The Landscapes of Technology in Language Education: Theory, Knowledge and Practice

Mobile Learning (m-learning)
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What is m-learning?

* More than just the use of mobile devices (Winter, 2006)

* Ongoing learning opportunities (Kukulska-Hulme & Shield, 2008)

* Quite informal (Kukulska-Hulme & Shield, 2008)

* Involves the consumption **AND** creation of content

Why?

* Portability

* Convenient

* Collaborative

* Instant response

* Multi-literacies/rich media

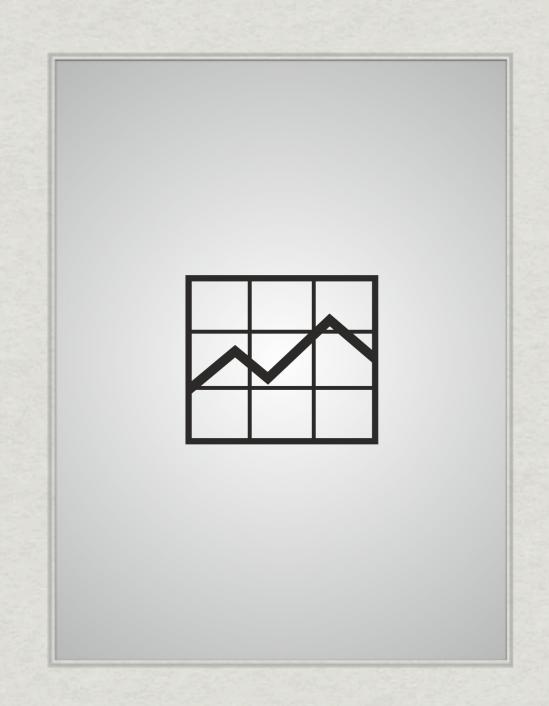# Why?

* BYOD

* Primary choice for internet access

* Live communication

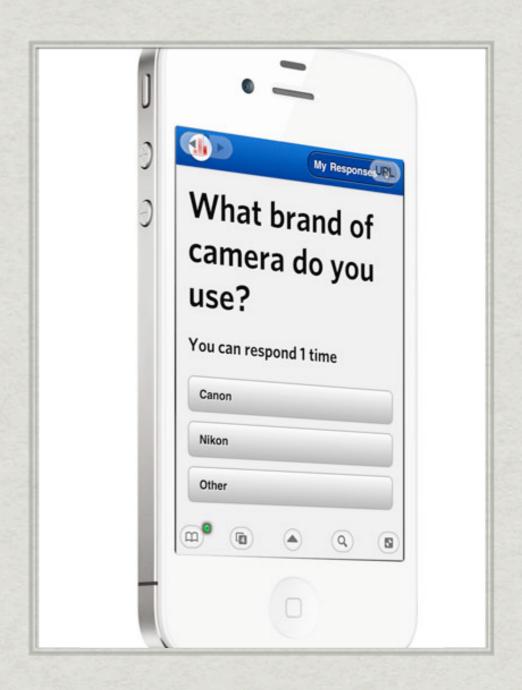* Accessibility for those with limited abilities

Research

* 88% of adults in the US have a mobile phone

* 45% of adults in the US have a smartphone

* 66% of 18-29 year olds in the US have a smartphone

* 25% of 18-29 year olds in the US have a tablet

STATISTICS COURTESY OF PEW INTERNET

Implementation

* Homework

* Controlled use in the classroom

* Collaborative writing

* Audio/video recording

* Mobile ready websites

Current issues

* Market fragmentation

* Costs

* Access

* Learning curve

* Small screens

Current issues

* Use in the classroom

* Privacy

* Battery life

* File transfer

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