



Brisk Teaching - Teacher Tools



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Brisk Teaching Your Classroom Teaching Assistant



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Brisk 101: Meet the Time- Saving Tool That Teachers Love!

**Created By Teachers
for Teachers**

Your personal
Teaching Assistant.

Just add the Extension
to your browser and
"Brisk-It"

Use AI to:

- Create personalized feedback comments ...
- Auto Create Slide Presentations from an idea, article, website, or video.
- Quiz Maker. ...
- UDL Lesson Plan. ...
- Change Reading Level of any Text ...
- IEP Goal Generator ...
- Inspect Writing ...
- and MORE...



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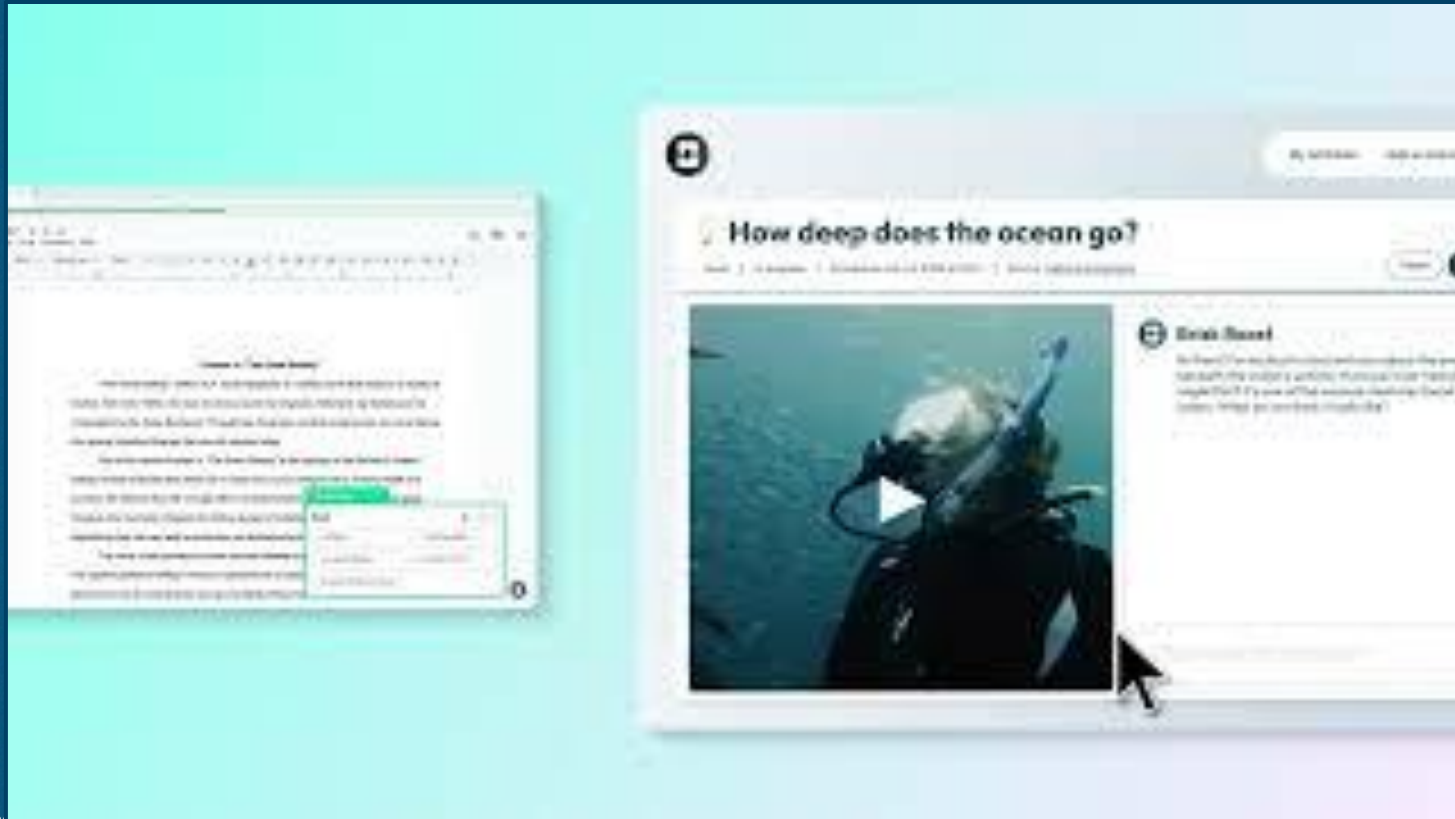
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01 About **Brisk** Teaching

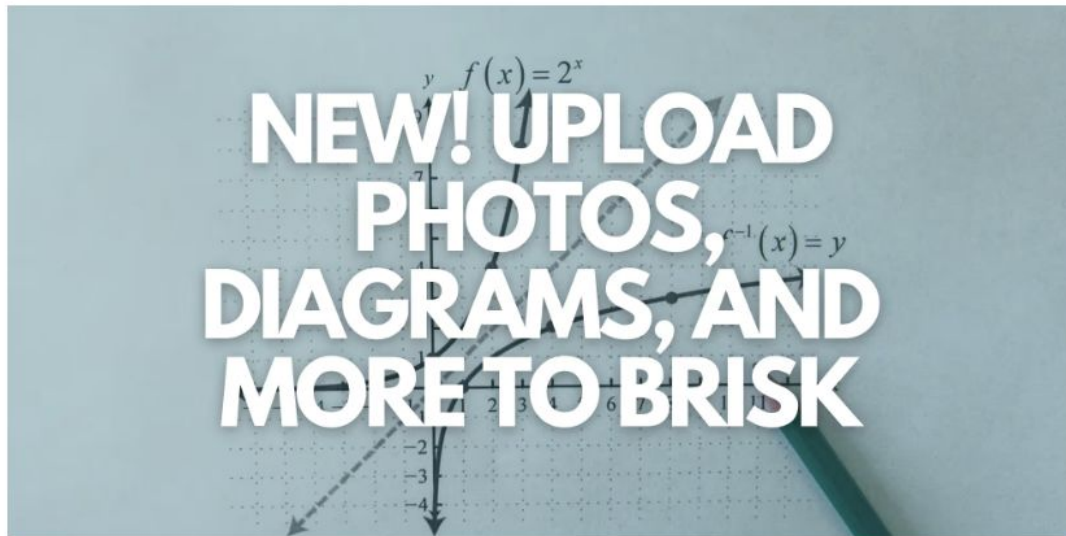
What is Brisk Teaching?



NEW – now Brisk accepts images

New! Upload images
You can now use Brisk with image files! Upload photos of whiteboards, diagrams, written work, and much more. Click the paperclip icon to get started.

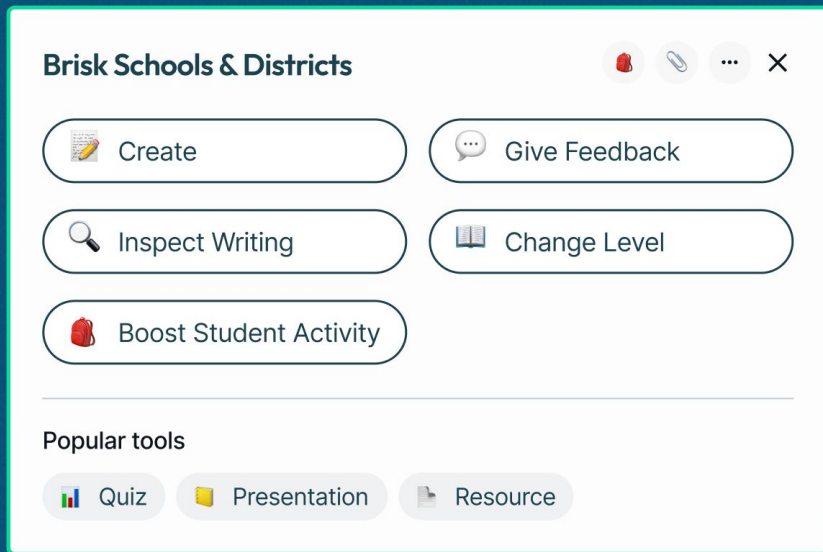
Feb 25, 2025 by The Brisk Team



Picture this: A student hands you a handwritten assignment – you upload it, and Brisk gives instant feedback. Or you snap a photo of your whiteboard, and Brisk transcribes it for absent students.

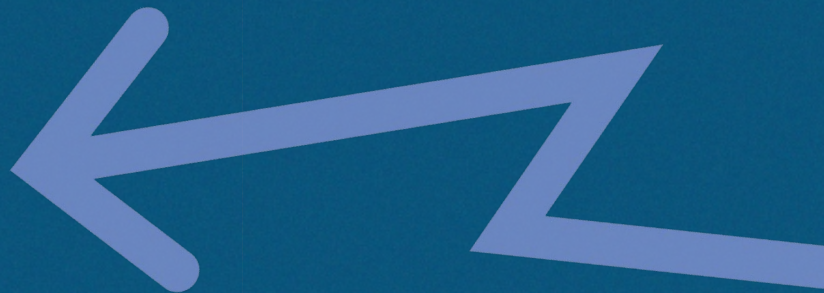
...Total game changer, right? Well, it's a reality! You can now upload photos to Brisk, and Brisk will turn them into whatever you need. Whether it's handwritten work, a textbook page, or a classroom diagram, Brisk recognizes and reads your image, then makes it instantly usable.

Brisk Teaching is your new favorite Google Chrome extension



Brisk works alongside you, wherever you are online.

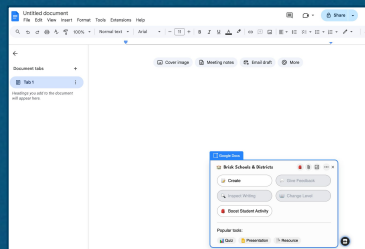
Get help with curriculum planning, feedback, differentiation, and more - right from the websites, docs, YouTube videos, & PDFs you already use.



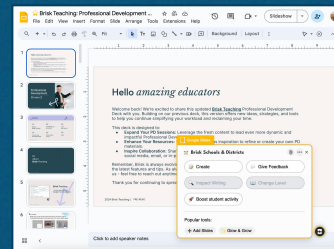
Brisk works within your *everyday tools*

Summon Brisk on any web
resource to **automate your
routine tasks** and save 10+
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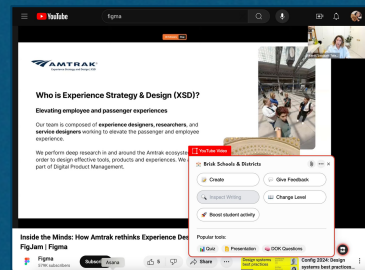
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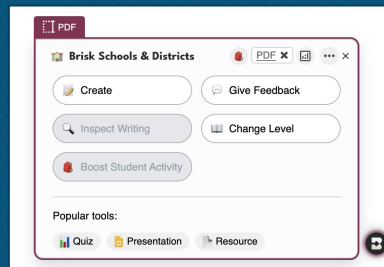
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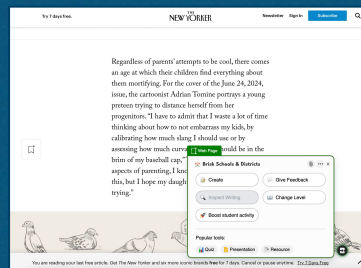
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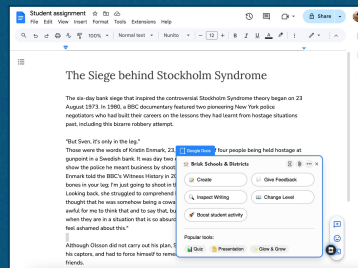
PDFs



Web Articles



Student Assignments



Brisk overview

- Uses Artificial Intelligence to complete common tasks
- Anticipate it will get you 80% of the way there.
- AI is not foolproof - need to proofread and edit
- The more specific the prompt the closer to the desired product Brisk will produce
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Brisk is the *easiest* AI tool for teachers

Simplifies your daily tasks

- **Simple to Use:** Works directly in Chrome and everything you create automatically saves to your Google Drive.
- **All-In-One Tool:** Plan lessons, give feedback, create activities, and more - all with Brisk.
- **Automates Busywork:** Use Brisk to handle repetitive tasks like giving feedback, creating resources, building sub plans, and more.

Enhances your teaching impact

- **Standards-Aligned Resources:** Easily create materials that meet learning standards.
- **Instant Feedback:** Generate quick, targeted feedback for students within the same class period.
- **Personalized Resources:** Quickly make multiple versions of materials for different student needs.
- **Create from Any Website:** Turn any webpage or online content into ready-to-use teaching materials.

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What **Brisk** can do for you

Give immediate *feedback*

- **Glows & Grows Feedback**
Highlight strengths and areas for improvement.
- **Targeted Feedback**
Generate feedback as Google comments. Feedback focuses on specific areas of student writing.
- **Rubric Criteria Feedback**
Upload a rubric and generate clear criteria to guide student understanding.
- **Next Steps Feedback**
Offer actionable steps to help students progress.

known as the American War of Independence, was a significant event in the history of the United States. It took place between 1775 and 1783 and marked the beginning of the struggle for independence from British rule. This essay will explore the causes, key events, and outcomes of the Revolutionary War.

The American War of Independence can be traced back to the growing tensions between the American colonists and the British government. The colonists felt increasingly oppressed by the British government's policies, such as the Stamp Act and the Townshend Acts, which imposed taxes on the colonies without their consent. The lack of representation in the British Parliament further fueled the colonists' anger.

One of the most significant battles of the Revolutionary War was the Battle of Lexington and Concord in April 1775. This battle marked the beginning of armed conflict between the colonists and the British forces. The colonists, organized as militias, fought against the well-trained British army. Despite being outnumbered, the colonists displayed determination and resilience.

The Continental Congress declared independence from Britain by adopting the Declaration of Independence in July 1776. This document, drafted by Thomas Jefferson, outlined the colonists' desire for self-governance and their grievances against the British government. The Declaration of Independence became a powerful statement of the American cause and inspired many to join the fight for independence.

Several other significant battles took place during the war, including the Battle of Saratoga in 1777. This battle was a decisive American victory, which convinced the British that they could not easily suppress the American cause and provided military assistance to the French.

The war ended with the British evacuation of New York City and their retreat to New York. The winter encampment at Valley Forge in 1777-1778 was a harsh experience for the American forces. Despite the challenges, the army emerged from Valley Forge stronger and better trained, demonstrating their resilience and determination.

The Revolutionary War was the Battle of Yorktown in 1781. With the help of the French navy, the American forces, under the command of General George Washington, successfully besieged the British army led by General Cornwallis. This battle led to the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783, which recognized the United States as an independent nation.

The screenshot shows the Brisk feedback interface. At the top, it says "Brisk" with a logo. Below that, there's a section "Write the feedback" with a dropdown menu set to "In English". Underneath is a large text area labeled "Specify the focus of your feedback." Below the text area are two buttons: "Select Standards" and "Upload Rubric". At the bottom, there's a dropdown menu set to "9th grade" and a button labeled "Targeted". On the right side of the bottom row is a green button with a star icon and the text "Brisk It". A mouse cursor is pointing at the "Brisk It" button. In the bottom right corner of the interface, there's a circular icon with the number "3".

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFI5_zUtP2o

Targeted Feedback

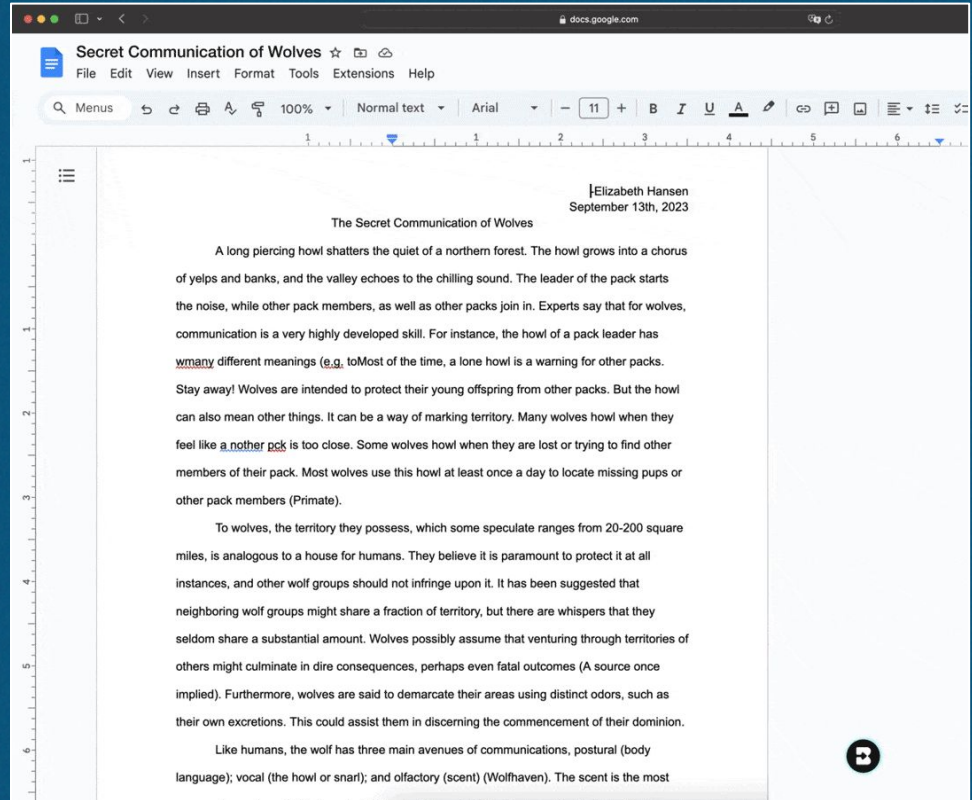


Brisk How-To:

Leave Targeted Feedback
On Student Essays in Seconds

Inspect student writing

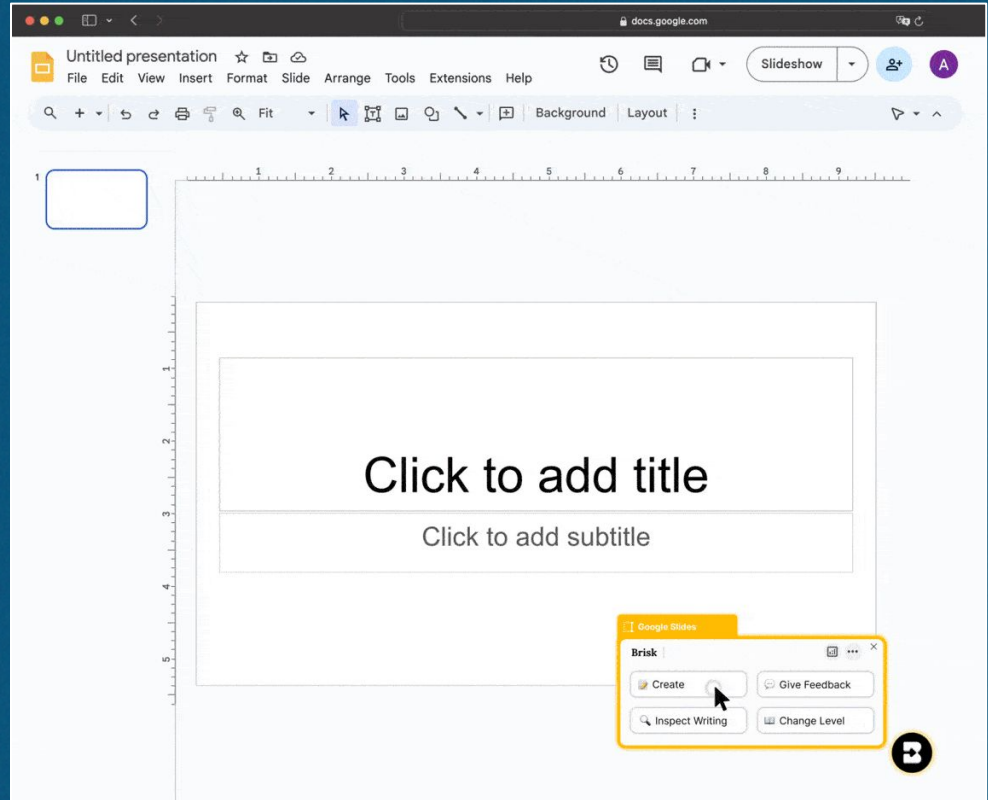
Watch a video playback of how students created their work. Spot any copy-pasted sections, providing an opportunity to discuss the importance of originality.



Create instructional materials

Start with any article, webpage, YouTube video, document, slide deck, or PDF (even blank docs and slides), and **instantly generate instructional materials in over 30 languages** - like presentations, quizzes, lesson plans, and even administrative documents.

Everything you create with Brisk is automatically saved to your Google Drive—no copy-pasting or exporting required!



Translate & level any text

Easily take any text from the internet and **adapt it to your students' level**, with translation available in over 30 languages.

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Conservation slowing biodiversity loss, scientists say

25 April 2024

By Eime Stallard, Climate and science reporter, BBC News

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Cuban crocodiles at a breeding sanctuary - one of a number of conservation actions studied

Robin Murray/Reuters

Conservation actions are effective at reducing global biodiversity loss, according to a major study.

International researchers spent 10 years looking at measures, from hatching Chinook salmon to eradication of invasive algae.

The authors said their findings offered a "ray of light" for those working to protect threatened animals and plants.

One out of every three species monitored is currently endangered because of human activities.

- [What is biodiversity and how can we protect it?](#)
- [Biodiversity: Why the nature crisis matters, in five graphics](#)

In the first study of its kind, published in the journal Science, scientists from dozens of

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Boost student activities

Boost any internet resource into a safe, interactive student activity. Choose from options like Character Chats, Debate Partners, and Brainstorm Sessions to help students engage deeply with the content.

If you're on Brisk's Schools & Districts plan, your admin can roll out the student-facing Boost Chrome extension as an add-on across all student devices. This tool allows students to generate targeted feedback on their own work.

The screenshot displays the Brisk Boost interface. The main content area shows a National Geographic article titled "Plate Tectonics" under the heading "ENCYCLOPEDIC ENTRY". The article text states: "The theory of plate tectonics revolutionized the earth sciences by explaining how the movement of geologic plates causes mountain building, volcanoes, and earthquakes." It also lists "GRADES 9 - 12" and "SUBJECTS Earth Science, Geology, Oceanography, Geography, Physical Geography". A bookmark icon indicates it is "Saved by 260 educators". Below the text is a landscape image of a mountain range. The top of the interface includes a "Plate Tectonics" header with a "Tutor" icon, a share link "Shared by Suvi Gluskin", a date "November 8, 2024", and an "Open in new tab" button. The National Geographic logo and "Education" category are also visible, along with a "DONATE" button and a search/menus icon. On the right, a "LEARNING OBJECTIVES" section shows a progress bar. Below that, a "TUTOR" chat window is active, showing a conversation with "Brisk Boost". The chat messages are: "Hi there! I'm excited to learn about plate tectonics with you today. To get started, can you tell me what you think the Earth's surface is made of?" followed by "You: Is it lava?" and "Brisk Boost: That's an interesting guess! While there is hot, molten rock deep inside the Earth, the surface we live on is actually made of solid rock. Can you think of any different types of rocks you've seen before?". At the bottom of the chat is a "Chat with Brisk Boost" input field with a microphone and a send button. The bottom of the interface features a navigation bar with "Abandon this activity", a progress indicator with steps 1, 2, and 3, and buttons for "Save as Draft" and "Share with Students".

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Let's get started!

(Follow along as we dive in)

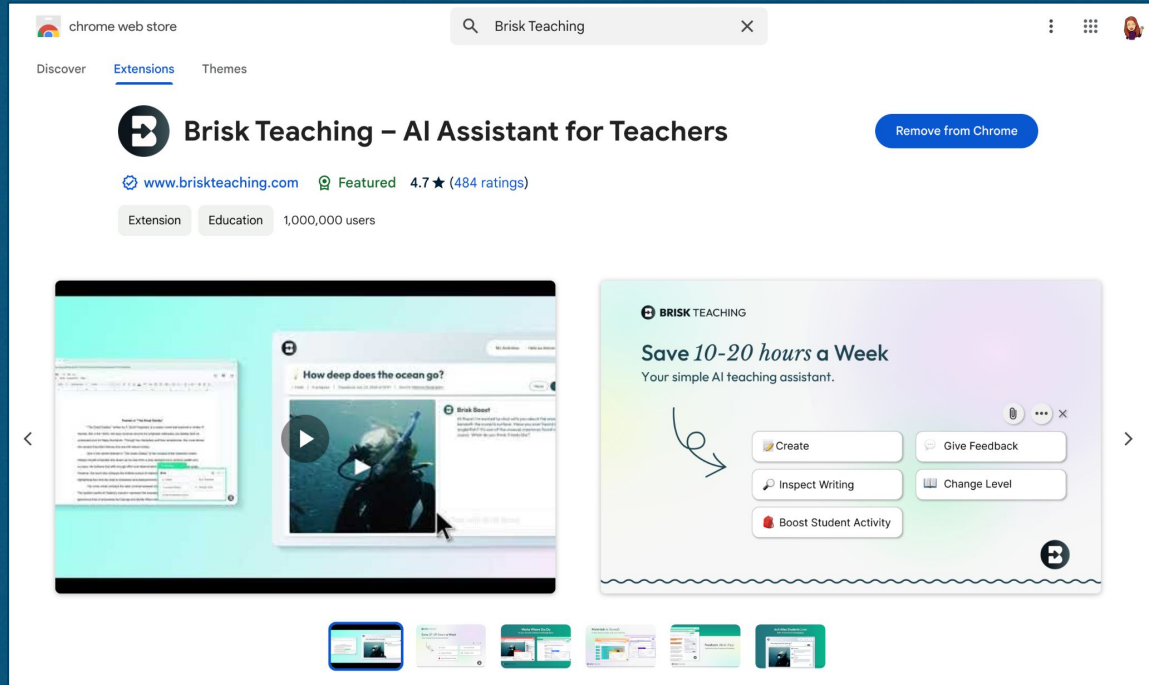


First, *add Brisk* to your Chrome browser

1. Go to the **Chrome Web Store** and click 'Add to Chrome'.
2. Confirm by clicking 'Add Extension' in the pop-up.

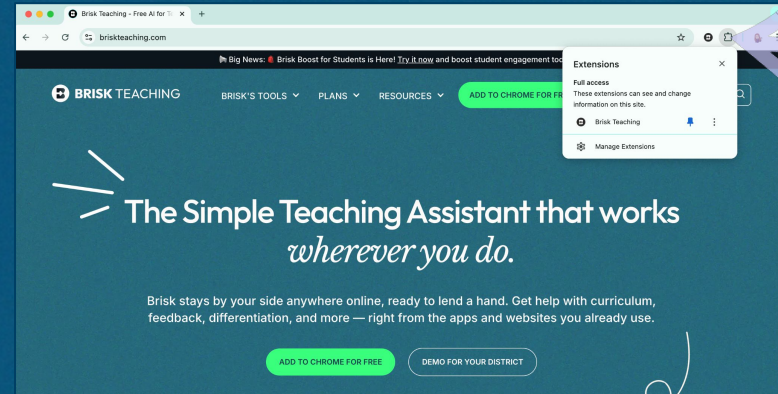
Note: The security pop-up is not specific to Brisk and appears when installing any Chrome extension. Brisk is safe and secure.

3. **Personalize Brisk** by answering a few quick questions.

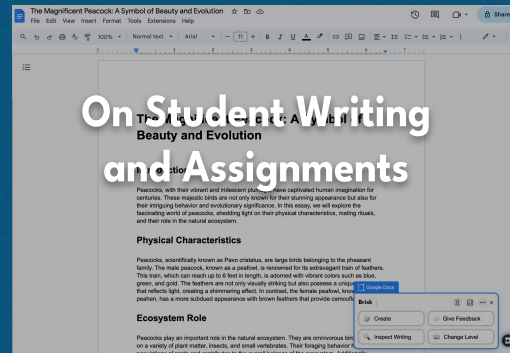
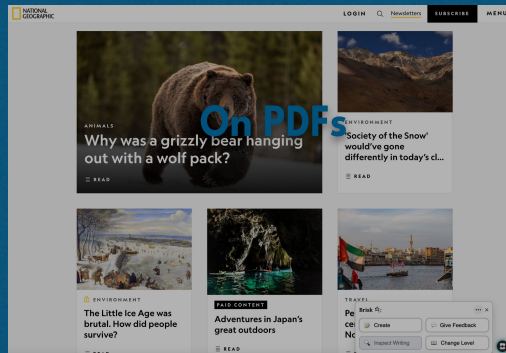
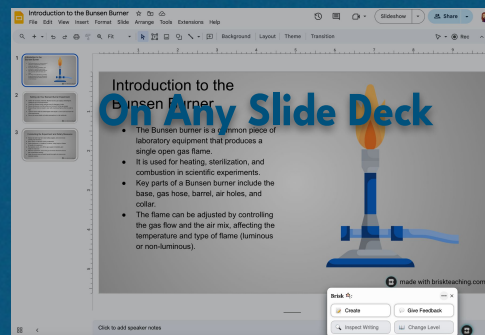
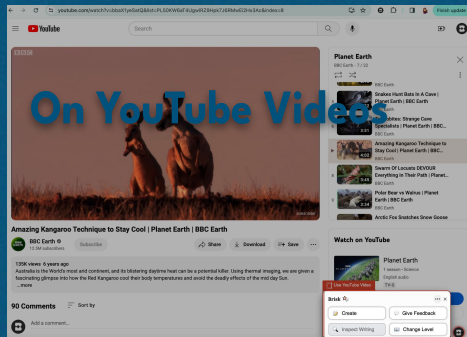
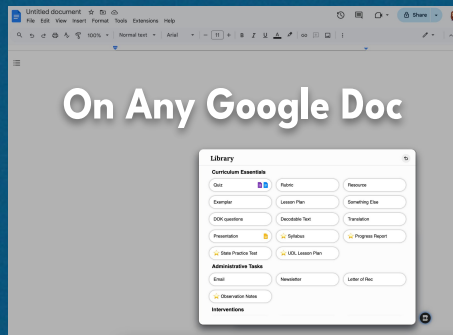


Next, *pin Brisk* to your Chrome toolbar

1. Click the **puzzle piece icon** at the top right of Chrome.
2. Find **Brisk** in the list and click the pin icon to add it to your toolbar.
3. **Refresh any open tabs** to make sure Brisk appears.
4. If Brisk still doesn't show, click the **pinned Brisk icon** in your toolbar to activate it.

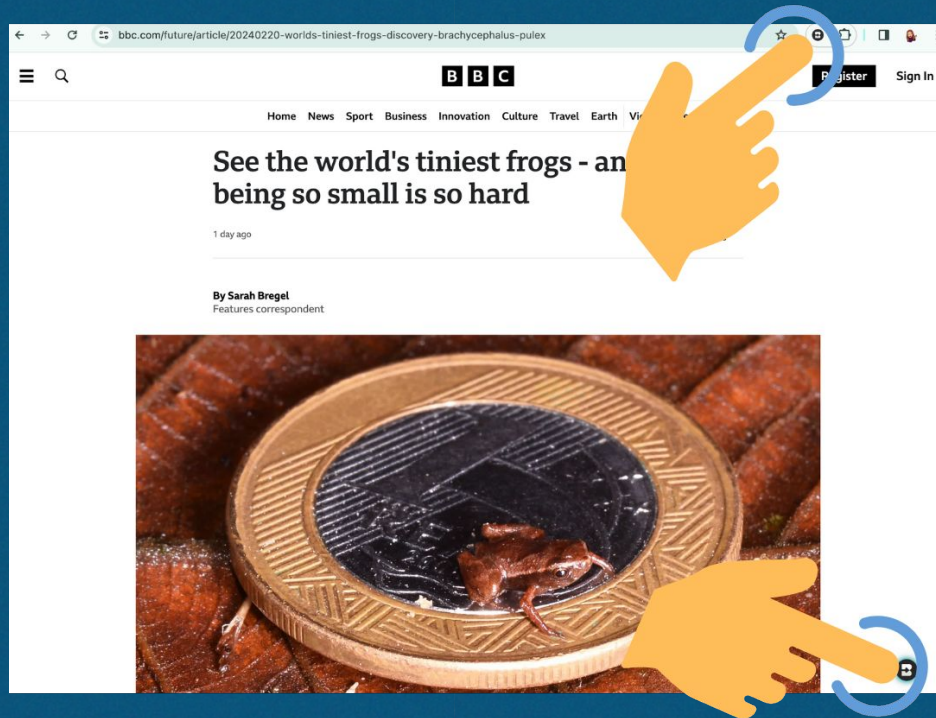


Now, Brisk *will show up* where you need it!



Tip! You can always move and hide Brisk

1. Click the **Brisk** icon in your toolbar to open or close Brisk.
2. Drag the **Brisk** window to any spot on your screen that's convenient for you.



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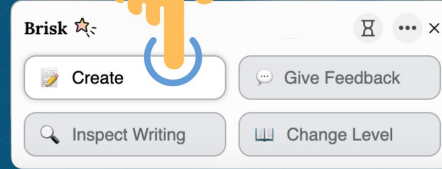
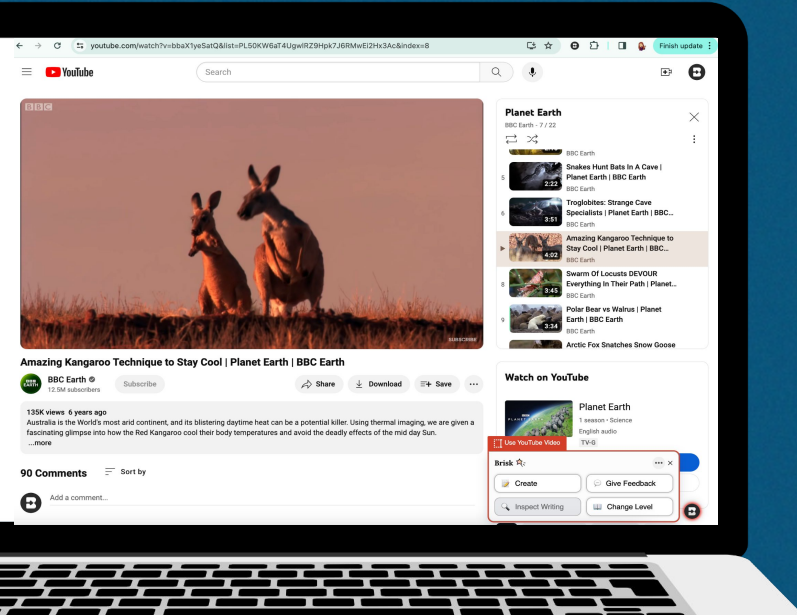
How to save 10+ hours each week

(Keep following along!)

Try 'Create' with Brisk

Step 1:

Open any Google Doc, PDF, YouTube video, article, or website

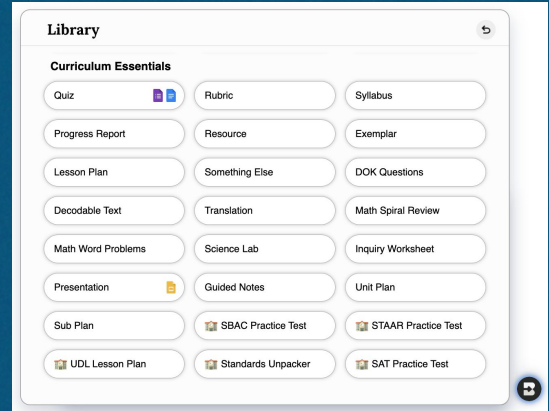


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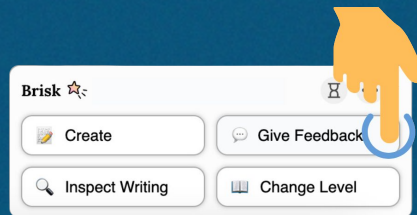
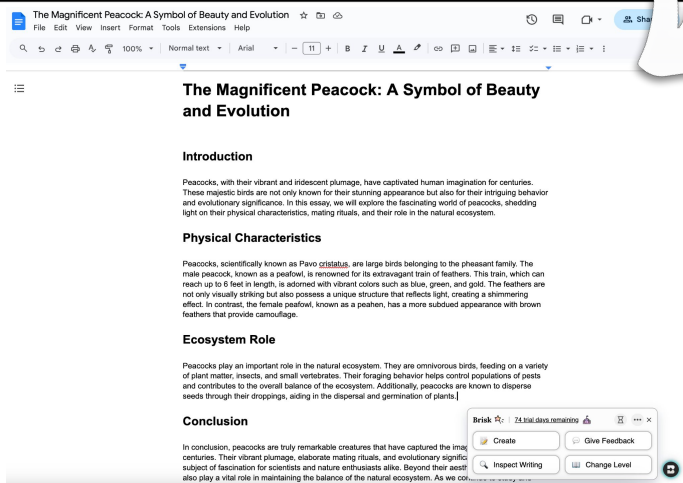
Click 'Create'



Step 3:
Create instructional
materials, administrative
tasks, and interventions...
in seconds

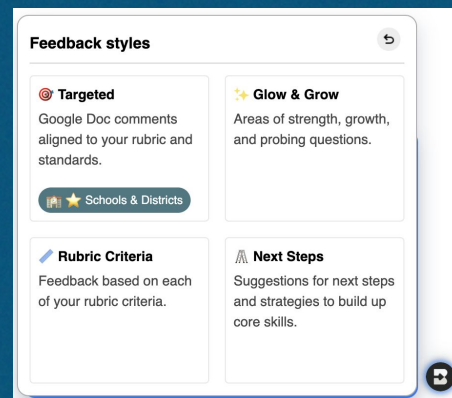


Step 1:
Open any Google Doc or
student created YouTube video

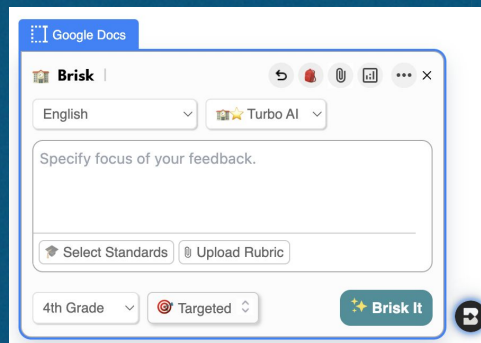


Step 2:
Click 'Give Feedback'

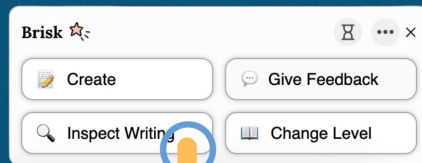
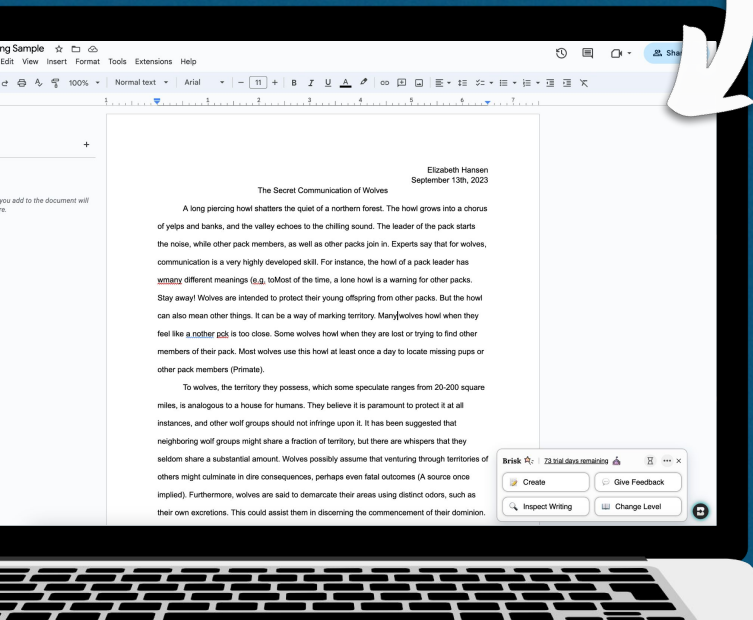
Step 3:
Choose from four
Feedback styles



Step 4:
(Optional) Choose
standards, upload a
rubric, set a focus, or
simply ✨Brisk It!

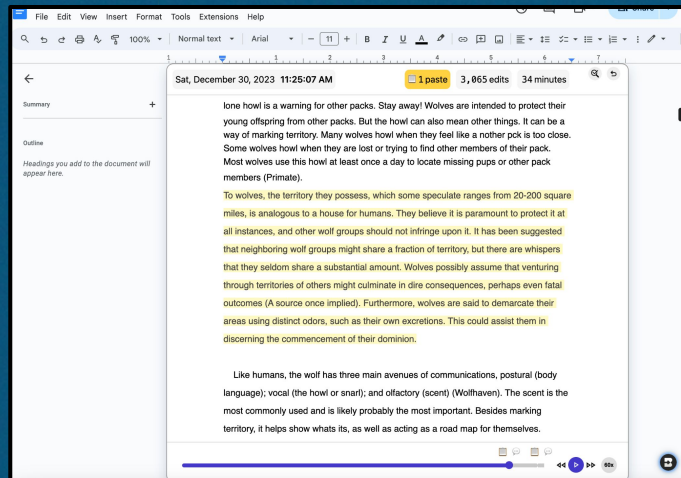


Step 1: Open any Google Doc of student work



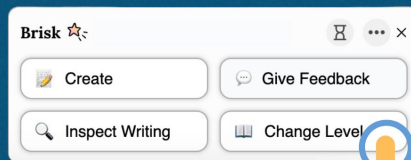
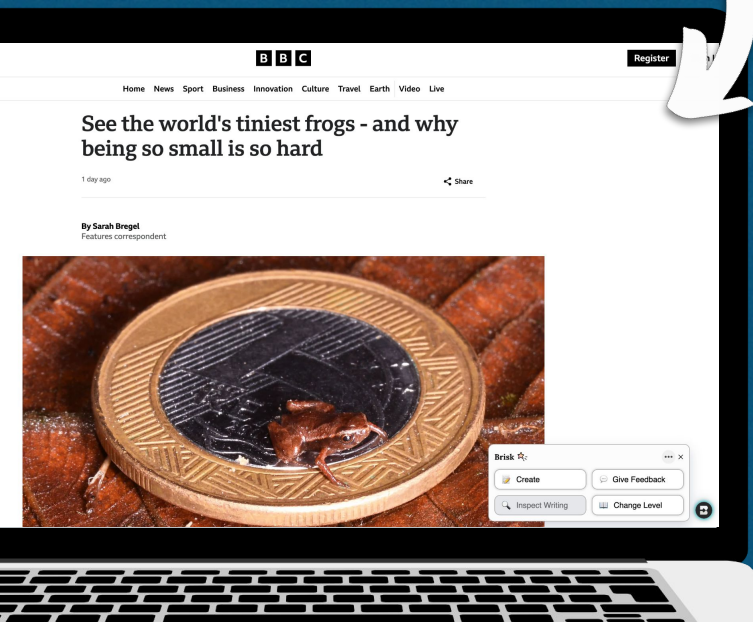
Step 2: Click 'Inspect Writing'

Step 3: View a step-by-step playback of your students' edits and revisions



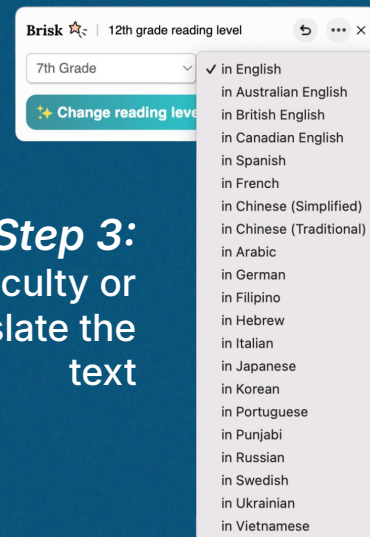
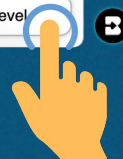
Step 1:

Open any article, webpage,
or Google Doc



Step 2:

Click 'Change Level'



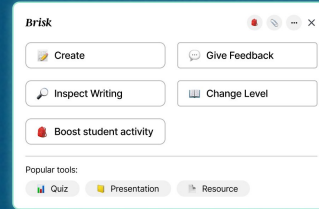
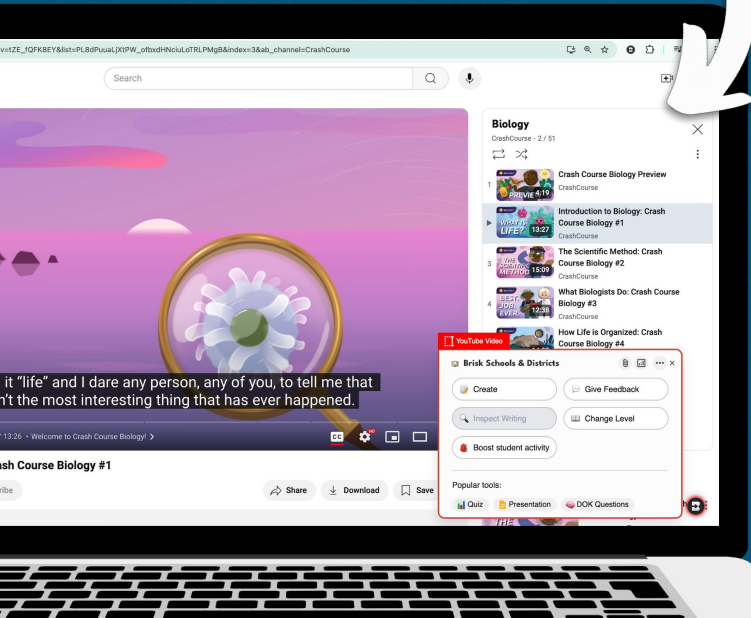
Step 3:

Change the reading difficulty or
select a language to translate the
text

Try 'Boost Student Activity' with Brisk

Step 1:

Open any article, webpage, or Google Doc

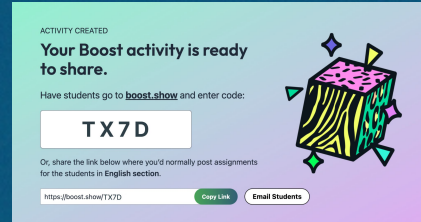
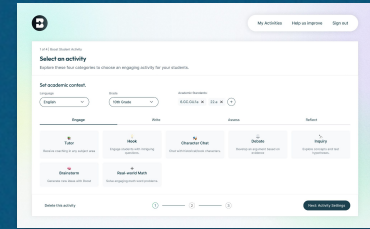


Step 2:

Click 'Boost Student Activity'

Step 3:

Set the interactive activity, confirm learning objectives, and choose the role of Brisk Boost

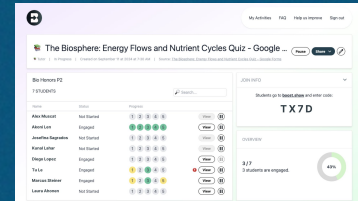


Step 4:

Share link with students!

Step 5:

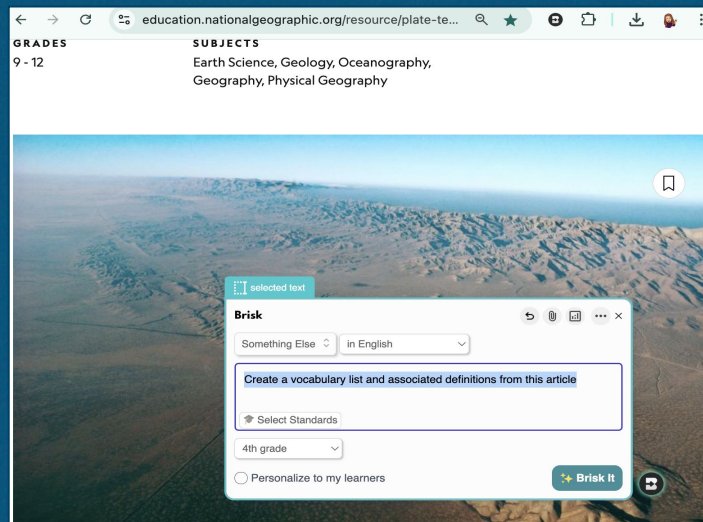
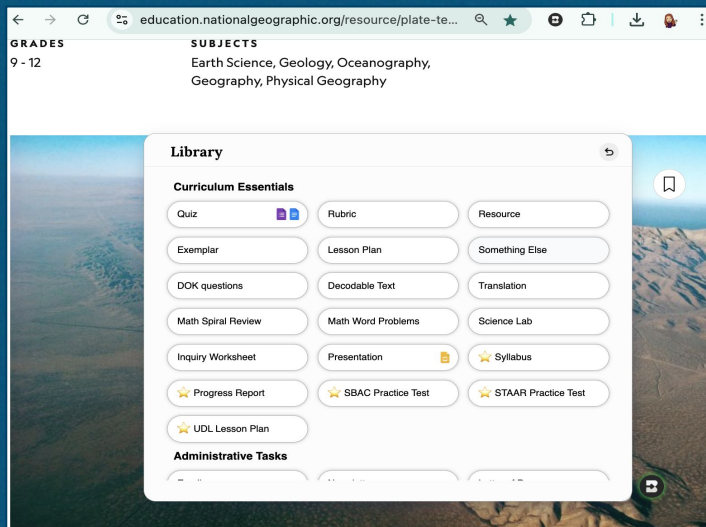
As students begin the activity, you can track their engagement in real time through your activities dashboard



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Brisk Tips

Tip! Use the 'Create Anything' tool (in the Create menu) to Generate ANYTHING You Need

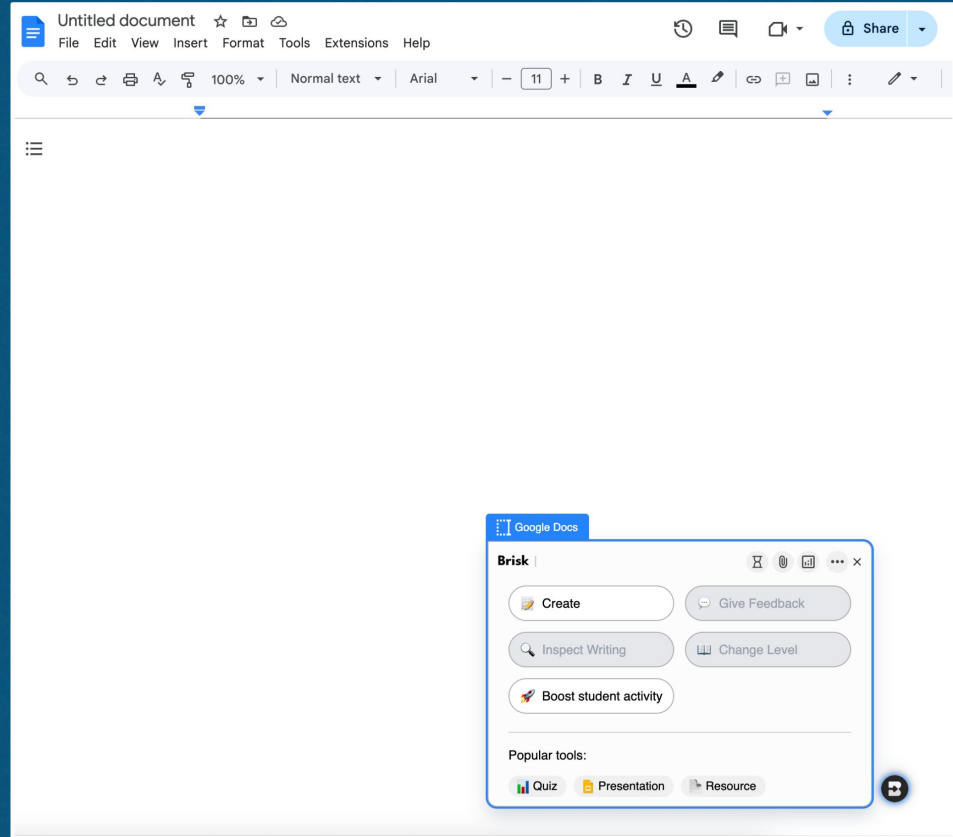


Ideas for the 'Something Else' Tool

Tip! Click Around and Explore Every Brisk Button

You'll be amazed at how much time Brisk can save you each week. The best way to learn is by exploring:

1. Open a blank Google Doc.
2. Find the Brisk icon in the bottom right corner and click it.
3. Select 'Create' to get started.
4. Explore all the features - click around, experiment, and enjoy!



Tip! Add Specifics to the Prompt Box for the Best Results

The screenshot shows a Google Docs interface with a document titled "Themes in 'The Great Gatsby'". The document contains several paragraphs of text. A Brisk AI feedback overlay is visible on the right side of the document. The overlay has a title bar "Brisk" and a close button. Below the title bar, there is a dropdown menu for "Write the feedback" set to "In English". A text input field contains the prompt "Focus on grammar and verb tense". Below the input field, there is a dropdown menu for "Rubric" set to "Great Gatsby ...". At the bottom of the overlay, there are two dropdown menus: "4th Grade" and "Targeted". A green button labeled "Brisk It" is located at the bottom right of the overlay.

Themes in "The Great Gatsby"

"The Great Gatsby," written by F. Scott Fitzgerald, is a classic novel that explores a variety of themes. Set in the 1920s, the story revolves around the enigmatic millionaire Jay Gatsby and his unrequited love for Daisy Buchanan. Through the characters and their experiences, the novel delves into several important themes that are still relevant today.

One of the central themes in "The Great Gatsby" is the concept of the American Dream. Gatsby himself embodies this dream as he rises from a poor background to achieve wealth and success. He believes that with enough effort and determination, anyone can achieve their goals. However, the novel also critiques the shallow pursuit of material wealth as a means to an end, highlighting how this can lead to emptiness and disillusionment.

The novel vividly portrays the stark contrast between the different social classes of the 1920s. The opulent parties at Gatsby's mansion represent the excesses of the upper class, while the glamorous lives of characters like George and Myrtle Wilson illustrate the struggles of the working class. Fitzgerald shows how social class can impact opportunities and relationships, and how the pursuit of wealth can sometimes come at the cost of moral values.

The theme of illusion versus reality is woven throughout the narrative. Gatsby himself is an illusion of success and happiness, but beneath the surface, he is driven by his unattainable dream of Daisy and a desire to rewrite his past. The characters often hide behind masks or facades, concealing their true selves and motivations. This theme underscores the idea that appearances can be deceiving and that the truth is often more complex than it seems.

Tip! Remember, You Can Always Re-Write & Add-On

V. Guided Practice (15 minutes)

1. Distribute handouts with a simple diagram of the photosynthesis process
2. Guide students through labeling the different parts of the process
3. Have students color-code the inputs and outputs of photosynthesis:
 - Blue for water
 - Red for sunlight
 - Green for carbon dioxide
 - Yellow for glucose (sugar)
 - Orange for oxygen

VI. Independent Practice (10 minutes)

1. Ask students to write a short paragraph explaining photosynthesis
2. Encourage them to include the key components and balanced equation

VII. Closure (5 minutes)

1. Review the main points of the lesson
2. Ask students to share one new thing they learned about photosynthesis
3. Preview the next lesson: "Tomorrow, we'll explore how photosynthesis affects our environment."

VIII. Assessment

- Evaluate students' understanding through their labeled diagrams
- Use students' responses during the closure activity to gauge learning

IX. Homework

Assign students to find and bring in an example of a product or process in their daily lives that depends on photosynthesis (e.g., food items, oxygen for breathing, wood products).

The screenshot shows the Brisk AI interface. At the top, there's a header with the Brisk logo and a close button. Below the header, there are three buttons: "Rate the response?", "Share", and "Boost It". The main section is titled "Rewrite" and contains four buttons: "Translate" (with a dropdown arrow), "Make shorter" (with a minus icon), "Make longer" (with a plus icon), and "More detail" (with a magnifying glass icon). Below these is a text input field labeled "Anything you'd like to change?" and a "Brisk It" button. The bottom section is titled "Add On" and contains three buttons: "Translate" (with a dropdown arrow), "Worksheets" (with a document icon), and "Quiz" (with a bar chart icon). A small Brisk logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the interface.

After creating with Brisk, you can refine your results using the "Rewrite" or "Add On" tools, which appear right after everything you create.

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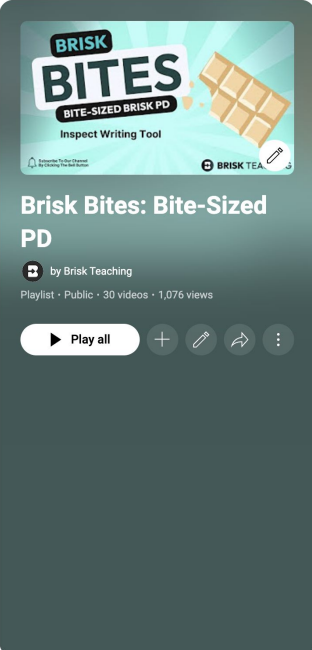
Know before you go

Brisk is Safe & Secure

Quick note: When installing Brisk, you'll see a pop-up requesting permissions - this is standard for all Chrome extensions and not specific to Brisk. Brisk is secure, and protecting student and educator privacy is central to our mission and business. [Explore Brisk's privacy center here.](#)



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