Mastering Mystery Skype

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What is CUES?

- Originating in 1969, CUES is one of four Regional Service Centers in Utah.
- Our mission is to identify needs and provide educational services that support student achievement.
- We seek to bridge gaps in services to meet these evolving and ongoing needs of the 7 districts in our region.
- We aim to provide equitable and cost effective services and programs for students in our rural districts to match those offered to students in Utah's urban districts.
- Basically, we were created to save districts money by pooling purchases and services to build economies of scale for small school districts.
One of the biggest benefits of being a globally connected educator is being able to give your students the opportunity to connect with other classrooms and professionals around the world. Something which epitomises this philosophy is 'Mystery Skype' (FaceTime, or Google+, or any other platform!)
### What is Mystery Skype?

Mystery Skype is an educational game, invented by teachers, played by two classrooms on Skype. The aim of the game is to build cultural awareness, critical thinking skills, and geography skills by guessing the location of the other classroom through a series of yes/no questions. It is suitable for all ages, and gives students an interactive way to build skills one question at a time.

### Why play Mystery Skype?

Mystery Skype is a wonderful tool which teaches students 21st century skills such as:

- Critical Thinking
- Collaboration
- Cultural Awareness
- Deductive reasoning
- Digital Literacy
- Geography
- Teamwork

*Taken from “TE@CH with ITC,” 21 Things every Teacher Should Try*
Additional Resources:

Teachers share why they use Skype in the Classroom, YouTube Video
Mystery Skype, Microsoft Education
Mystery Hangout, Google+
What is Mystery Skype? 7 steps to get started!, Craig Kemp
What is Mystery Skype, a 2018 Update, Craig Kemp
Free Mystery Skype Curriculum for Schools, by Jonathan Wylie
Mystery Skype, Common Sense Education
Mystery Skype, Where in the World Are They?, ISTE
Team Virtual Field Trip Resources, Peartrees
Mystery Skype! {aka the coolest thing ever!}
21 things every teacher should try: Play Mystery Skype with another classroom.
Click **HERE** to be taken to the roles and rules document.