Drag and Drop Text Tutorial

Tutorial for Creating a Drag and Drop Text Interactive in the Texas Gateway

Introduction

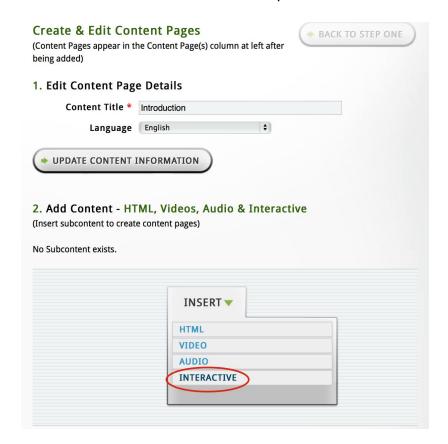
In a Drag and Drop Text interactive, the learner drags a missing piece of text to its correct place to form a complete sentence or expression. Drag and Drop Texts can be used as standalone interactives or they can be used within <u>Question Sets</u>, <u>Interactive Videos</u>, <u>Course Presentations</u> or <u>Boardgames</u>.

In this tutorial, you will learn how to create a Drag and Drop Text interactive within the Gateway. Here's the interactive we'll create:

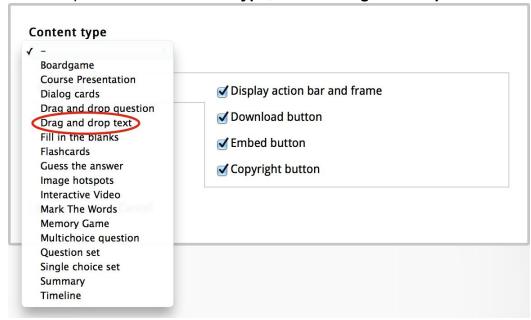
http://projectsharetexas.org/resource/drag-and-drop-text-tutorial

Step 1: Inserting the Interactive Editor

You can add interactive content to a resource using the same process you would use to add other content types (HTML, video, and audio). While in the content page you would like to add the interactive to, click the **Insert** button under the **Add Content** section. Then select **Interactive** from the dropdown.



In the dropdown under Content type, choose Drag and Drop Text.



The interactive editor will appear. Follow the steps in the editor.

Step 2: Creating the Task Description & Textfield

The Drag and Drop Text editor consists of a task description and a textfield. The **Task description** can be used to give the learner basic instructions on how to complete the interactive activity. Add the following in the **Task description** field: Which U.S. states border Texas? Drag the states into the correct boxes.

Under **Textfield**, you'll need to add the text and define the words that the learner must drag and drop into the text to complete the task.

Add the following sentences under the **Textfield**:

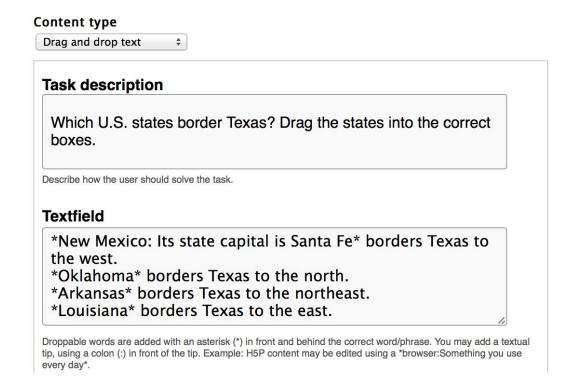
New Mexico borders Texas to the west. Oklahoma borders Texas to the north. Arkansas borders Texas to the northeast. Louisiana borders Texas to the east.

You must insert asterisks before and after the words you would like the learner to drag and drop into each sentence. For this example, you'll need to put asterisks around the U.S. states mentioned in the sentences - *New Mexico*, *Oklahoma*, *Arkansas*, and *Louisiana*.

The Drag and Drop text interactive also allows you to include a textual tip. You can add a tip by placing a colon between the droppable word and the tip inside the asterisks. In this example, *Its state capital is Sante Fe* will be the tip for *New Mexico*.

Your text should now look like this:

- *New Mexico:Its state capital is Santa Fe* borders Texas to the west.
- *Oklahoma* borders Texas to the north.
- *Arkansas* borders Texas to the northeast.
- *Louisiana* borders Texas to the east.



Step 3: Adjusting Settings

The Drag and Drop Text editor provides several options for adjusting the interactive's settings and functionality.

You can use the **Behavioural settings** to enable or disable certain functions, such as the "Retry" button or "Show Solution" button. For this example, keep the settings checked as is.

The **Settings and texts** options allow you to further customize your interactive by editing the labels for the various functions you have enabled. For this example, we'll stick with the default settings and texts.

You can use checkboxes under **Options** to manage the actions that users have access to. The action bar includes buttons that allow users to download the interactive, access the embed code, and view copyright information. If you do not want to provide access to these buttons (or to the entire action bar), uncheck the boxes accordingly.



Step 4: Completing the Interactive

Once you have finished all of the steps above, be sure to click the **Save & Preview** button. You should now have the same interactive as the example: http://projectsharetexas.org/resource/drag-and-drop-text-tutorial