

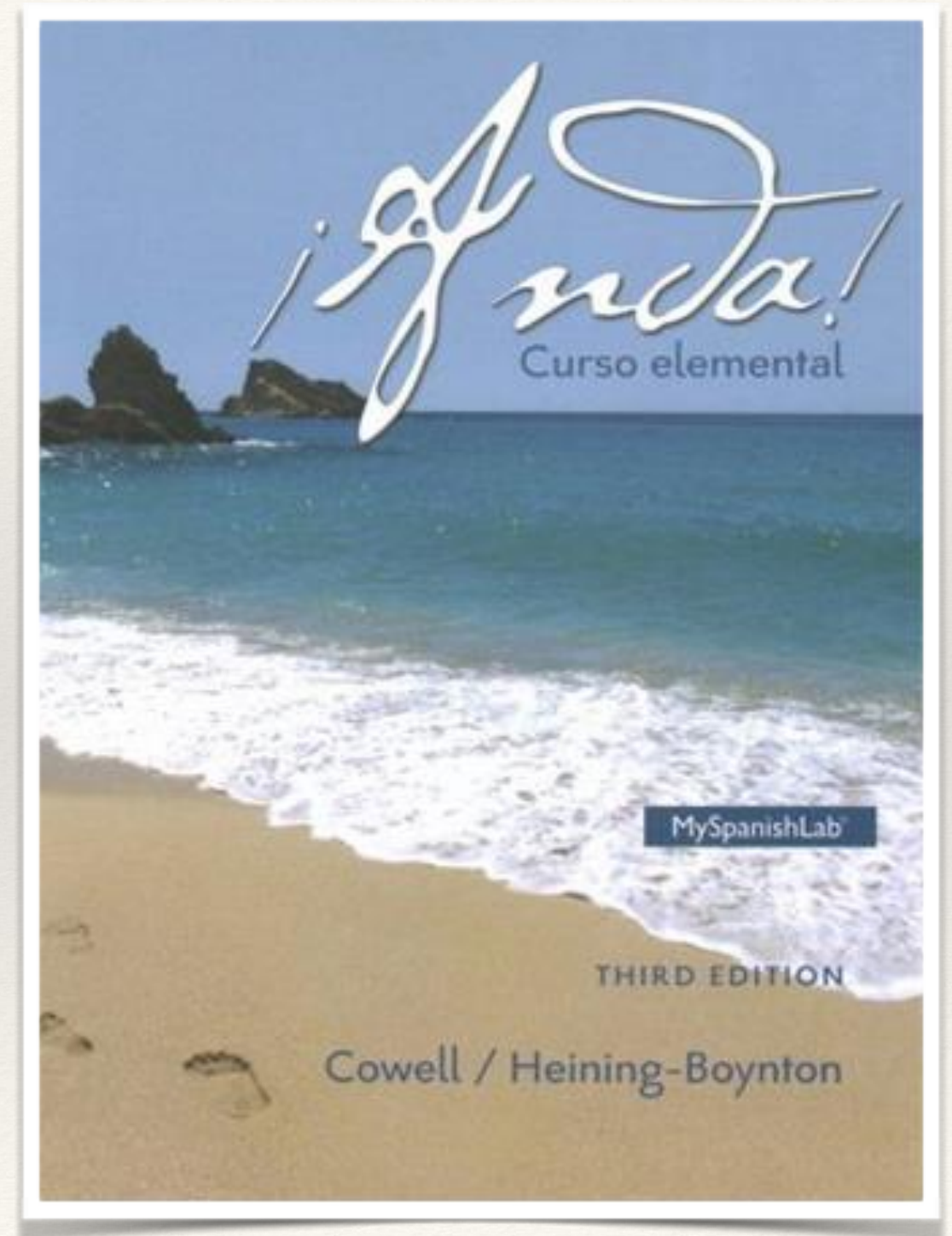


*Teaching Foreign Languages and
Literature using Synchronous and
Asynchronous Online Courses*

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Textbook and Online Learning Platform Selection

- ❖ Institution review and planning
- ❖ Institutional management platforms to comply with FERPA
- ❖ Textbook Editorial Company:
 - ❖ Learning functions
 - ❖ Tracking
 - ❖ Reporting
 - ❖ Delivery
 - ❖ Easy accessibility to all students
 - ❖ Support system



Benefits for Students

- ❖ Students learn best from each other (Vygotsky)
- ❖ Low affective filter
- ❖ Sense of community formation
- ❖ Questions / review
- ❖ Efficient low-stakes assessments
- ❖ Intensive practice
- ❖ Formation of online study groups



Benefits for Educators

- ❖ Frequent, individualized student feedback
- ❖ Performance notification in online textbook (idle time, time spent, attempts, etc.)
- ❖ Skill development (teaching with technology)
- ❖ More class time spent on skill-using activities, communication focus during synchronous class



Benefits for Educators

- ❖ Efficient use of instructor time (lesson planning, preparing, implementation)
- ❖ Modify content rapidly
- ❖ Reduce grading time
- ❖ Improve articulation



Teaching online perception:

- ❖ Teaching online takes more time
- ❖ 24 hours - instant answer
- ❖ Immediate grading feedback
- ❖ No control of time - leave aside professional activities (writing, research)
- ❖ Feeling drained

Where Are we Now?

Elain Allen and Jeff Seaman

- ❖ Online - 80% happens online
- ❖ Blended or Hybrid - 30%-79 % happens online
- ❖ Web-assisted - 1-29% happens online

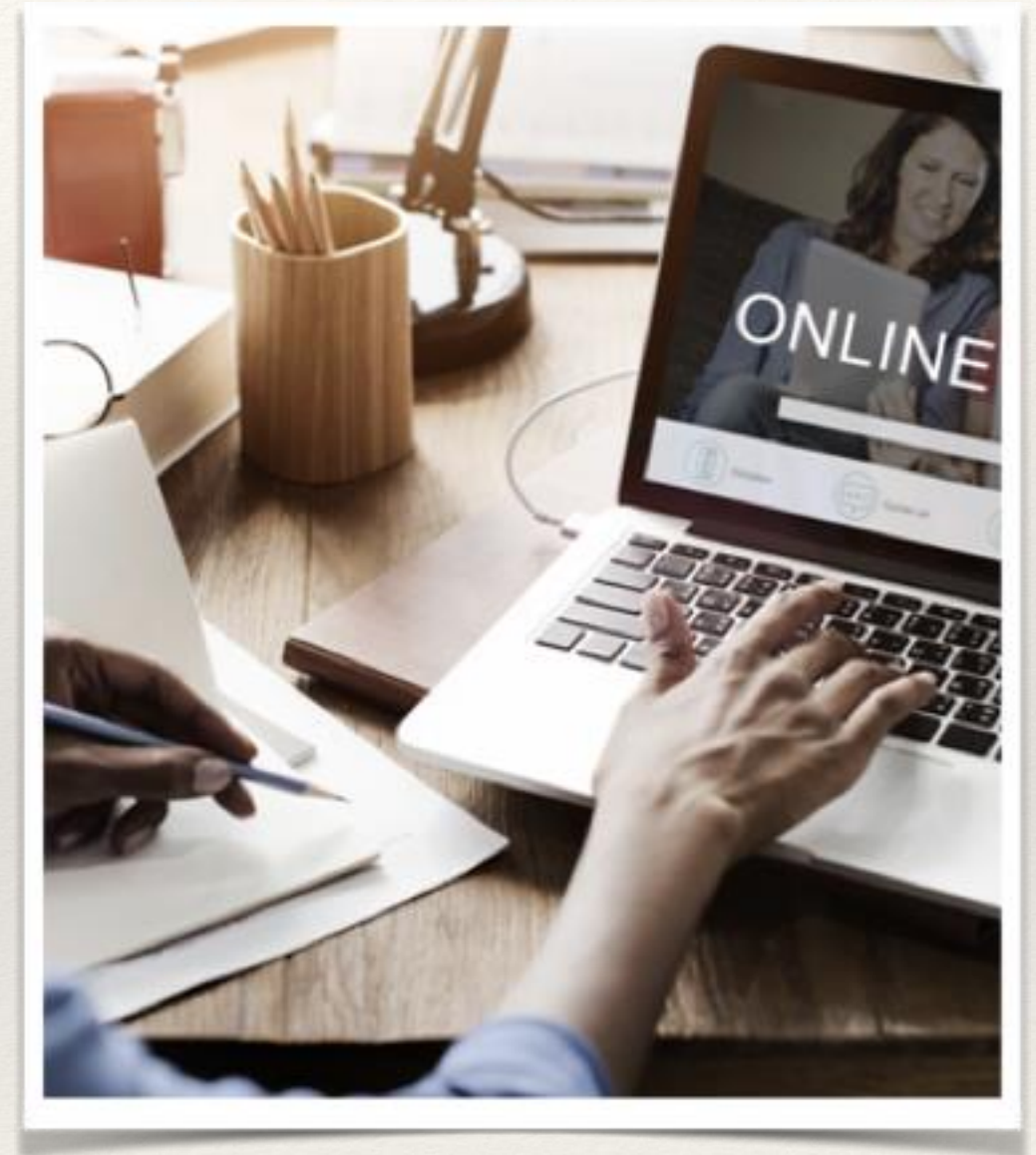


Deciding Asynchronous or Synchronous Online Courses

A. **asynchronous communication**

communication that occurs in delayed time and does not rely on simultaneous access for educational outcomes.

B. **synchronous communication** as communication that involves real time communication between teachers and students.



Advantages and Disadvantages of Synchronous - Asynchronous Online Courses

Advantages	Disadvantages
SYNCHRONOUS	
Classroom engagement	Rigid schedule
Dynamic learning	Technical difficulties
Instructional depth	Instructors need to be well prepared
Classroom community	

Advantages	Disadvantages
ASYNCHRONOUS	
Flexibility	Isolation
Pacing to fit personal schedule	Risk of apathy
Affordability	No classroom community

Lessons Learned

- ❖ Always review the programs
- ❖ Online courses: check that technology fits your program
- ❖ Ongoing assessment of online courses
- ❖ Remain open minded and flexible
- ❖ Test, test, test. Don't trust platform promises!
- ❖ Begin with a need problem:
Synchronous or **asynchronous**, that is the question?

