TOPIC:

Control + Shift + Move

* A webinar about the maximization of technology in macro skills development during this time of pandemic Brief Description: - The title is control+shift+move since it’s a keyboard shortcut to move something (represents the paradigm shift to online class). On this webinar, we will talk about the impacts of virtual classes on the usage of 5 macro skills. We’ll include some problems that have arise in this kind of set-up and some applications that will help the students in managing such and will be useful for skills development.

SPEAKERS:

1. Introduction (1 min)-Punzalan
2. Speaking & Listening (5 mins)-Pontañeles
   * Speaking
     + Problems: Limit of expressing ourselves due to lack of physical contact and uncomfortability;
     + Possible ap: apps that cancel noises for better understanding
   * Listening
     + Problems: Natest listening skills natin due to internet problems (choppy)
3. Reading (5 mins)-Punzalan

* Problems: Limit resources coz can’t go out to visit library; e-books became prominent; limit reading ours due to radiation
* Apps: night view; e-books

1. Writing (5 mins)-Recasas

* Problems: Limit coz can’t go out to buy supplies (notebook and ballpen); encoding became prominent
* Apps: note taking apps sa ipad

1. Critical Viewing & Conclusion (5-6mins)-Ruado

* Problems: No problem; advantages is naenhance since mas maraming time na maexpose sa various contents (modular students think on their own, ppt and visual communication became prominent so students understand easily the images)
* Apps: Netflix, apps na may quiz (may app ata na ganito parang English tutor)

TOTAL: 21-22 mins

NOTES:

1. Prepare kayo ppt (as much as possible concise info per slide like 1 sentence lang etc.)
2. Flow of Speech: key points, explanation, relatable experience (share kayo)

TENTATIVE DEADLINES:

1. Submission of speech (for checking and revisions)- February 18(Thursday)
2. Day of submission of video- February 20 (12nn)

**SCRIPT:**

**PUNZALAN:** Good afternoon everyone! And welcome to “Control + Shift + Move! I’m Andres Gregorio Punzalan, your moderator for today’s webinar. So before anything else, I hope you guys are doing great on your respective houses despite of the current events and issues. Also, I hope that you guys will stay tune on the entire webinar since the speakers will share some things that can help you manage your issues regarding the online class, like productivity applications, since today’s topic will revolve about the changes in macro skills after the paradigm shift to online class. So, without further ado, let’s start. Our first speaker is currently an accounting student from Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, to discuss about the two macro skills, let’s call in Ms. Angel C. Pontañeles

**PONTAÑELES: Reading and Speaking**

Good day and welcome everyone! Again I’m Angel and in the next 5 minutes you're about to know some tips regarding the online class set-up in terms of changes or problems with your macro skills. Specifically listening and speaking skills. Before I officially begin I just want to ask, how was your experience in shifting to online class? How do you handle all of the hindrances and struggles throughout the semester? Well, I'm sure that (like me) most of you had so much answers or maybe rants in your mind but please hold it for a moment cause I'm going start.

\*(Here goes my slide)

Online learning or distance learning had been not easy for us and I can say that it is very challenging, not just adjusting from being a high school student to a college freshman but especially adapting the new learning set-up. Out of the five macro skills, listening and speaking skills are necessary things in an effective and efficient communication. We tend to listen first then learn to speak. Throughout online class we run into some complications.

Where in speaking:

• There is a hard time for us to express what we were saying or what are we going to say also we are lack in using of non-verbal communication and it is (non-verbal communication) very helpful in expressing our thoughts or ideas

• There are students that are shy or chose not to share their opinion, answer in recitation, thoughts, and ideas due to lack of physical contact or uncomfortable from each other

• In listening, our skill was being test by the reason of internet or device problems

• Distracted because of the background noise and as a result we're out of focus

• There is confusion to some words that you don't hear clearly or to words that are not familiar to you

I remember during my class, whenever I have confusion to a specific word or it is not familiar to me. I always don't have the guts to ask for clarifications because I don't want to interrupt the discussion so I just take note of how I hear it then I'll just search about it after class.

Anyways here are the applications that would be helpful to you:

• Parrot Zik, UrbanDenoiser, Noise Wall are background noise cancellation app for both ios and android phone while Krisp, Noise Gate, and DSP Soundware are apps for windows. These apps would aid you to block distractions, create a private ambience, and increase your concentration while you're talking or listening in a class discussion.

• Vocabulary.(dot)com, Magoosh, and PowerVocab are a vocabulary apps that will assist you to memorize and find new and accurate words to express of what you are going to say.

• eAngel, Ginger, and Correct me are apps to check if your spelling and grammar are correct while Paraphrasing Tool, Paraphraser, and ProWriting are obviously apps to paraphrase your sentence.

These apps would help you to construct a proper sentence.

• FluentU and ELSA Speak are apps to improve your pronunciation that would be helpful so that you can be familiar and can clearly pronounce different words. By this you can avoid confusion to words during discussion.

• Lastly gdrive of google and cloud drive of ms teams can be use to save your files, pictures, and even videos in such a way that your device would not be lag or have a system error during classes.

Listening and speaking skills is paramount in communication and online class as a result of gaining and exchanging information. So I hope that you've learned and most of your hindrances and struggles might be solve through the apps that I presented. Thank you for using your listening skills while I'm talking and have a blessed morning everyone!

**PUNZALAN:** Thank you for that very informative speech, Ms. Pontañeles. Do you guys have any questions to our speaker? Don’t hesitate to drop it to the chat box? Oh, here we have one (insert tanong)

**PONTAÑELES:** (sagot)

**PUNZALAN:** Ohh, that was nice. Do you guys have any more questions? I think we’re all good to go now. So, the next speaker is, also a freshman from Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, no other than yours truly, Mr. Punzalan.

**PUNZALAN:** **Reading in a Digital World**

Before I start my speech, I just wanted to say that the photos that are included on my presentation are not mine and I got it from various sites that are made for public consumption.

So, may I just ask who are the bookworms or book lovers here? Kindly type on the chat box so I can send you some books, joke I don’t have any cash. So, once the pandemic started, I’m pretty sure that you guys felt sad since you won’t be able to buy books that are on your list. You won’t be able to smell again a newly opened book after hoarding at the big bad wolf event? Am I right? It’s a good thing since you were able to save some money, joke. Kidding aside, as a student, one of the main problems that I think arise ever since the virus started is that we won’t be able to read a lot since resources have been really limited. Although there are a lot of contents on the Internet, still the possible references really went down since we’re prohibited to go to libraries to look for books for our RRL’s in our research or any academic papers or go to any book café’s just to read and kill time. Changes are continuing now at a faster pace. That’s why, E-books became really prominent these days after digital type of reading became a hit, since it’s more accessible. Like in just a click, you’ll be immersed to various contents and just scroll down to find the book that fits your interests. In fact, one of my most used website ever since online class take place is the pdfdrive.com.It’s like heaven for you since you can really find everything there, from fiction up to research or anything that you need since there are 78 millions of books that have been uploaded there. Imagine 78 million? Read till you die, joke. But, you guys should really visit this site whenever you have some free time since reading lots of books will really benefit you in the future.

However, shifting to digital type really limits the time we spent on reading due to the eye damage brought by the radiation from our gadgets. I think some of you guys can relate as a student, that there are times your eyes became irritated and turn red due to long exposure on laptops and cell phones. That you feel like your eyes are burning sometimes after reading for hours the ppt’s and modules that you need to study. This happened to me since I don’t have controls on using phone, so don’t be like me guys. But, gladly I’m not experiencing these things anymore after buying anti-radiation glasses. It’s really a good purchase guys. I swear, since it’s like an investment for your eyes. But, if you guys are saving some money, you can download free applications that can reduce eye strain like Night Screen which is available on Google store. It can lower the brightness of your phone based on your preference for eye protection. This can help you guys a lot since I know your eyes are pretty sensitive to light these days, so you gotta erased the addicting games you guys have so that you can avoid headaches and take care of your eyes.

Aside from that, as a visual learner, the appearance of what I’m reading; either pdf, powerpoints or book really matters to me. So, one of the websites that have helped me in this problem is the smallpdf.com .This allowed me to play with variety of colors to highlight the pdf’s sent by our professors. This is really an essential during exam, since you can easily remember the information you read after highlighting depending on the colors you used. I don’t know if it’s just me, but each color has purpose for me when highlighting. Like I used green for important words, then blue for definition and so on. Am I the only who’s doing that? Or are you guys the same as me?

I think my speech is getting long now. So, I just want to remind you guys to don’t overwork yourself. Your health really matters on this time so you should take care of your eyes by using the apps that I recommended and take a rest, since you won’t be able to absorb the information if your brain feels really tired. I hope you guys learn something from me. Stay safe and keep reading!

**PUNZALAN:** Do you guys have any questions also or things to clarify? Okay, (Do you think that ever since online class happened, we tend to practice or read more things?)

**PUNZALAN:** (sagot)

**PUNZALAN:** Now, to talk about another macro skill, let’s proceed with Ms.Chelica Recasas which is also an accountant student from Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila.

**RECASAS: WRITING**

**PUNZALAN:** Thank you for another informative speech, Ms. Recasas. So, are you guys still there? I know you already have a lot of takeaways from the past speaker.? Oh, here we have one question from (insert tanong)

**RECASAS:** (sagot)

**PUNZALAN:** Now, let’s proceed to the last macro skill. To discuss about critical viewing, let’s call on a student again from Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, Ms. Christine Ruado.

**RUADO:** **CRITICAL VIEWING**

Hello everyone! You've been listening to the macro skills all throughout the webinar. But wait, if you think you already listen to all the macro skills you need to know about and thought that there is nothing to discuss anymore, you've got it all wrong because, as everybody knows we still have one undeniably not that common but is still a relevant macro skill. Say it or not, we are very familiar with the first four skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening. But, what about the fifth one? The one we call viewing or critical viewing?

In today's time, we can say we are currently living in a visual world. How is that so? Advance technology made it happened, from the digital cameras to the latest mobile devices that allows us to capture images until the emergence of such video-sharing platforms like YouTube and Netflix where we can enjoy viewing videos as much as we want and until we've open eyes to the influential social medias like Facebook which all of these are evidences in the rise of visual communication and incredibly became the primary mode of communication around the world.

As you all know, those four skills you listen to earlier were the most useful and the skill, viewing, been unlikely the preferred skills to developed among them all. In fact, when we often ask about the most important macro skills, we either answer reading, writing, speaking and/or listening. In other words, we disregarded the viewing skills. But with the pandemic going on, we shift our normal educational learning system to a more virtual learning system as the new normal, the last skills, viewing, can we still refer this most uncommon or as the least essential? So, here is what I want to ask you and tell you to observed, is the skill' viewing'' still inessential these days?

In this time of pandemic, as I said a while ago, we shifted from our normal courses to the so -called new normal. I'm here now to tell you how the critical viewing skills also shifted from what we commonly referred to as least developed to the most developed skills. As the school year going on, and virtual class as an aid to continue the learning endeavour, viewing skills is likely the commonly used. The fact that communication even in school learning is a multimodal essentially changes the constructive communicative competence. A huge implication in educational systems been brought by the multimodal language and is highly affiliated to the viewing skills. So now, how is critical viewing important now in the new normal setup of educational learning system?

As we all know about virtual class, we are in a set up where visually represented lectures are often used. We now actively take comprehending visual aids. Even the language subject we're taking which should be written and spoken word in classes, it seems like images or multimodal texts been prominently used. Those multimodal texts seem to enhance the learning tools for students and viewing skills being improved as well. Therefore, viewing is important because as students are dealing with mainly multimodal texts, they need to understand them and to become more effective, active and critical viewers to be able to participate fully in society. Viewing helps students develop the knowledge and skills to analyses and evaluate visual texts and multimodal texts that use visuals. Viewing also helps students acquire information and appreciate ideas and experiences visually communicated by others. In the virtual class setting, these are all typically observed. Overall, viewing skills especially in this shift that happened, viewing skills has been moved or simply been developed and enhance.

However, how do we continue to develop this skill? I want to share to you the VTS or the Visual Thinking Strategies which was an approach developed by Abigail Housen and Yenawine. This approach finds meaning in imagery and develops visual literacy skills through learning in the arts, fostering thinking and communication skills through listening carefully and expressing oneself. For instance, the teacher asks the student to examine selected art images and drop these open-ended questions: What’s going on in this picture? What do you see that makes you say that? What more can we find?

Now, what will the students should do? How the viewing skills should be smartly used? In this approach, the students will: Look carefully at the image; talk about what they observe; back up their ideas with evidence; listen and consider the views of others; discuss many possible interpretation and construct meaning together.

Viewing helps students to slow down, reflect and think about the images they are seeing, and develop the knowledge and skills to analyses and evaluate visual texts and multimedia texts that use visuals. Viewing also helps students acquire information and appreciate ideas and experiences visually communicated by others. Undoubtedly, viewing skills now in the shifted new normal is very important and been enhanced more.

**PUNZALAN:** Thank you for that very helpful speech, Ms. Ruado. Kindly drop now all your questions guys if you have some. (insert tanong)

**RUADO:** (sagot)

**PUNZALAN:** To also end this webinar, let’s call in again our last speaker, Ms. Ruado, the stage is now yours.