

Preparing homeworks in advance

In this video, we're going to use an ability in Frog to assign a document, site or even a page to your students. There is a great benefit in doing this. Namely that instead of homeworks being set on the fly, you can plan home learning with detailed instructions, resources around them and even include hidden areas with guidance and mark schemes for your colleagues. As always with Frog, you don't have to do this, but the flexibility is here if you wish.

Sharing documents

We'll start with the simplest option – having a bank of documents ready to assign out.

From this department site, I have a shared folder for homeworks and this contains resources. To use any of these files:

- I click on the **Action Cog**
- Choose **Open in FrogDrive**
- **Single-click** to select the file in question, then
- Click on the **Action Cog**
- And choose **Assign**

The Assignment wizard opens, the name of the document is added as the homework's name – although this can be changed. I fill out the wizard as usual, but when I move to the Resources page, the document is already there.

So, that's how you can assign documents from a shared area, but that's quite limited.

Assigning a Page.

Here I have a scheme of learning for a Year 7 English module about Michael Morpurgo's book *Private Peaceful*. I have used the **Link to File widget** to add my teaching resources and I have decorated the site to match the book.

I have also created a set of homeworks on this site. Each has its own page and I have used the **Activity widgets**.

If I click Edit, I can show you what I mean. For Homework 3, Book to Screen, my page consists of a title, a media widget linking to a YouTube video. A text widget with instructions and it also includes a **Text Activity** widget. This widget is the same as the text activity in the Assignment wizard, except that I am adding it to a page.

I have added a question, I haven't added success criteria, although I could do so here.

Each Activity type has a corresponding widget.

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I mentioned adding guidance for other teachers – I could do this here, by adding in some guidance. I don't want this to be visible to students, I'll use a **Rule** on the widget to hide it. Making sure the text widget is selected:

- Click on **Rules** in the editing panel
- Click **Add Rule**
- Click on the dropdown to the **User is in group/profile**
- Search for **Student** – select **Profile: Student**
- Click **Add** – you have now set a rule to hide the text widget when the user is a student
- Click **Apply**

I don't have to do this, but hopefully you can see the features available when preparing homework in advance. It's now ready to assign. I'll come out of the editor. Then to assign:

- Click on the **Share** button in the FrogBar
- Click **Assign Page**
- The Assignment wizard opens with the site and page name in the title
- I complete the assignment front page as usual, but when I click Next, the Activities tab is empty – as these are set in the page.
- It's the same for Resources too.
- Once I'm happy with the assignment – which could have been just on the front page I can click **Assign**.

The homework appears to the students like any regular homework, albeit one with more resources and thought around it.

Assigning a site.

This is less popular in schools as building a whole site for a homework can be time consuming. Assigning a site gives you all the features of assigning a page, but now you can have multiple pages with multiple activities.

One thing to note – **Assigning a Site creates a private copy** of the site only the student and their teachers can access. It's also a copy, so if you assign a site then wish to make a change to the original, this will not reflect in the students' versions.

Once you have a site you're happy to assign:

- Click on the **Share** link in the FrogBar
- Click **Assign Site**
- And complete the wizard as usual. Just like Assign a Page, the activity and resources tabs are already filled in.

For ease of demonstration, I've used the same Private Peaceful site, but as you can see, there are activities for each homework – so instead of students just having one thing to complete, they actually have one per page. If you do decide to use Assign Site, make sure you have included instructions to your students – otherwise they might miss part of their homework.