

- ★ Offer Alternatives for Auditory Information



Day 290 **Add Captions**

PowerPoint has added a live captioning feature and it is a powerful accessibility tool for the diverse, inclusive classroom. It transcribes words in real time and displays them on the screen and can do so in several different languages.

There are many uses for live captions:

- ★ *Present with them. Use captions during your presentations and lectures to boost students' understanding of your material. This support may be especially helpful for your students who are Deaf or hard of hearing and for those learning English.*
- ★ *Turn them on during discussions. Use captions during daily work (morning meeting, circle time) to support your emerging readers. Captioned media can help listening comprehension, word recognition, and decoding skills.*
- ★ *Go it alone. Use the captioning feature even when you don't have slides to go with it. Just create a single slide—it can be blank or include an image related to your content—and share it as you are teaching and working with students.*
- ★ *Support language and communication goals. If you are encouraging students to use an audible voice or speak in a target language, the captions might motivate students to practice those goals.*

There are other ways to access captions beyond PowerPoint, of course. Google Slides also has live captioning, but as of the print date of this book, does not have a translation function. YouTube and most DVDs also allow users to add captions.

You can also add captions to your own videos. YouTube will caption clips you upload and you can use an app like Clips [Apple] to make captioned videos with your phone.