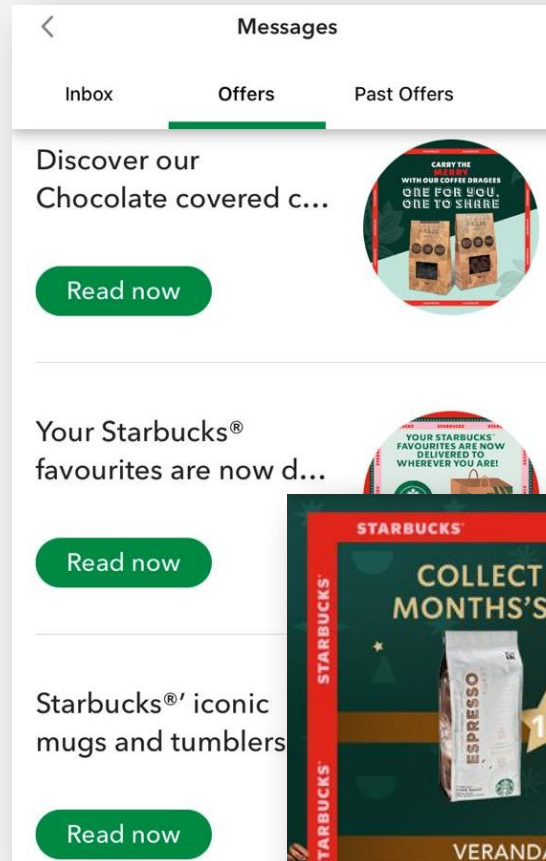
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Use the app to redeem your Stars for Rewards.  
(When you have multiple items...



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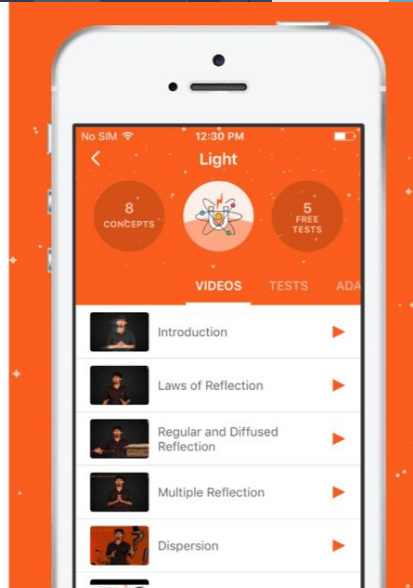
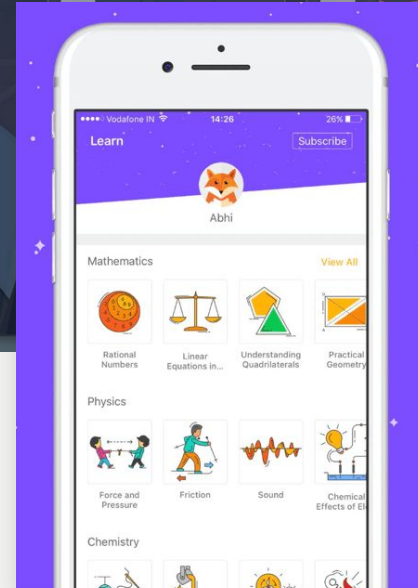
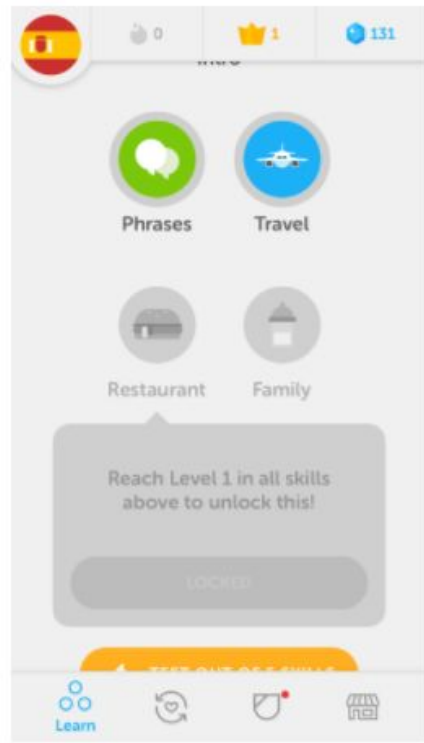
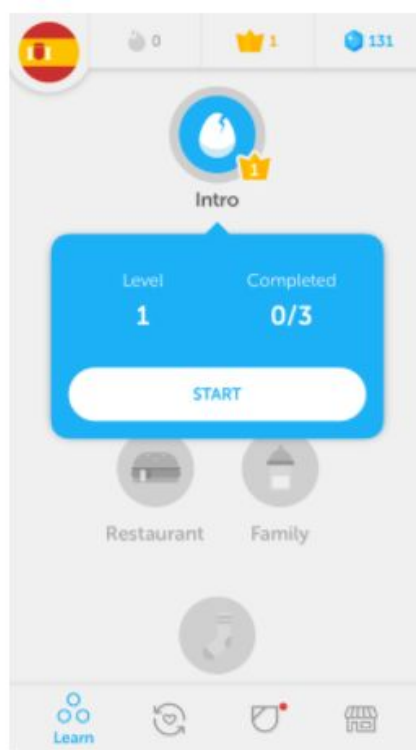
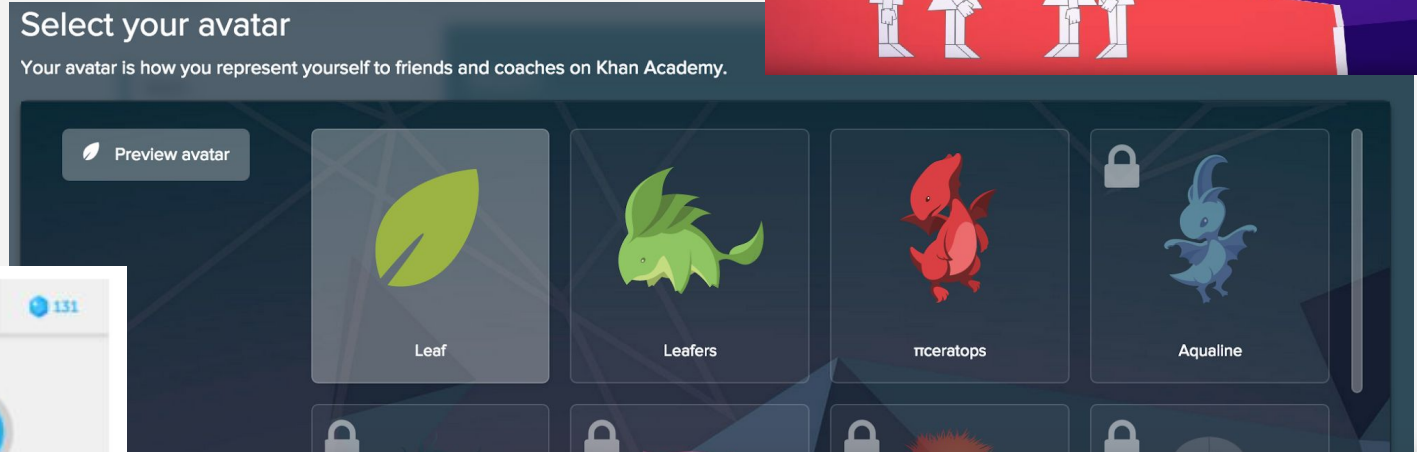
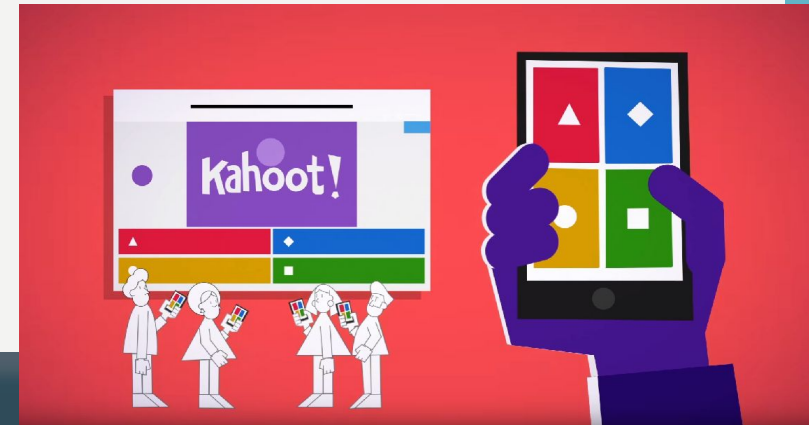
Watch the Stars add up even faster with promotions, special days and bonuses





# ALSO IN EDUCATION!

- Kahoot!
- Duolingo
- Khan Academy
- Byju's



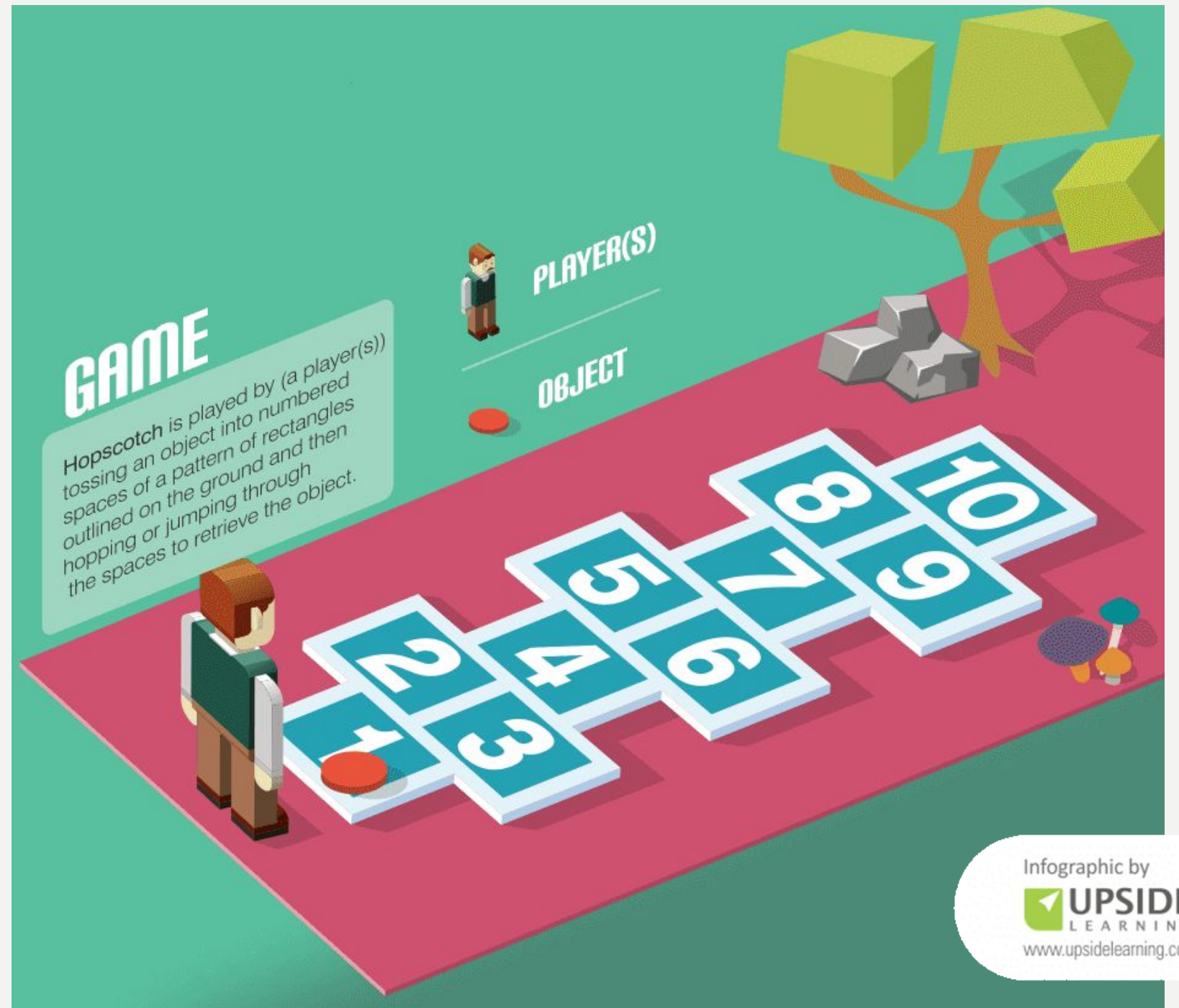


# **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?**

**BETWEEN  
GAME-BASED LEARNING & GAMIFICATION**

# GAME: HOPSCOTCH

Especially digital game development is a difficult and expensive process.



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# GAME BASED LEARNING

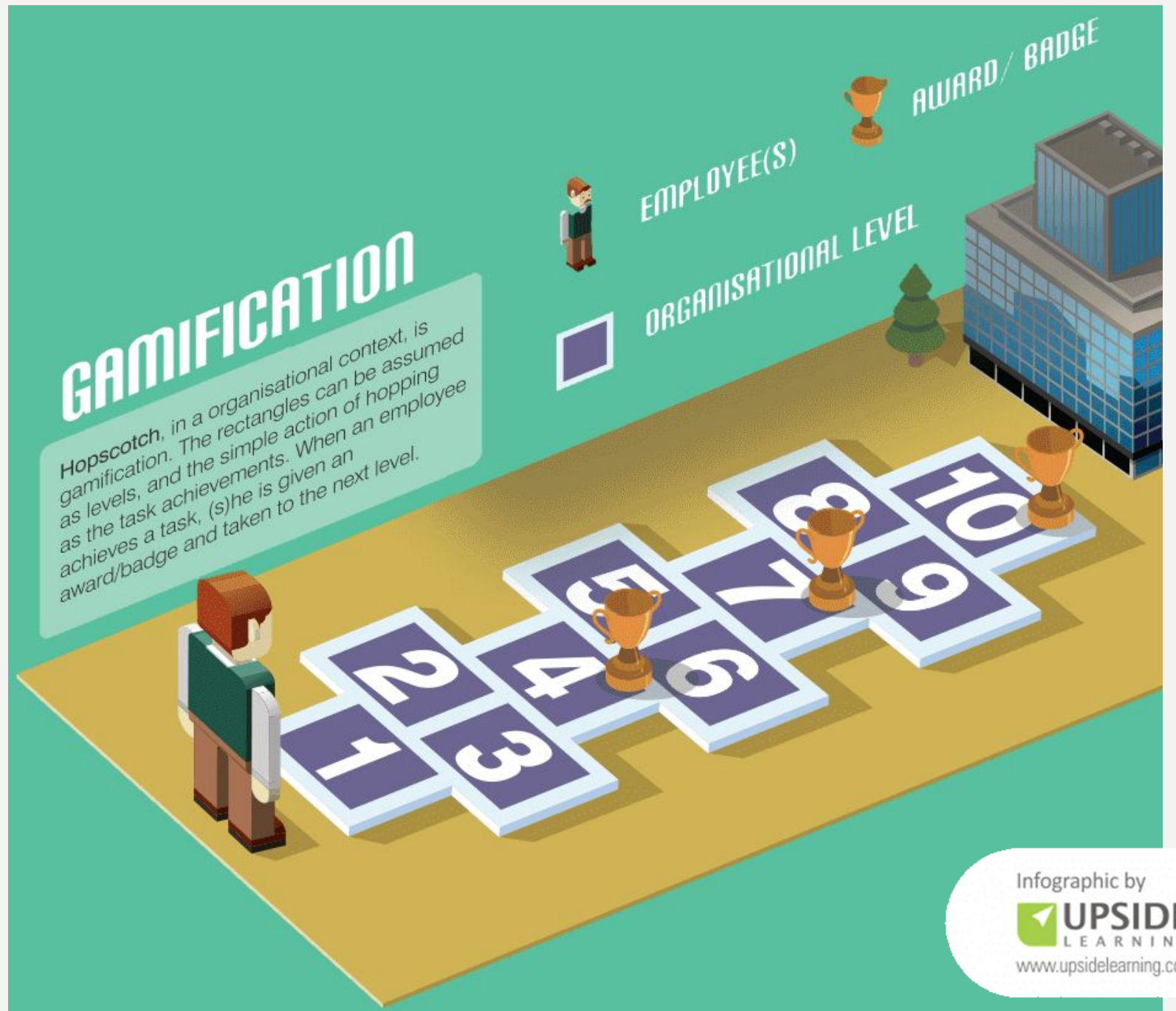
- Hopscotch game can be used in Maths lesson to teach odd and even numbers.
- Boxes with odd numbers can be stepped on with one foot, and boxes with even numbers can be stepped on with two feet.





# GAMIFICATION

- Hopscotch boxes can be used as a guideline in gamification.
- Each box can represent a learning task or a week / level.
- At the end of certain levels a prize can be won.
- However, there is no jumping around.



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# THE POSITION OF GAMIFICATION IN THE CURRICULUM



# TO WHOM, WHERE, & WHEN TO USE?

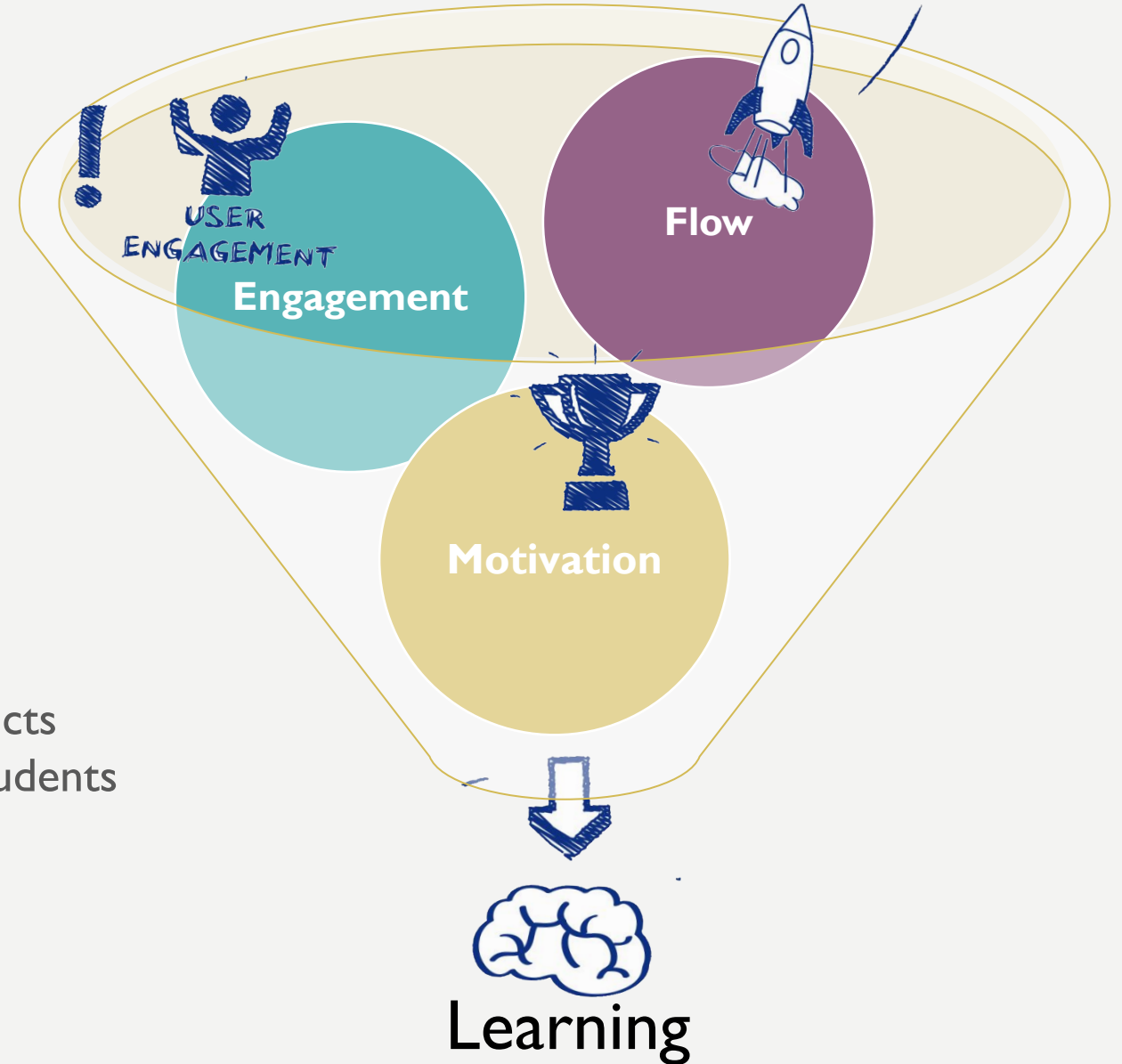
- It could be used in **classrooms**, as well as **online classes**.
- With **digital tools** and/or **printed materials**.
- For only one **lesson** or for a whole **semester**.
- It can be applied to **different age groups**.
- For students in a **class** or in a whole **school**.
- It can support the professional development of **teachers**.



# WHY TO USE? HOW IT WORKS?

Various research shows gamification

- increases voluntary participation
- increases participation rate
- increases completion rate
- produces more qualified learning products
- conduces more interaction between students
- creates more successful students
- provides higher achievement

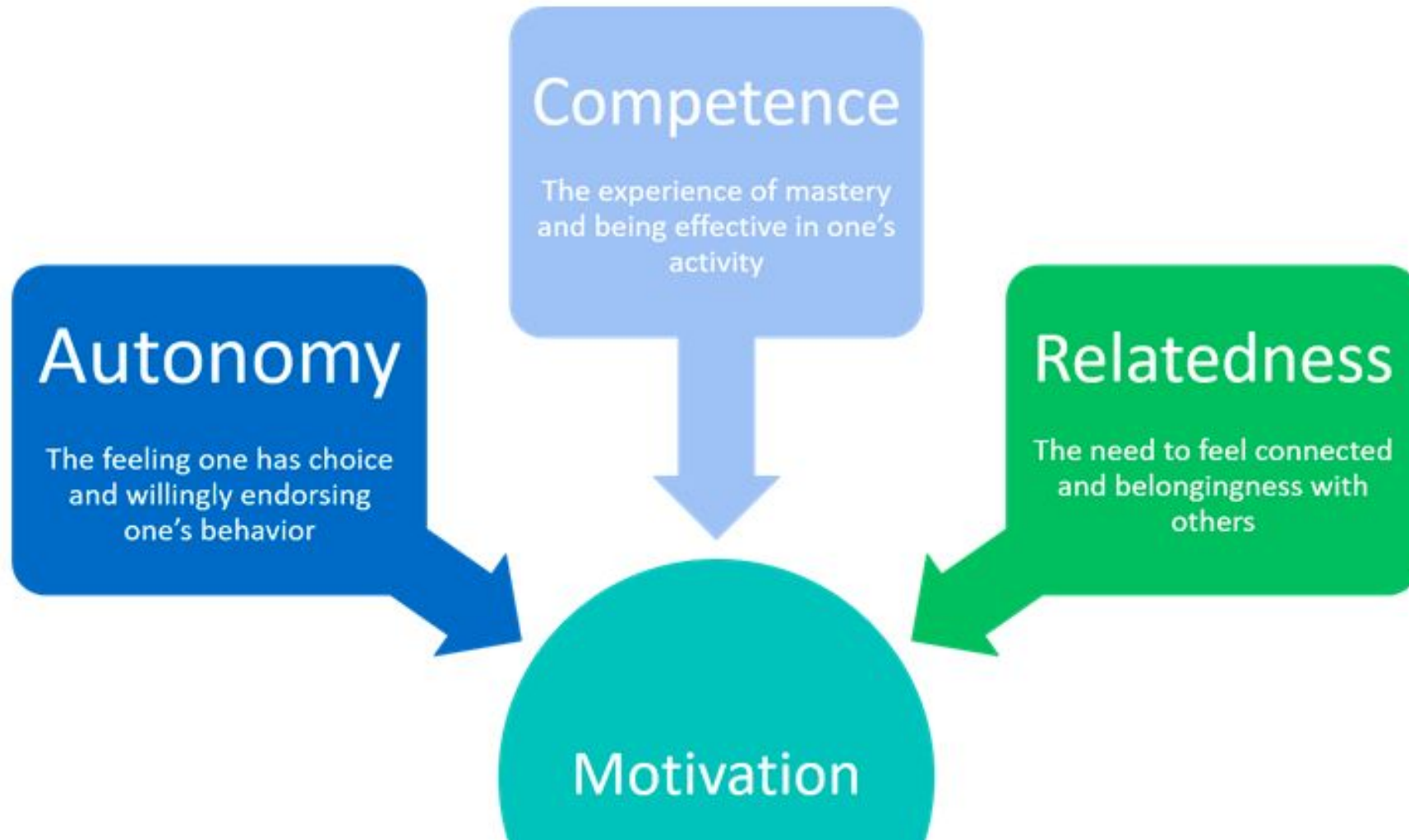



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# THE BACKGROUND OF GAMIFICATION: MOTIVATION

E.g. Ryan and Deci's  
Self-Determination  
Theory





# **GAMIFICATION TOOLS, IMPLICATION EXAMPLES & GAME COMPONENTS**

# HOW TO USE?

## • **TOOLS FOR GAMIFICATION** could be categorized as

- A.** Gamified apps which have content. (E.g. Duolingo, Knowre)
- B.** Gamification plug-ins in LMS (E.g. Moodle, WordPress)
- C.** Digital gamification tools (E.g. Kahoot, Class Craft)
- D.** Non-gamified digital tools (E.g. Instagram, Milanote)
- E.** Non-digital tools (E.g. Stickers, Crayons)

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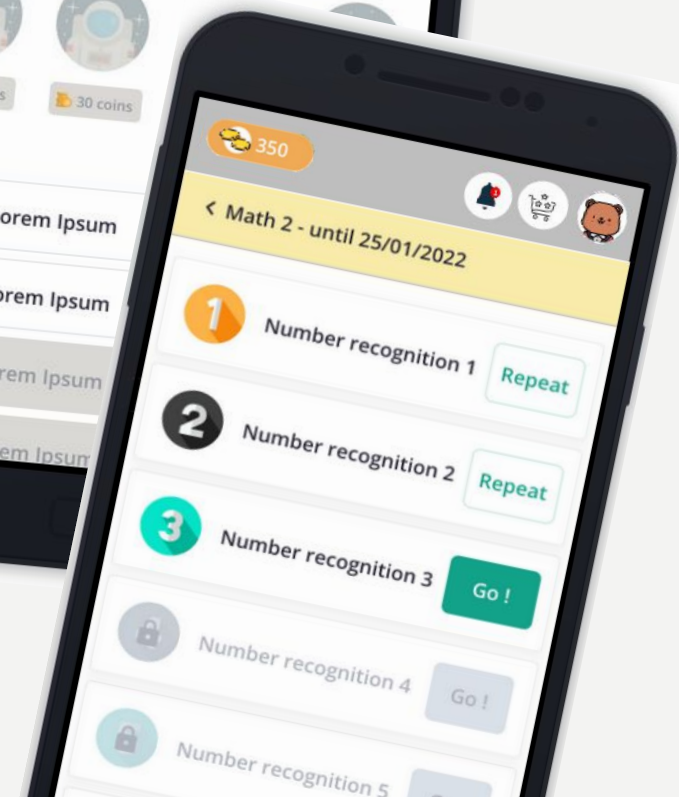
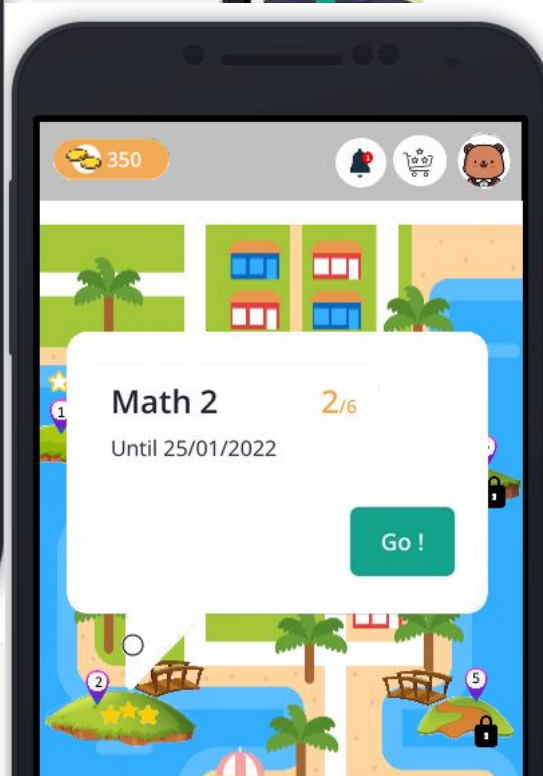
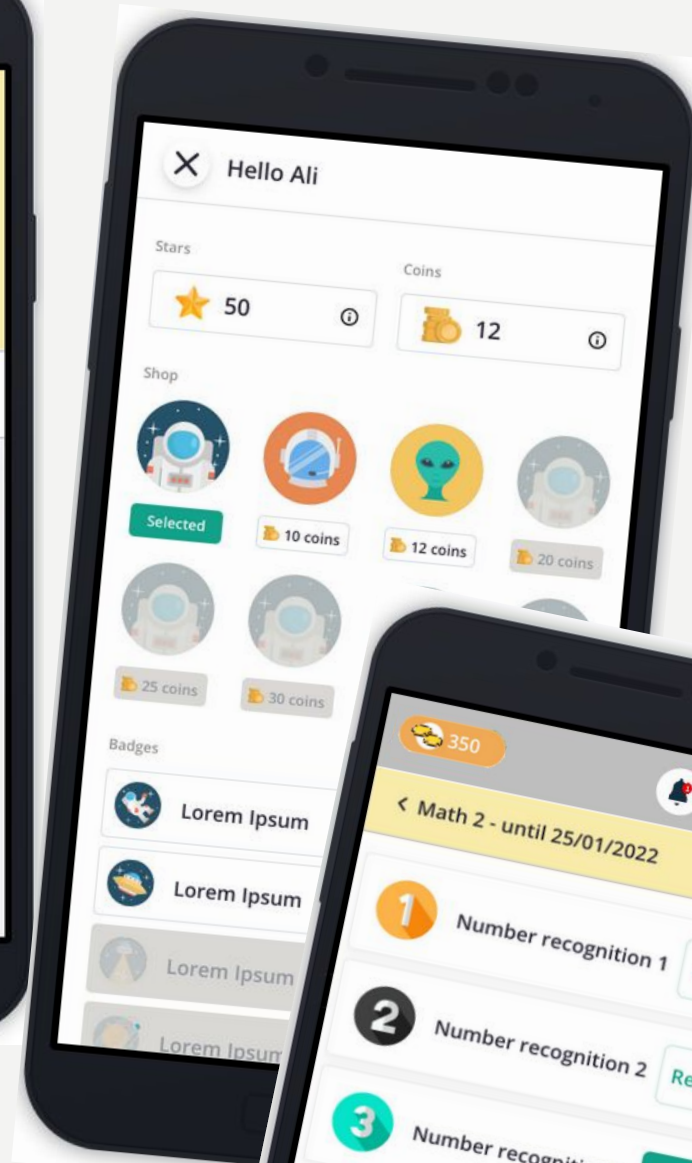
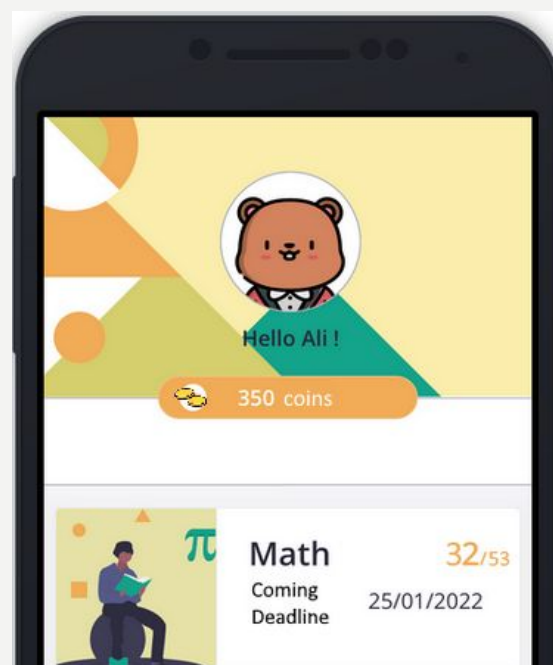
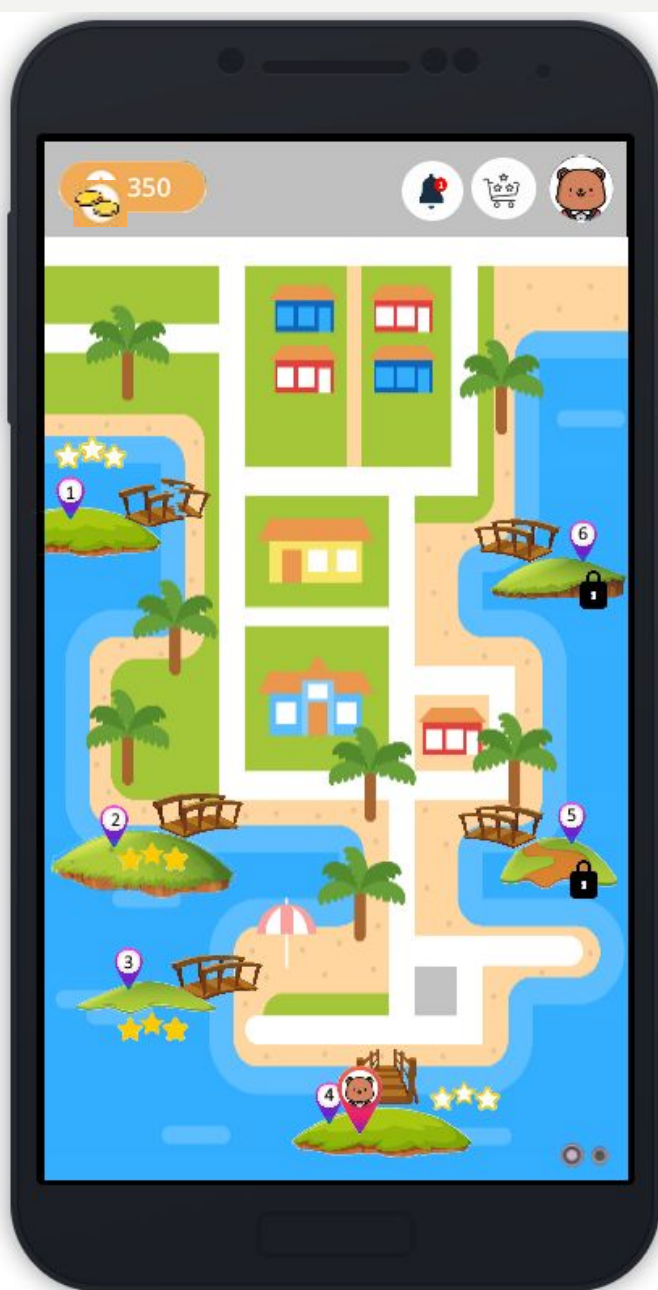


A

# THE GAMIFIED ASSESSMENT TOOL

EXAMPLE OF  
A. GAMIFIED APPS





A decorative wavy line in light blue and white, starting from the top left and curving downwards towards the bottom left.

**B**

# **A GAMIFIED COURSE IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

**EXAMPLE OF**

**B. GAMIFICATION PLUG-IN**



## BTÖ 315: Uzaktan Eğitim

← Bu öğrenme sürecinde sen farklı adaları gezerek hazineye ulaşmaya çalışan bir kaptansın!

Seviyelere göz at!



Seyma  
Çağlar  
Seviye 1

15 puan  
to level up

Challenges



Ortamı

Oyunlaştırılmış Öğrenme

Huzeg ile sadece ders içeriklerine ulaşmayacak, aynı zamanda oyunlaştırılmış öğrenme sürecine de dahil olacaksınız.



İletişim-Etkileşim

Huzeg BTÖ 315 dersi harmanlanmış sınıf ortamının çevrim içi destekçisidir. Yüz yüze öğrenme ortamını destekleyecek iletişim ve etkileşim fırsatı sunmaktadır.

Tüm

puan durumunuzu görün



Elif  
216 point



Funda  
206 point



Fatma  
193 point



Betül  
191 point



Esra  
190 point



- Story
- Avatar
- Level - Island - Week
- Points & Leader Board
- Achivements (Map, Sword, Boat etc.)
- Badges
- Collection (Jewels)
- Boss Fight – Final Exam
- Reward - Gold - Pen







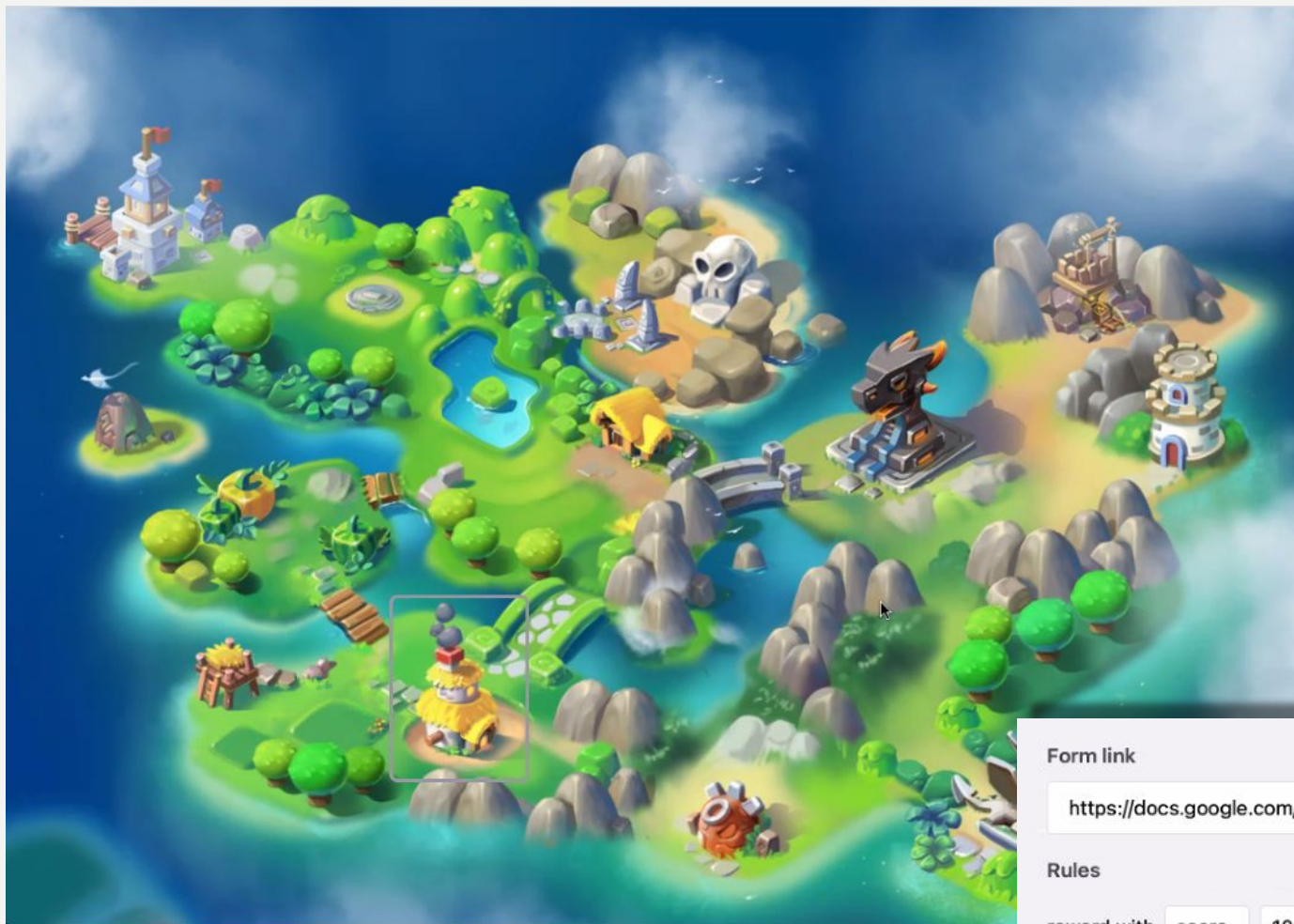
C

# A WEB-BASED GAMIFICATION TOOL

EXAMPLE OF

C. DIGITAL GAMIFICATION TOOLS





Erasmus+

GATE: On the Way to Gamify Your Teaching  
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<https://gatetogamify.eu/>

Upload map  
or choose a preset



Form link

<https://docs.google.com/forr>

Rules

reward with score 10

points for every 1

points more than 6

and the score

✓ does not expire

expires after 1 day

expires after 1 week

expires after 1 month

add rule

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Rules

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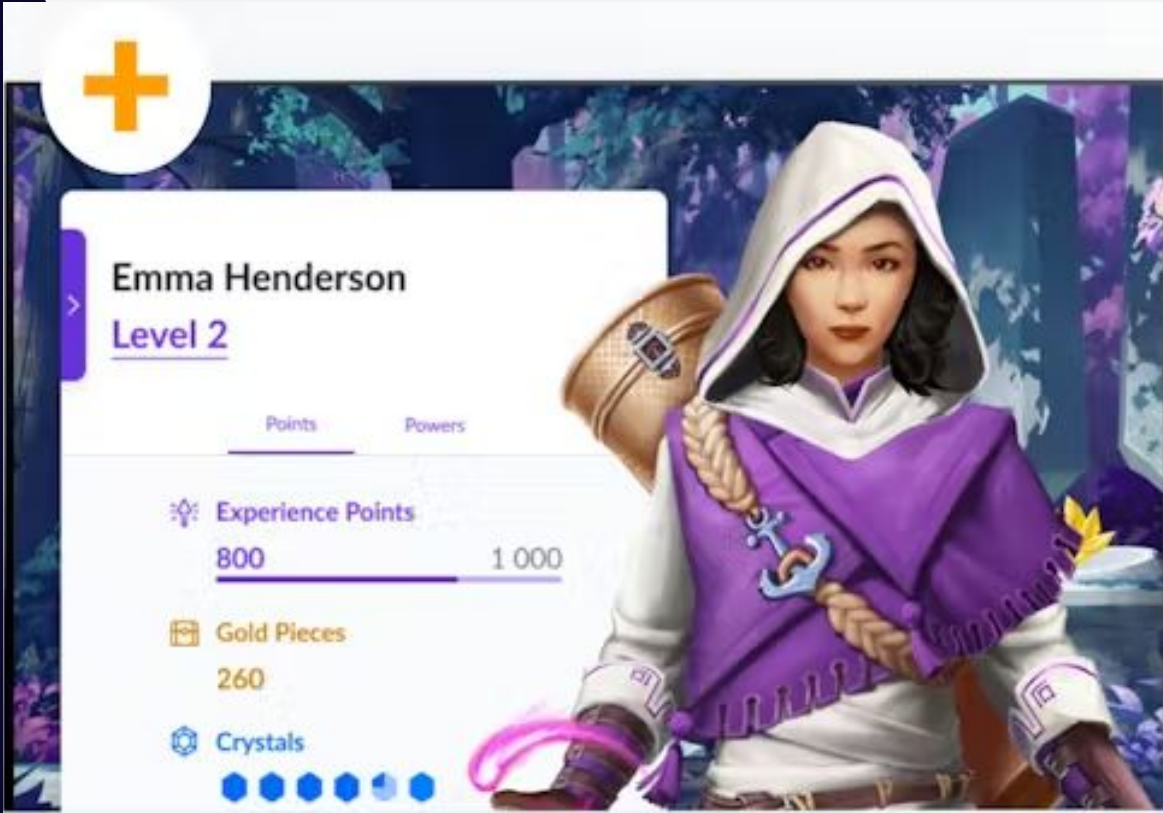
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<https://www.classcraft.com/>

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D

# **GAMIFICATION**

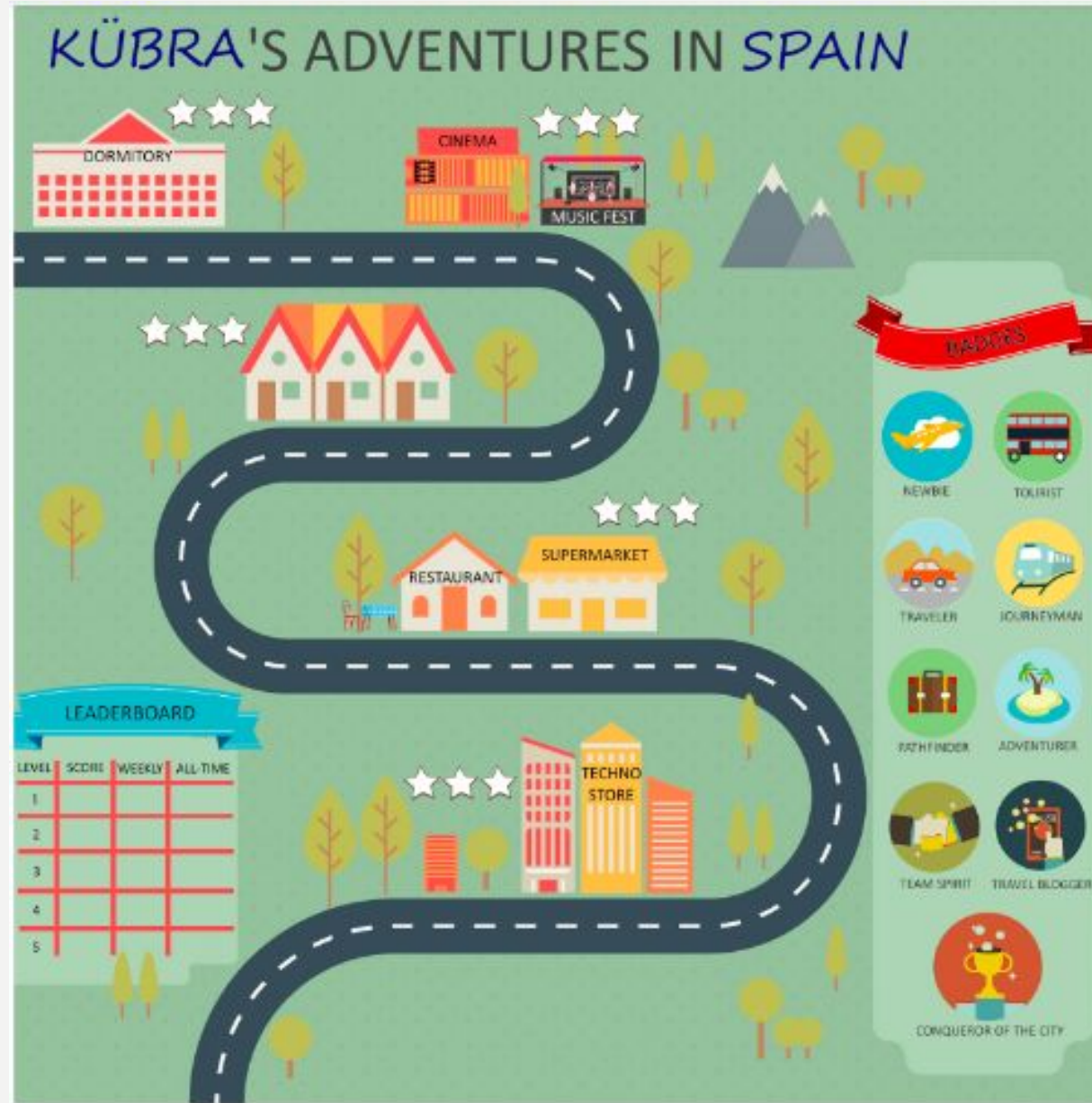
**VIA INSTAGRAM**

**EXAMPLE OF**

**D. NON-GAMIFIED TOOLS**

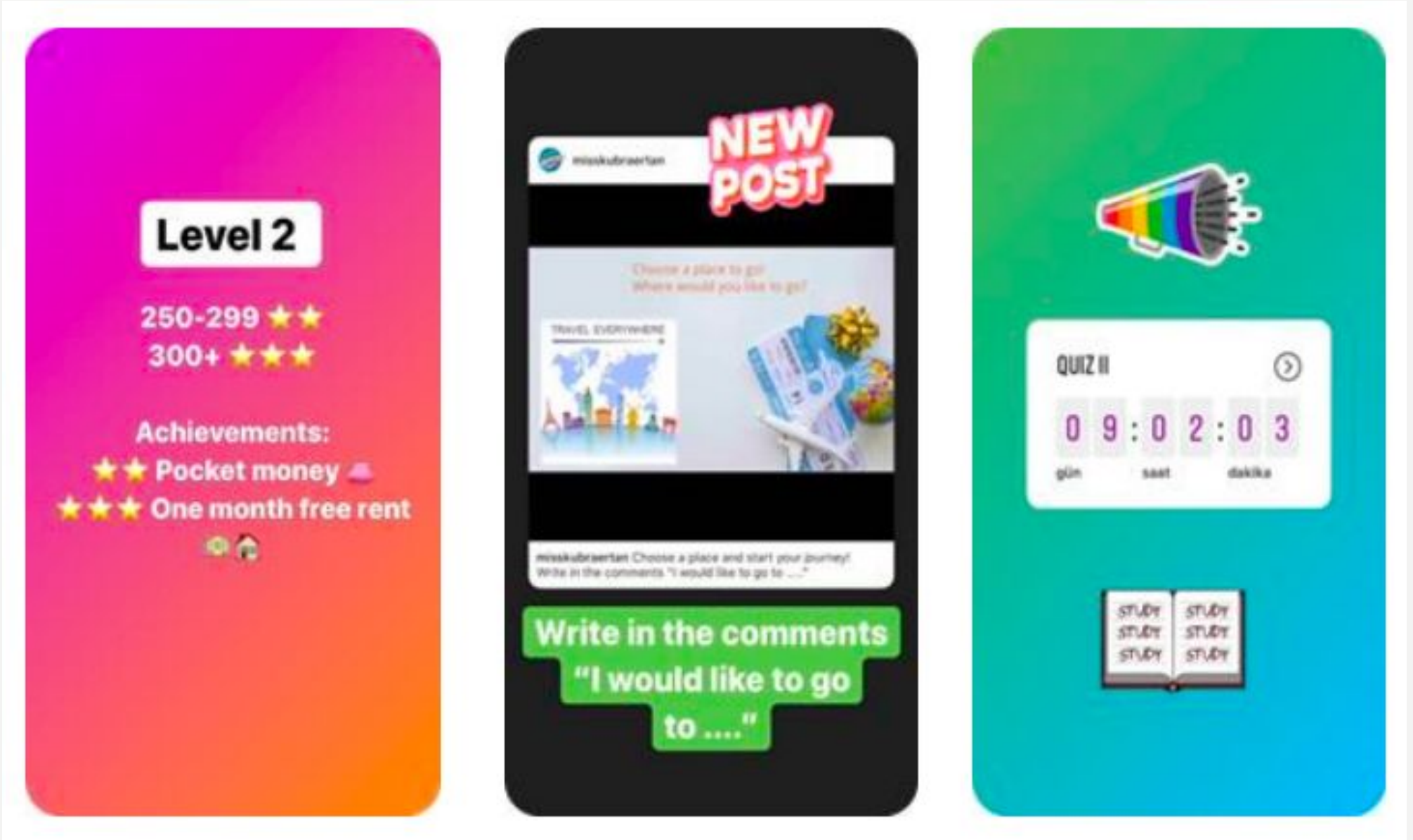


- Levels: Each topic
- Achievement: Stars for each level considering points
- Points: From Kahoot! & homeworks



- Badges: E.g. Completing 2 out of 5 homework / Writing the most creative blog post / Following Instagram account
- Rewards: E.g. concert ticket, pocket money

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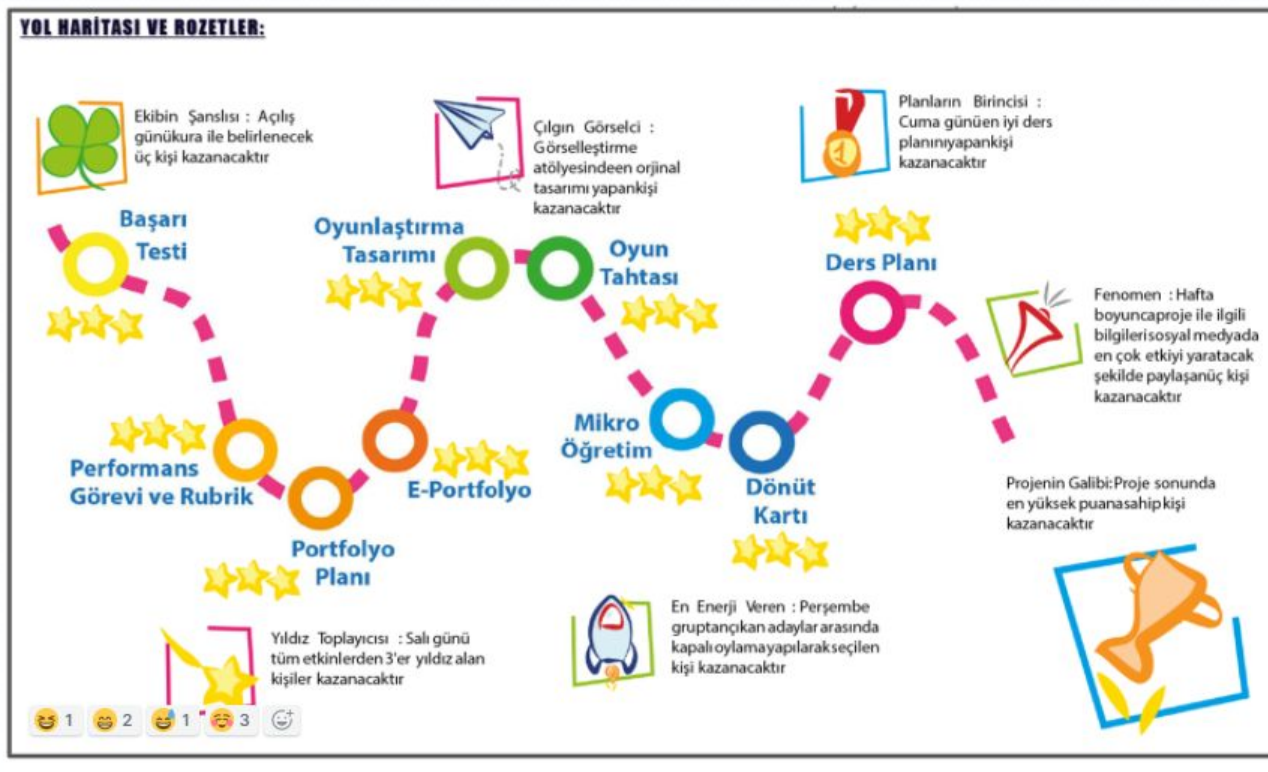
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TÜBİTAK

Milanote



Arife 23 cards	Aylin 21 cards	Derya 21 cards	Emre 32 cards	Esin 19 cards
Fatma 22 cards	Faysal 16 cards	Gizem 15 cards	Gözde 23 cards	Hacer 23 cards
Hüseyin 21 cards	Merve 24 cards	Mümine 21 cards	Mürşid 19 cards	
Neslihan 17 cards	Serhat 23 cards	Sevinç 17 cards	Sinem 18 cards	

### Oyunlaştırma Kuralları

1 card

**PUAN:** Amaç bir haftanın sonunda en yüksek puana ulaşmaktır. Puanlar yıldız ve rozetlerden kazanılmaktadır.

**YILDIZ:** Belirlenen 9 atölyedeki performanslarınız 3 yıldız üzerinden değerlendirilecektir. Topladığınız her yıldız 10 puan kazandıracaktır.

**ROZET:** Verilen kriterlere göre 8 farklı rozet kazanılabilecektir. Topladığınız her rozet 5 puan kazandıracaktır. Ek rozet: 9'da sınıfta olanlara

### Günlük Lider Tahtası

4 cards

**Perşembe (Sınıf Ortalaması: 62)**

75p - @Merve I , @Gözde , 70p - @Esin

65p - @Sinem @Faysal @Neslihan @Arife @Mürşid @Sevinç @Emre

**Çarşamba (Sınıf Ortalaması: 50)**

70p - @Emre , 65p - @Mürşid , @Esin , @Serhat , 60p - @Sinem

### Genel Lider Tahtası

1 card

205p - @Emre

185p - @Mürşid

175p - @Esin @Merve I

170p - @Sinem

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**E**

# **GAMIFICATION WITH STICKERS & CRAYONS**

**EXAMPLE OF  
E. NON-DIGITAL TOOLS**

# LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

## Learning Tasks

- 1) Searching about the “Labours of Hercules” myth
- 2) Learning to use the web tools



COMPUTER LAB



Erasmus+

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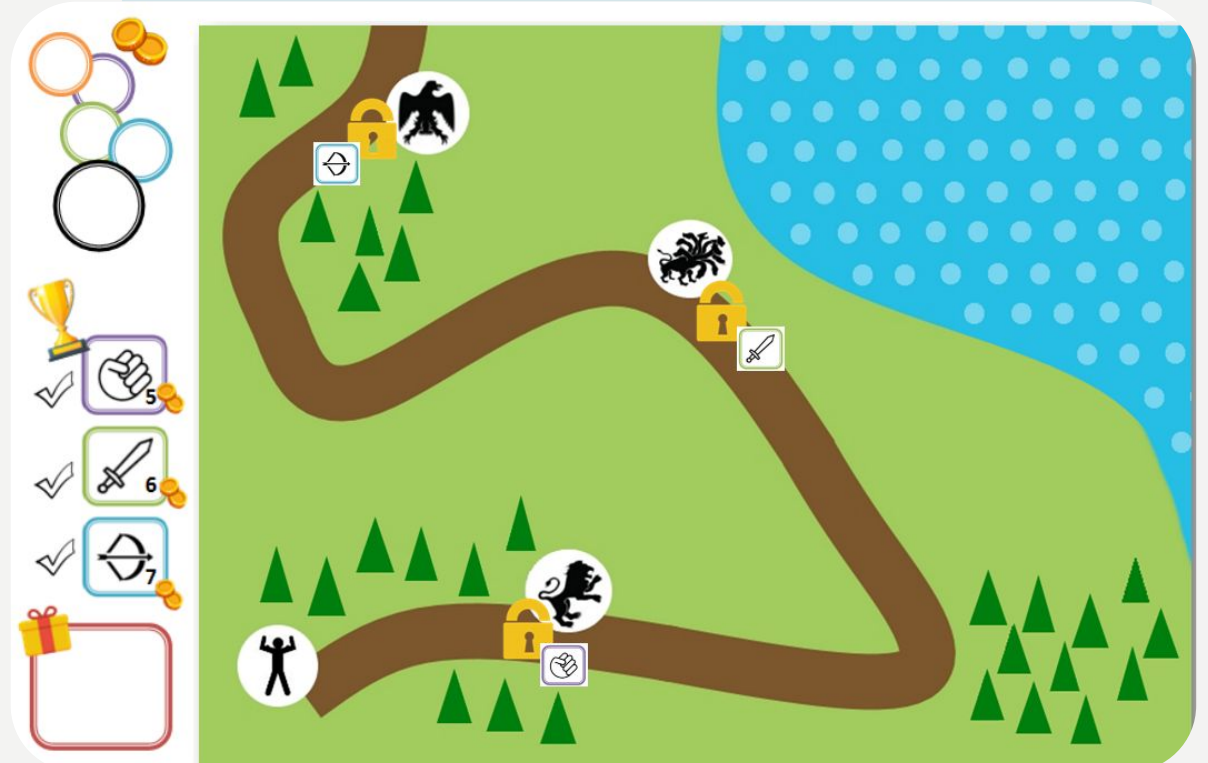
# Facebook

- Tasks
- Educational resources
- Students' products
- Leader board

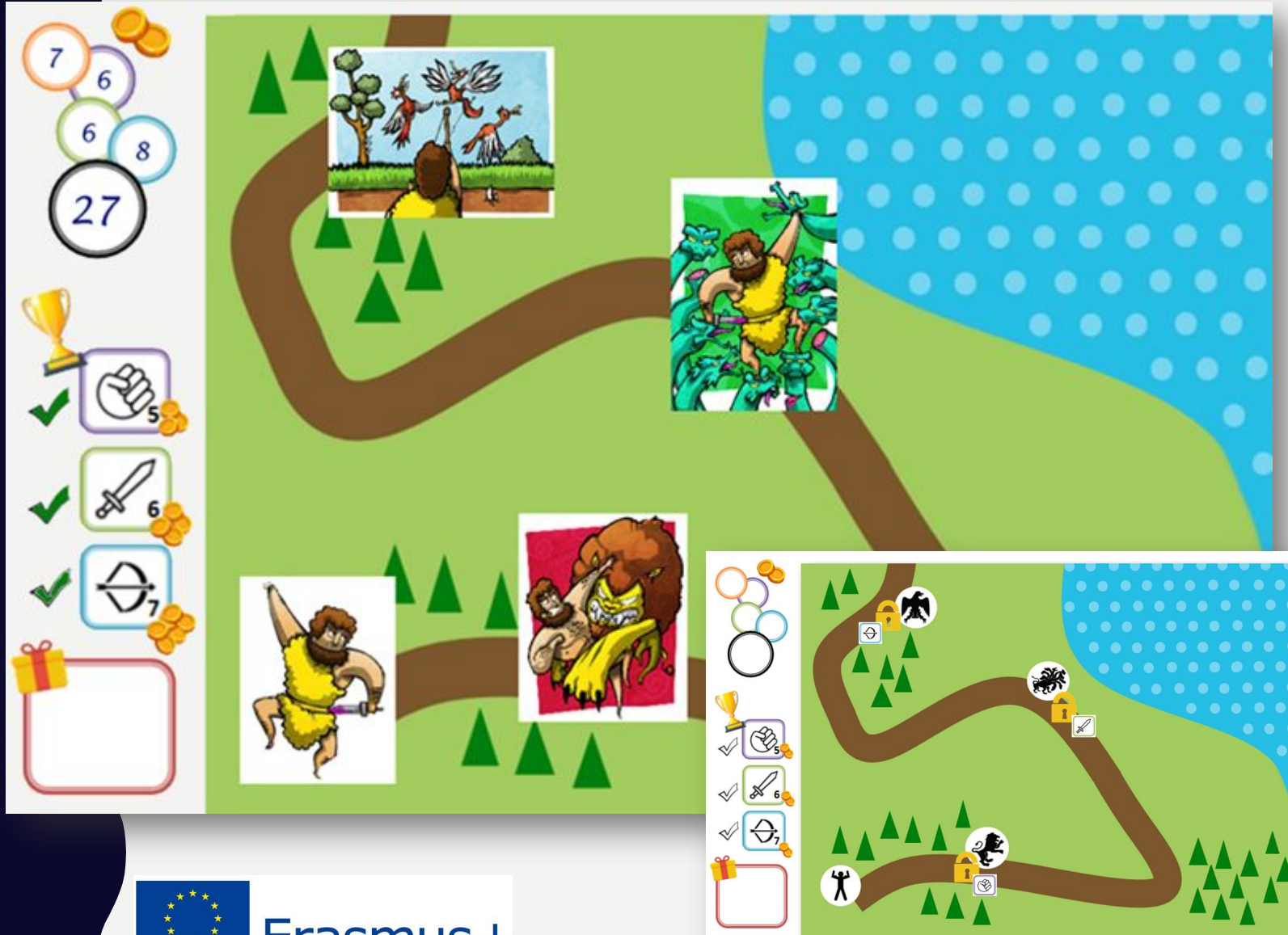


# Printed Board

- Visuals of the story
- Gathered points from assignments
- Collection (fist, sword, bow and arrow)
- Badges
- Leves



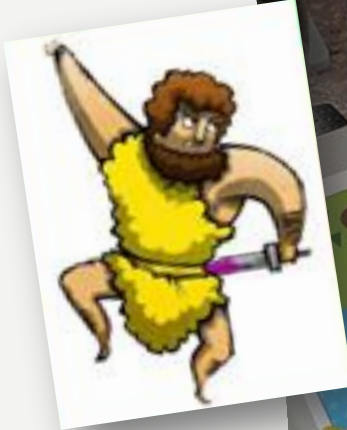
# PRINTED BOARD



- Printed Board - Progress
- Story
- Feedback
- Points
- Collection
- Content Unlocking
- Badges
- Replay



- Avatar – personalization
- Teamwork
- Trading – collection items
- Gifts – mentor badge





# **A GAMIFICATION FRAMEWORK**

**OCTALYSIS**  
**(CHOU, 2019)**

# GAME MECHANICS (Chou, 2019)

- Epic Meaning: Chosen person, saviour etc. (e.g. Story)
- Accomplishment: Struggling, achievement of tasks (e.g. Level, Points, Leaderboard, Progress bar)
- Empowerment through Creativity and Feedback: Trial and error, instant feedback (e.g. Unlocking)
- Social Influence and Relationship Building: Mentoring, Friendship (e.g. Gift Exchange)
- Unpredictability and Curiosity: (Ex: Surprises)
- Avoidance: (e.g. Loss of status, Items that lose their validity)
- Scarcity: (e.g. Limited number of items / badges, Waiting for time to run out)
- Ownership: (e.g. Avatar, Virtual goods)





# **THE MOST engaging gamification elemets**

- Virtual goods (could be exchanged, shown in profile)
- Redeemable points (redeem real world' rewards)
- Leader boards (local and global view)
- Badges (could be won immediately, shown in profile)



# **GAMIFICATION DESIGN STEPS**



# STEPS TO GAMIFY

1. List your main and sub **goals**.
2. Define challenges by combining **game mechanics and goals**.
3. Determine clear, small, and **challenging** (achievable challenges) learning tasks which are linked to rewards (virtual goods, badges etc.).
  - Tasks should get more difficult step by step.
  - Don't let them fail in the beginning.
4. Match the game elements and learning tasks.
5. Make the **progress** visible.
6. Let them take the **control** but don't allow them to get lost or stuck (clear guidance).
7. Provide **different paths** to follow.
8. Give feedback – give opportunity to improve (replay). Everything is a feedback, a badge, points, etc.
9. Avoid negative performance **feedback**.
10. Recall them and give new challenges.



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## GAMIFICATION RELATED PROJECTS

- GAMEUP: Promoting Entrepreneurial Mindsets in European Universities Through Gamification, AB Erasmus+ Projesi
- Developing MEL tools and systems for digital learning interventions in EiE, BM Projesi
- E-Skills For E-Citizens: Effective Access to e-Services, AB Erasmus+ Projesi
- Development of Educational Gamification Tool, Tübitak 2209 Projesi
- ★ ★ ★ GATE: On the Way to Gamify Your Teaching, AB Erasmus+ Projesi
- STEAM-BOX: Courses, Tools, Resources for Teachers, AB Erasmus+ Projesi
- Searching for the Labours of Hercules, AB Erasmus+ Projesi
- Designing an Online Gamified Learning System and Examining Its Effects, BAP Projesi

## SOME INVITED TALKS

- Instructional Gamification. 8.02.2023, Latin American STEAM Education Research Conference.
- Gamification: An Instructional Approach for Teaching Mathematics. 03.11.2022, Athena European University, Colloquial Talks.
- Gamification: A Way to Add Fun in Learning. 16.12.2020, Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto Seminars on Novel Teaching Methodologies.
- Gamification for Teaching Maths. 23.06.2020, CADGME Online Gathering, Digital Tools in Mathematics Education.
- Practices of gamification in teaching. 21.11.2019, Lisbon Games Week, FIL Lisbon
- Gamification: An old friend in a new frame. 17.01.2019, Gamification and Creativity in STEAM Education Conference, JKU Linz / Austria.
- Instructional Gamification. 28.04.2017, 11th National Student Congress, Yeditepe University, İstanbul
- How to gamify your classroom? 19.10.2016, IT Learn Play Repeat, Gamification in Education, JKU / Austria
- Game and Learning. 03.06.2016, e-Game Show, Ankara



## GATE: On the Way to Gamify Your Teaching

**Aim of the project** is to support teachers to use gamification in their classes to improve their teaching by increasing the motivation of students.

To achieve this aim, two intellectual outputs have been designed; a **web-based gamification tool** to ease to integrate game elements into learning teaching process and an **open online course on gamifying education**.

**Project Duration**  
34 month

**Budget**  
218000 €

TURKEY

SPAIN

BELGIUM

### Open Online Course on Gamification

Module 1 - Introduction to Educational Gamification  
Module 2 - Gamification Design for Instruction  
Module 3 - Gamification Tools and Feedback

### Web-Based Gamification Tool

A simple LMS which includes game elements as tasks, rules, levels, points, badges, leaderboards, virtual rewards, and teams in order to facilitate gamifying teaching. A solution for satisfying teachers needs for a digital tool.



[gatetogamify.eu](http://gatetogamify.eu)



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