

# Xerte User Guide



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## Setting up a Learning Object (LO)/E-Learning package

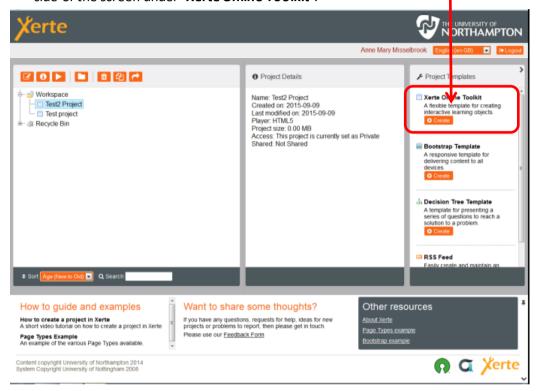
To use Xerte software, key in the following URL path in to your browser: xerte.northampton.ac.uk

• Log in to Xerte using your Username and Password if prompted.

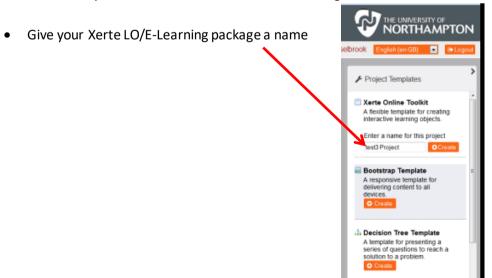
Note: If already signed in to UoN systems you will not need to log in.



 Set up a new Learning Object/E-Learning package by clicking 'Create' situated on the right side of the screen under 'Xerte Online Toolkit'.

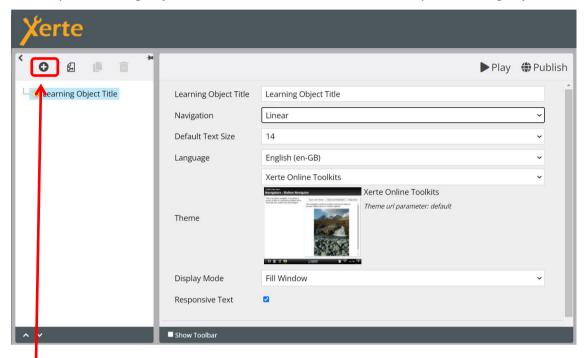


Make sure you select Xerte Online Toolkit on the right side of the screen



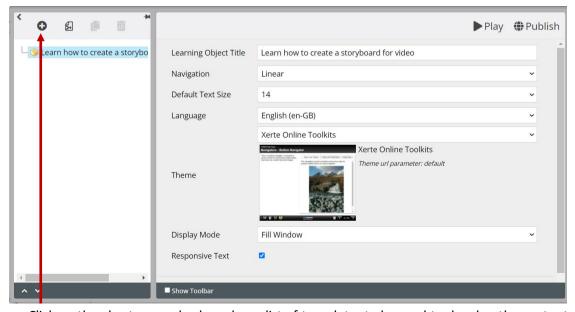


- Apply your settings in the next screen.
- Settings are usually as follows:
  - o Navigation settings Linear (Next & Back), Menu, History, Menu with Page Controls.
  - Text size 14
  - → Display/Mode: Use Fill Window size as this fits well on a variety of size screens.
- Add your Learning Object Title. Press the Publish button to save your Learning Object.



• Now click on the plus + symbol. This will reveal your page type templates to use to create your e-learning.

As you add pages to your site, when you open your project you will see them in the left menu. Make sure you use clear label headings. This title is: Learn how to create a storyboard for video.

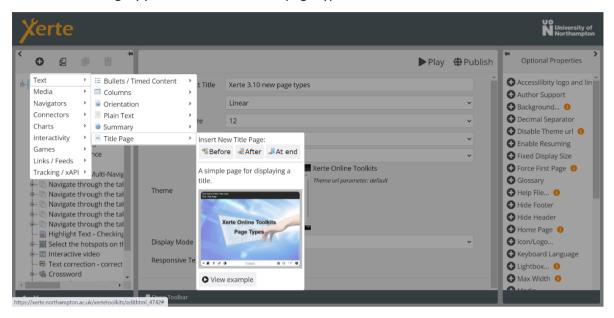


• Click on the plus to reveal a drop-down list of templates to be used to develop the content.



**Title page** – click on the plus sign icon to reveal the drop-down list of options.

In the 'Text' category you will find 6 different page types.

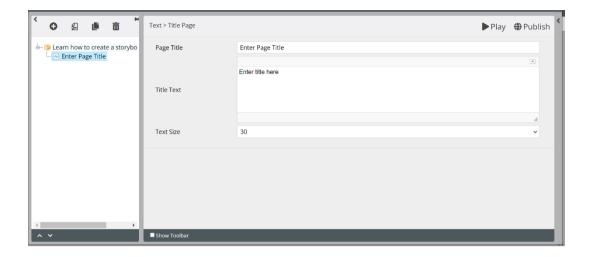


Hover your mouse over Title Page and then select 'After'.



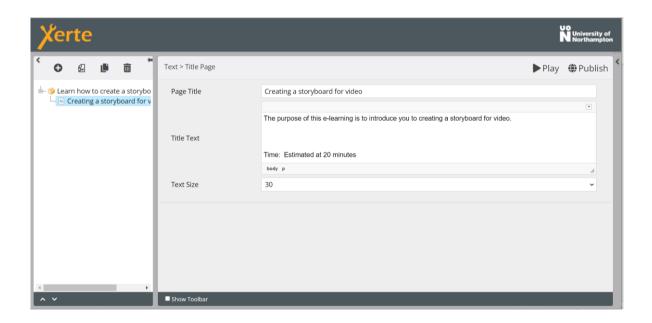


## **Title Page template**



#### Enter text - select Publish

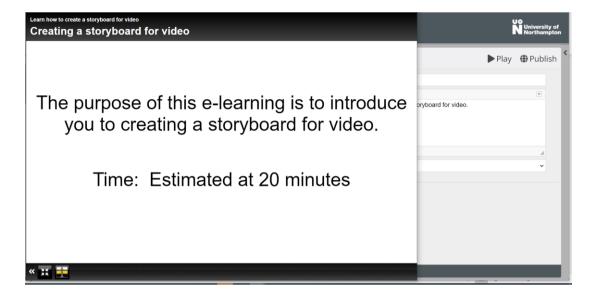
Press **Play** for preview. The pop-up blocker may block the preview. If this happens the end-user can click on **Launch Course** or select the pop-up blocker and **allow** to unblock it on your browser.



The page will look like this screenshot on the next page.



#### Preview of the Title page



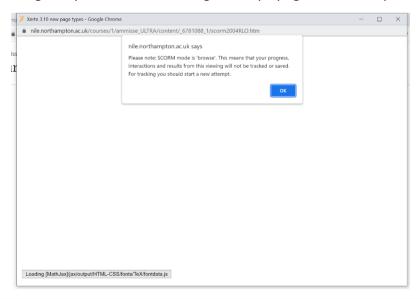


Tip: Use this page type for section break dividers in your Learning Object/E-Learning package, eg Section 1, Section 2 or Topic 1, Topic 2 etc.

When previewing the Xerte after it has been uploaded in to NILE (Northampton Integrated Learning Environment) a message **may** appear on the screen which states: **Please note: SCORM mode is 'browse'.** See screenshot below.

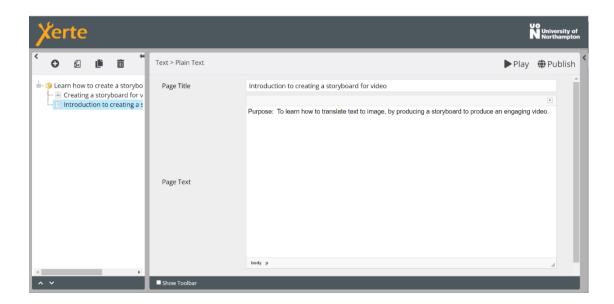
The end-user (student) will **not** see the message when playing the Xerte. If you exported the Xerte between **3 November to 19 November 2021**, you may see the message when you as the creator play the Xerte in NILE in 'Student Preview' (BB Original) or 'Participant Preview' (ULTRA) mode. The feature, introduced with the installation of Xerte V3.10 in November 2021, has been removed.

Exported Xerte projects after 19 November should not show the message on NILE. Please report to Learning Technologies if you do see this message when playing the Xerte on your site.





## Text > Plain Text



Plain text page looks like this.



Tip: Use this page type for your first introductory page.



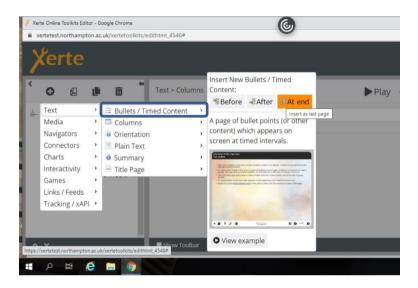
Click on **Publish** to save and **Play** to give a preview of how the e-learning will look.



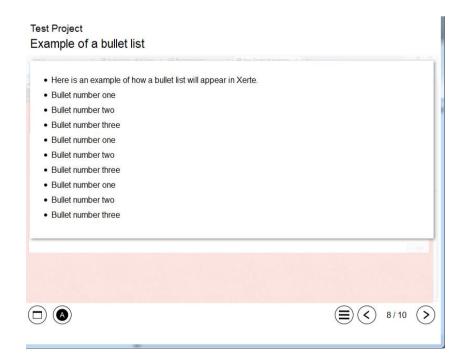
## Text > Bullets / Timed Content template

The bullets appear regardless of whether you entered them or not. If you use this template, don't then add the bullets manually.

Note: Use the text box to add Bullets unless you want the bullets to be revealed on the screen automatically.

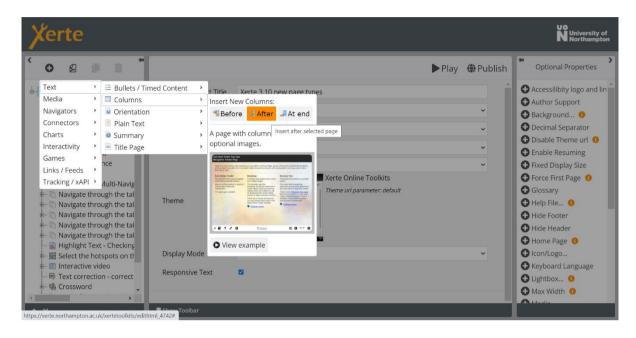


The bullet list reveals each bullet item separately.

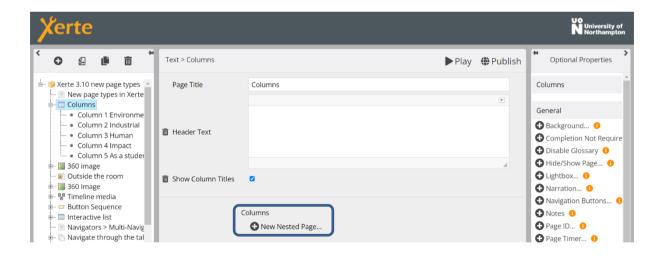




#### Text > Columns



Screenshot of Text > Columns page template ready to edit

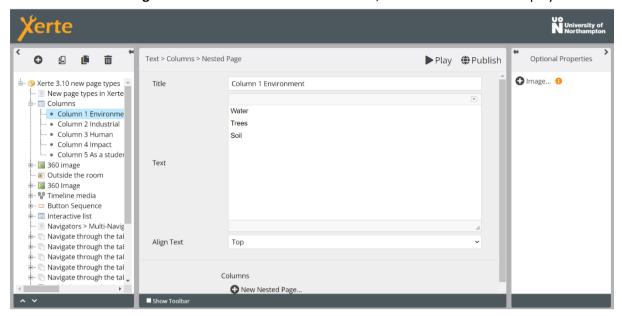


Key in the **Page Title** and **Header Text** (if required). If you would like to show the **column titles**, which is advisable, select that checkbox.

Select **+New Nested page...** to add the columns. In this example screenshot above there is 5 columns.

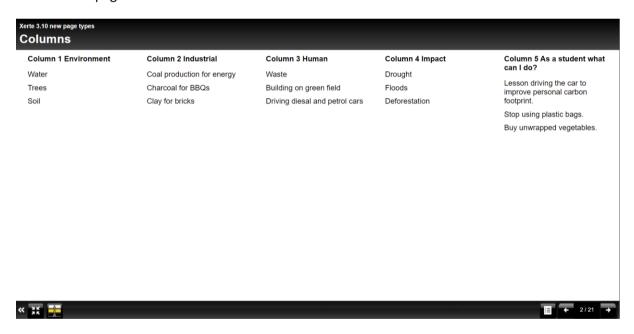


When New Nested Page... has been selected to add a column, the screen below will display.



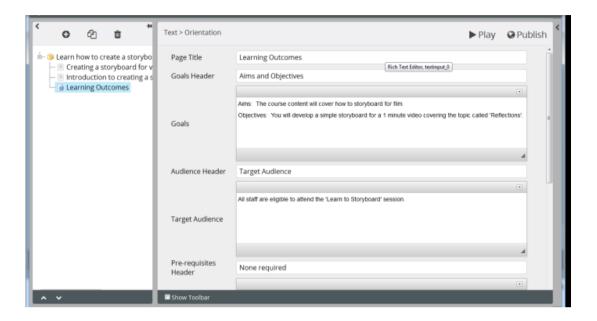
Key in a title and the text in to this page template. To add an image, select the **Optional Properties** called **+Image** on the right side of the screen and then upload the media image.

The columns page looks like this.

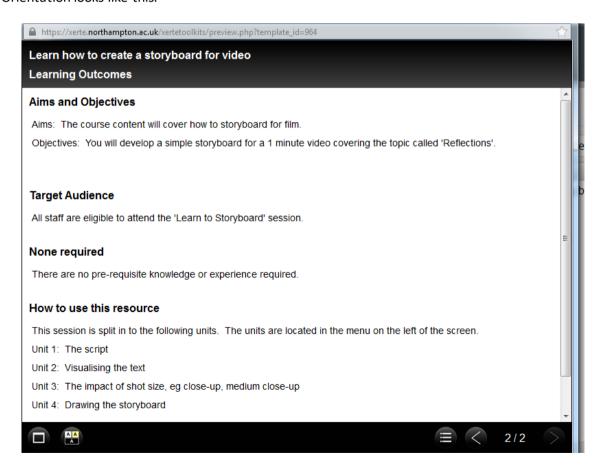




#### Text > Orientation

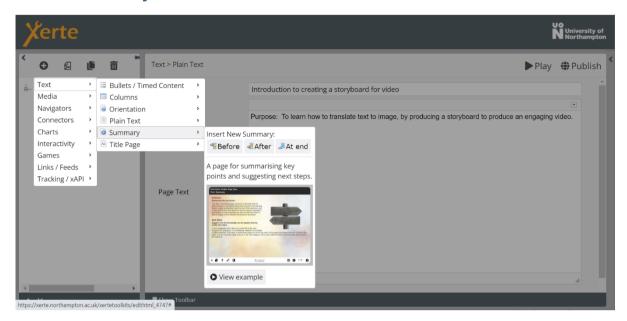


#### Orientation looks like this.



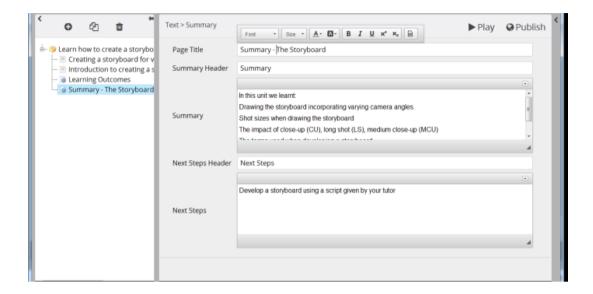


## **Text > Summary**

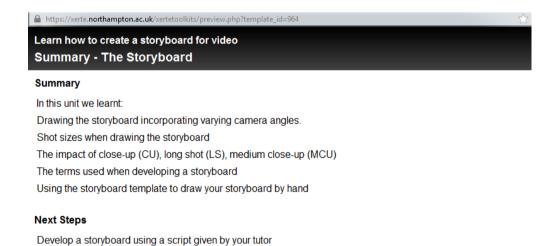




#### Text > Summary



#### How the summary page looks

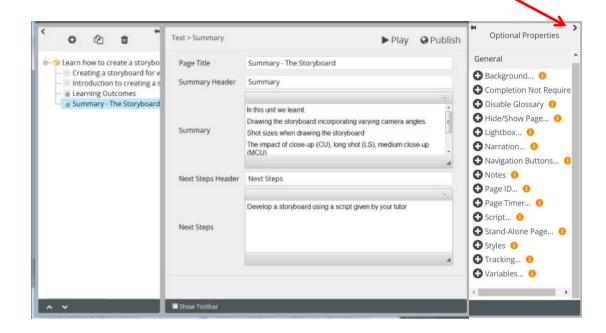






Additional tools are found on the right side of the screen in Optional Properties. See screenshot below.

Close the Optional Properties panel by clicking on the 'Close this pane' arrow.



Click on the plus sign to add these 'Optional Properties' to your page.

The options are:

Background

Completion not required

Disable Glossary

Hide/Show Page

Lightbox

Narration

**Navigation Buttons** 

Notes

Page ID

Page Timer

Script

Stand-Alone Page

**Styles** 

**Tracking** 

Variables

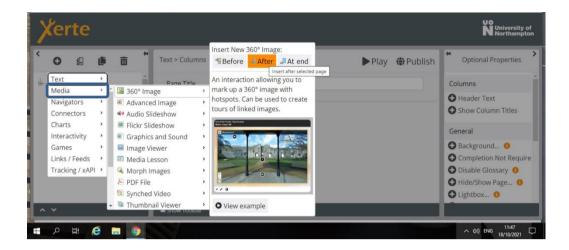
#### **Navigation Buttons**

If added this will apply to this page.

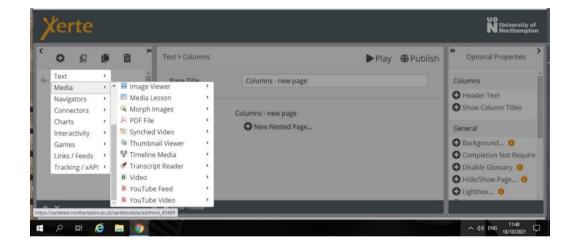


#### Media

Media Page templates

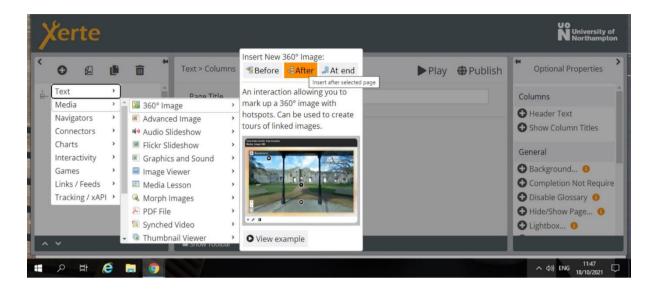


There are 22-page types under the Media category. Scroll down the list to see all of them.





## Media > 360° Image



Use panoramic images in this page template. You can use panoramic photographs that you take with your mobile phone. Ensure that you hold the mobile phone in a vertical (portrait) position.

You can open a new learning object within the image, eg fill the gap, drag and drop.



Tip: You will find copyright free panoramic images on the site:

https://pixexid.com/search/360%20panorama

See an example of a completed Xerte with 360 Image: https://xerte.northampton.ac.uk/xertetoolkits/play 4769

## Adding Scenes to 360-page type

Media > 360 Image > Add Scene(s) >

Scenes are photographs, each scene is a separate photograph or image.

## Adding hotspots to 360-page type

Media > 360 Image page > 360 Image > Scene > New Hotspot

Add hotspots (you can specify where you want the hotspot to be on the photo on the screen).

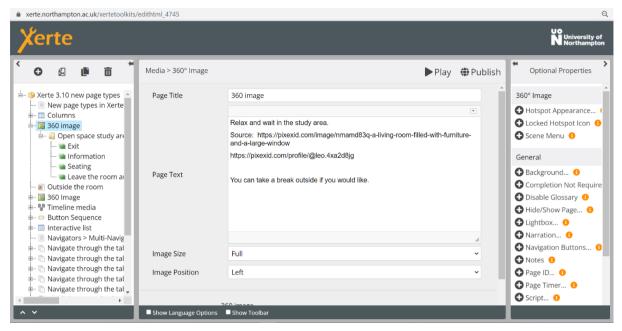
Hotspots can be locked and unlocked, options to unlock include passwords or you can say they are locked until you visit another scene on that page or you have looked at some content on a nother hotspot. For example, link to a hotspot in a stand-alone page, where they had to do an activity, and in the feedback for that activity, it could be a password.

An Optional Property available is the Hotspot Appearance. Decide if you would like an icon or change colour to orange and size to point 20 for larger icon for example.

The end-user can use the mouse or the Tab key to jump between hotspots on the image.



Screenshots in this guide are showing how to add a 360-degree image and add elements to it, such as New Page, (to exit the page), text bubble descriptions, and interactive activities.

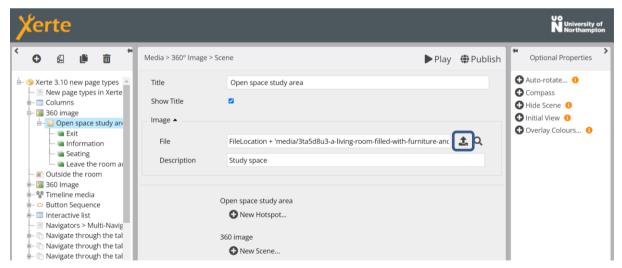


Screenshot of the Media 360 degree image edit window

Each Scene is a photograph. Upload your panoramic photograph in to the page.



Screenshot of the New Scene option.

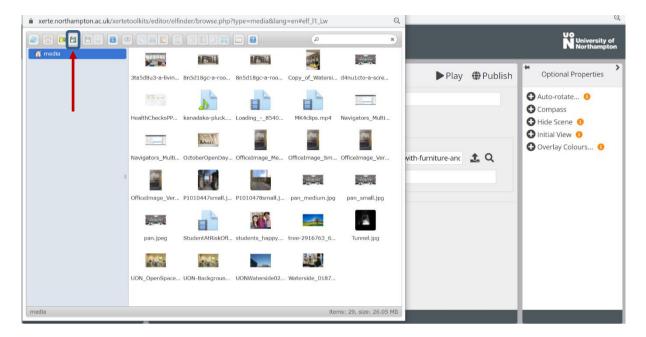


Screenshot of the media 360 image Scene where the Upload Media option is available

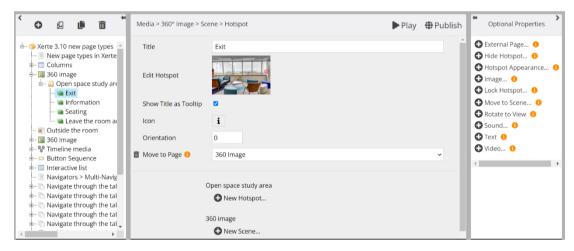
Select the Media upload icon where you will open the Media Repository area to then be able to browse for your photograph by selecting the forth menu from the left (resembles a floppy disk).



The screenshot below displays the Media Repository area. Here you can browse for the panoramic image, using the forth menu from the left on the menu bar.



 $Screens hot of the \ Media \ Repository. \ \ Select \ the \ for th \ menu \ icon \ from \ the \ left \ on \ the \ top \ menu \ bar \ to \ browse \ for \ the \ panoramic \ photograph$ 

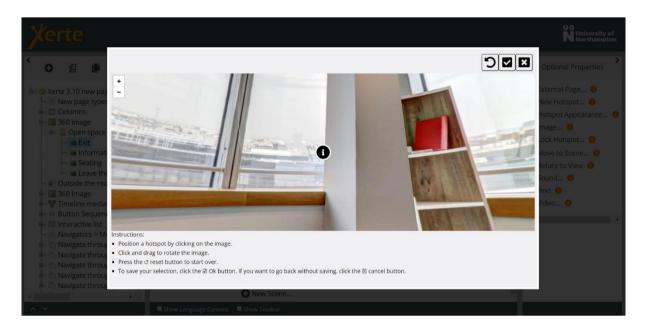


Screenshot of the Hotspot editor window

The Hotspot is placed where the tooltip on the photograph is displayed.



Select the image to click and position that tooltip.



When the hotspot icon is positioned in the correct place select the tick icon located top right of the screen.

## **Optional Properties for 360 image**

The tooltip on the screen will have a type of action associated with it when the end-user selects that tooltip, eg, new page, video, audio etc.

Optional Properties located on the right of the Xerte screen provides the following actions: External Page, Hide hotspot, Hotspot appearance, Image, Lock hotspot, Move to scene, Rotate to view, Sound, Text and Video.

The screenshot below shows 360-degree photograph with text caption open in a new lightbox window on the screen.





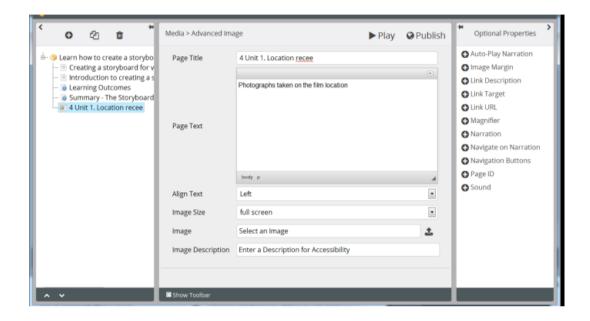
# Notes page



## Media > Advanced Image

Use Full Screen option (800 x 600 Image size to fill the screen)

Enter your title, text and alignment choice. Click on the 'Select an Image' icon and upload your image into Media Browser.



Tip: Resize the images using Paint (see separate guide) to about 350 x 233 pixels before uploading to Xerte. Largest width about 512 pixels. For existing media in Xerte, use the Resize and Crop tool found on the Media Repository toolbar, to reduce the size of the image.

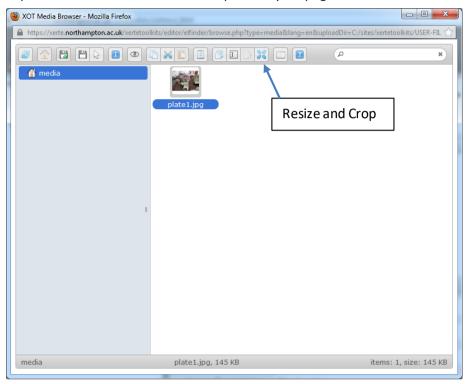


Be aware of copyright. Use your own image or find an image which is copyright free (use images with Creative Commons Licence) or gain permissions. Click on the link to find out more.

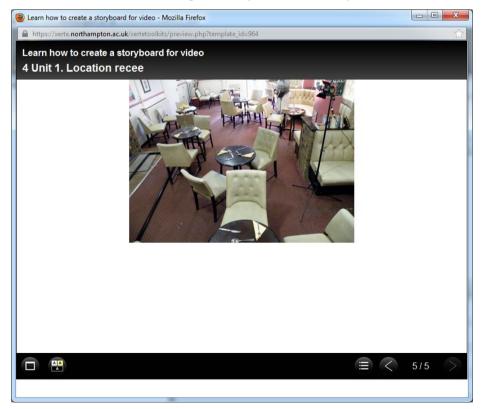
http://blogs.northampton.ac.uk/learntech/2015/06/05/copyright-online-publishing/

Image size – select Full screen

Enter a description and PUBLISH. Then PLAY to preview your page.



Using Full Screen will mean that the image will fill your screen and you will lose the text.





# Notes page

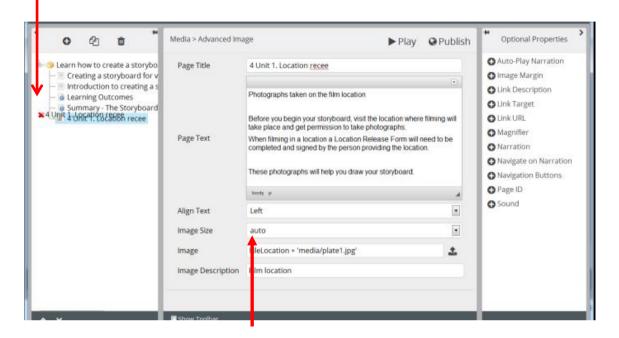


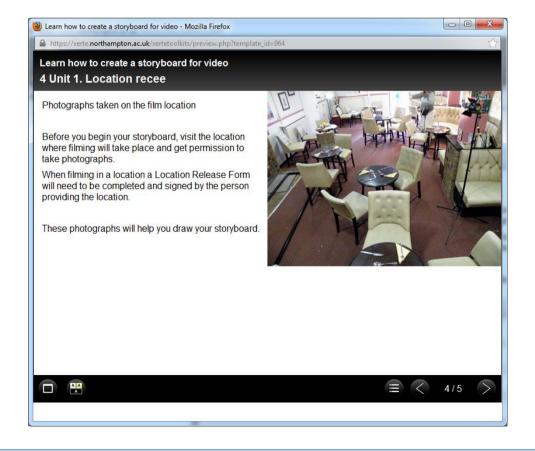
## **Moving pages**

Use the mouse pointer to drag the pages up and down to change your sequence.

Below, the media page is being moved above the Summary page.

Choosing Auto for the image will show the text.







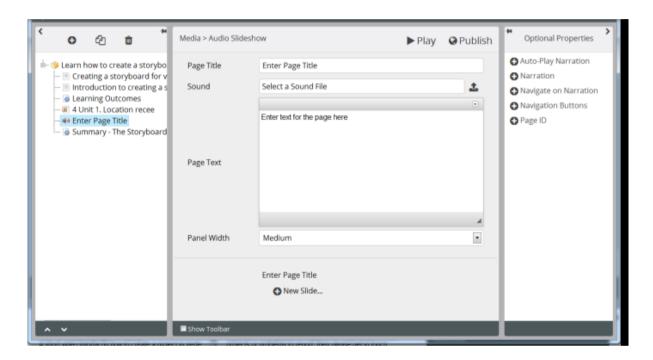
Title Labelling to match the menu numbering

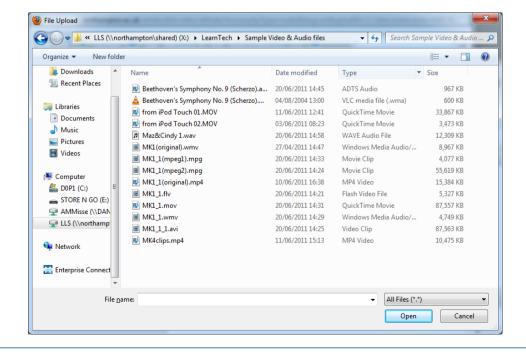
Use your menu to determine the numbering of the page. The example on the previous page shows '4 Unit 1. Location recce'. This has been labelled to match the menu page number shown on the bottom right of the screen, which is 4/5.

This will provide good navigation.

#### Media > Audio Slideshow

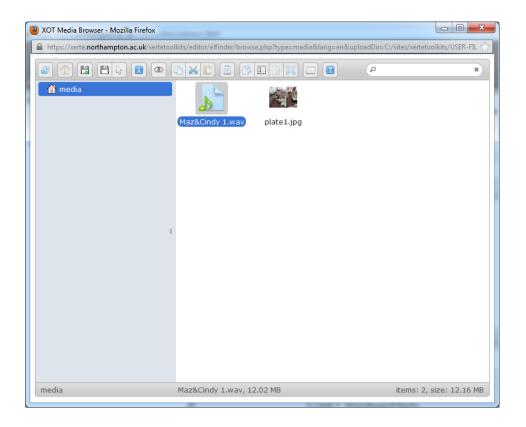
Select a Sound file by clicking on the icon. Be aware of copyright and get permissions if you need to.



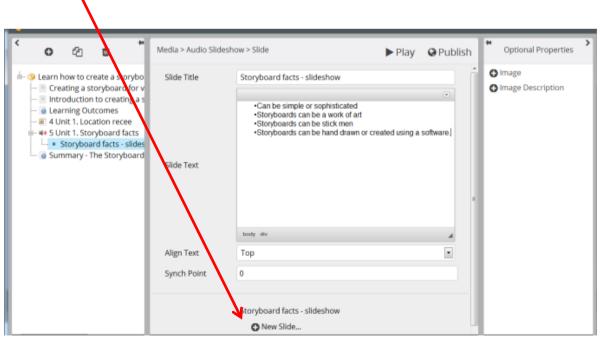




The file will be in your Media repository.



Click on New slide and you will be provided with a new dialogue box to enteryour slide text.

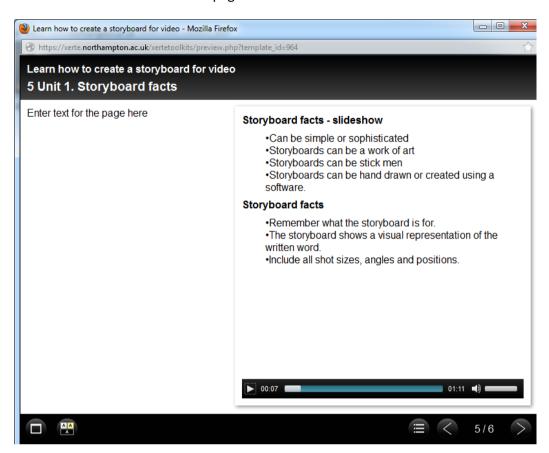


Choose New Slide... to add a new slide. Note that this page will be a sub-page linked to the Unit.

Click PUBLISH to save and PLAY to preview. The audio will run alongside the slide.

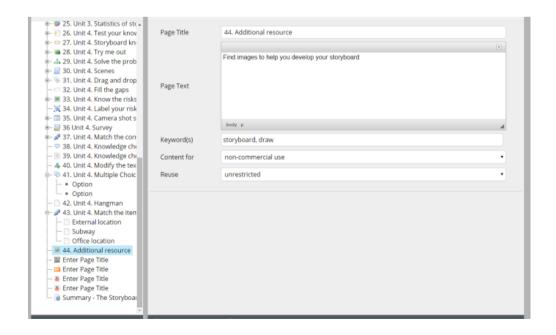


This is what the Audio Slideshow page looks like.



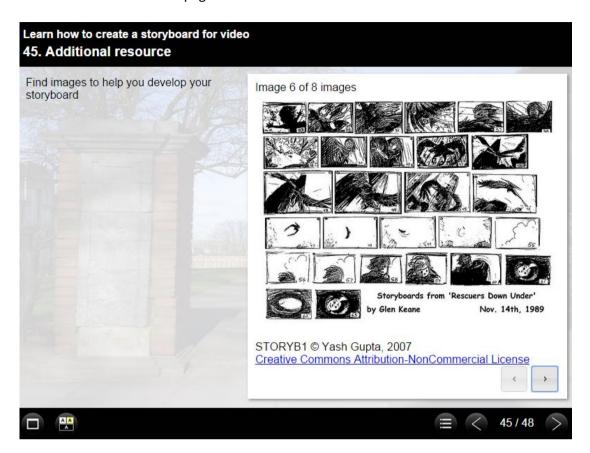
#### Media > Flickr Slideshow

Flickr Slideshow is very useful for showing actual examples. The images are fed through from Flickr. The search criteria is written in the template in Xerte.





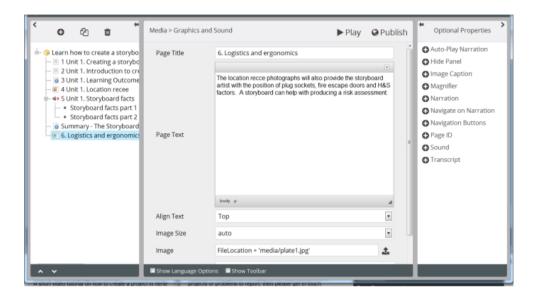
Screenshot of how the Flickr page looks.





## Media > Graphics and Sound

Remember to click on **Publish** to save the page and **Play** to preview. Move the page up above the Summary page by dragging it up.



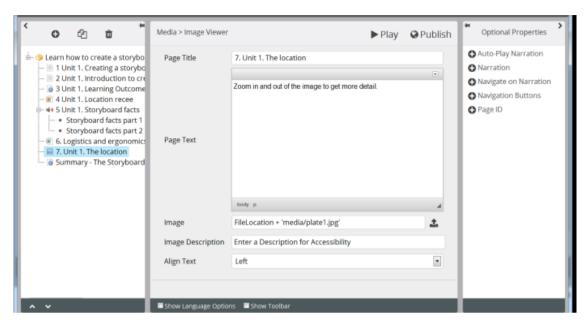
#### Preview



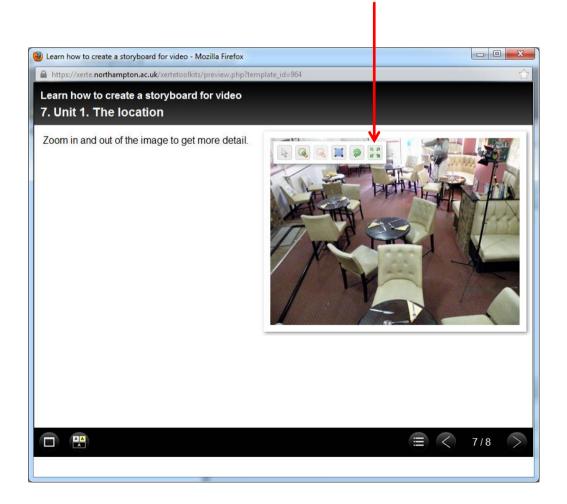


## Media > Image Viewer

This option allows viewers to zoom in and out on an image and provides the controls to do this.



Zooming in and out of the image by using the controls, as shown below.

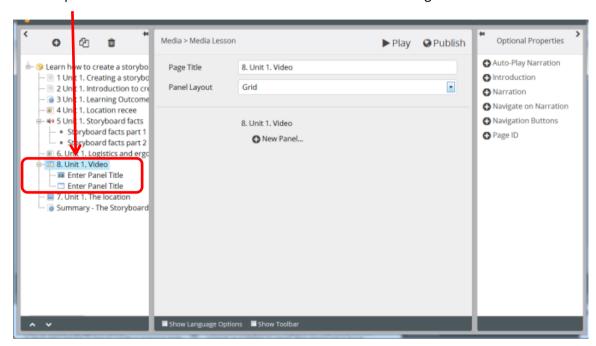




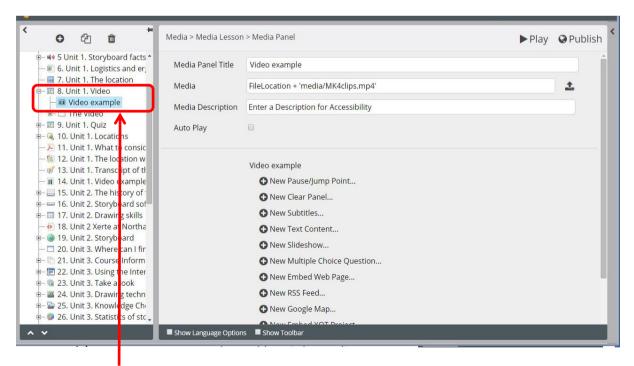
#### Media > Media Lesson

This template will use a variety of media including video to deliver the content. Two left menu panels will be provided as default. See the example screenshot below. The panel layout is Grid.

The Media panel cannot be deleted. The title 8. Unit 1. Video has been given to this Media Lesson.



Click on 'Enter Panel Title' (the panel automatically provided under the title in the left menu).

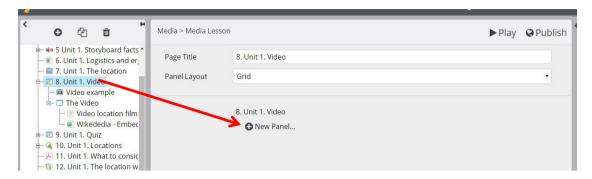


In the example above the title text 'Video example' has been assigned to the Media Panel. Click on the Import Media icon to upload the video file. Then, click on the top level menu for this item in the left menu list (in this example it is called 8. Unit 1. Video) to add a new panel.



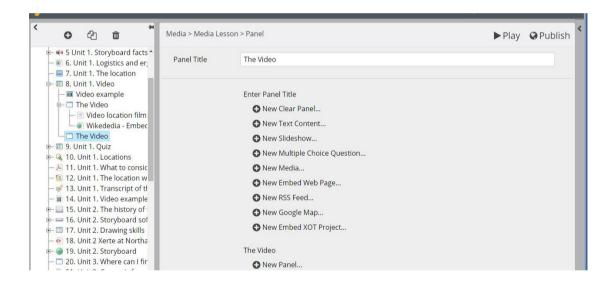


With the left menu item selected, click on New Panel in the template.



Enter a title, eg The Video.

Select the option you would like to use from the list, by clicking on the plus sign next to the option, eg New Embed Web Page...



The template below shows the New Embed Web Page with content. Enter the relevant content in to the template you have chosen to build you Media Lesson.



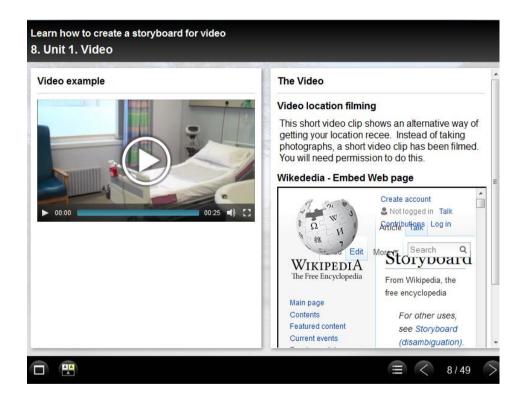
If you are using media content such as video and images, make sure that you have uploaded your content in to the Media repository beforehand. Delete any unwanted Panels from the left menu.



Remain in the same screen template to add a second panel to the Grid. The example below shows the New Text Content... template, for text to be added to a panel.



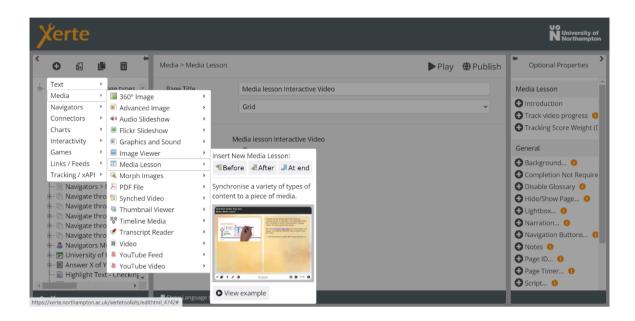
The screenshot below shows that three panels have been used to add content. These are a video, text content and an Embed webpage.





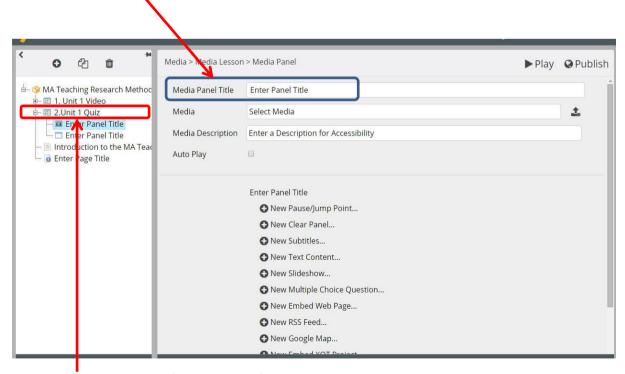
# Media > Media Lesson - adding a Quiz and a video

Click on the plus sign to reveal 'Media > Media Lesson' (as before)



This time use Tile Top – Full Bottom or another Page Layout of your choice.

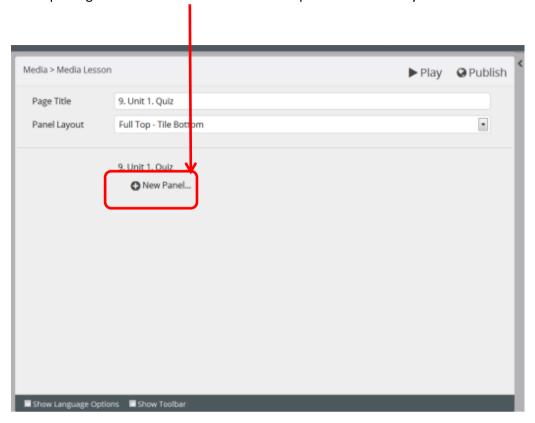
Assign a name for the Panel Title. Because you are using the Media Lesson template, by default the Media panel is automatically available for you to use. Add your title, media and PUBLISH to save.



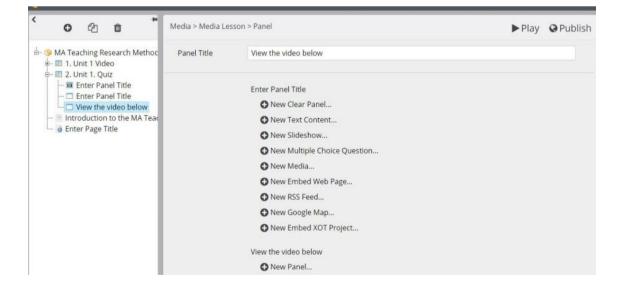
Then select the top level folder in the left menu and click on New Panel.



Click on the plus sign next to New Panel to show the options available to you.

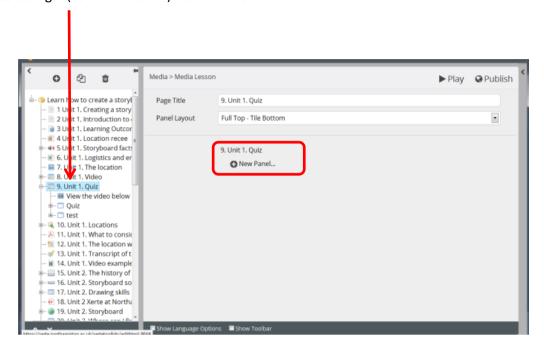


Enter the Panel Title and then select the plus next to the option(s) you would like to use in the panel.

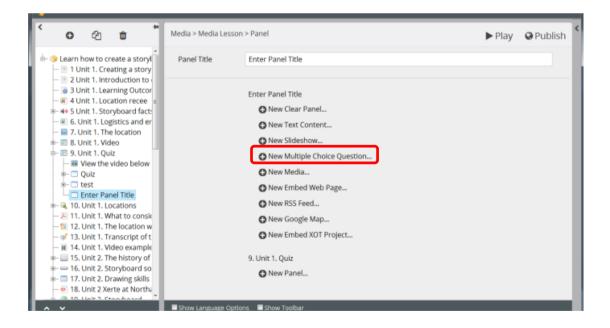




Return to the top level Media Lesson folder in this case **9. Unit 1. Quiz,** in the left menu list, by selecting it (as shown below). Click on New Panel...



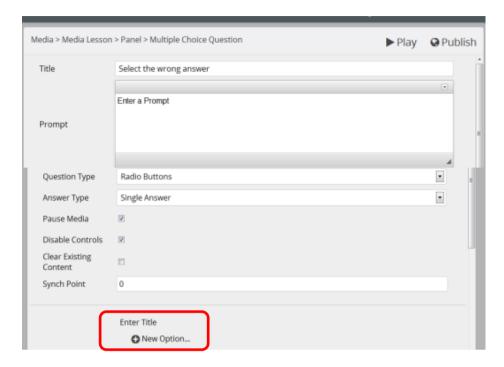
Select Multiple Choice from the list of options. Give it a name, eg Quiz.



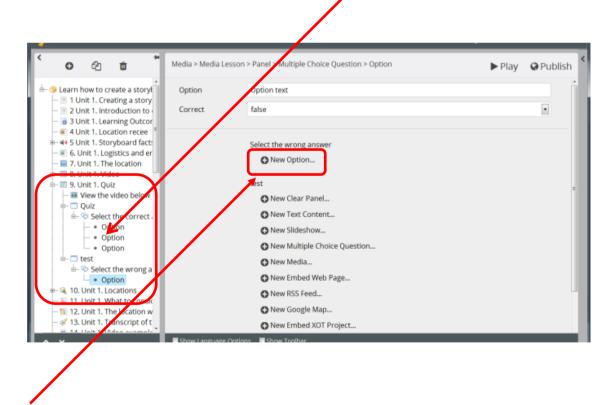
The screen shot on the next page shows the Multiple-Choice question with the title 'Select the wrong answer'.



You have now created a Quiz panel. This example shows Multiple Choice Question from the list.



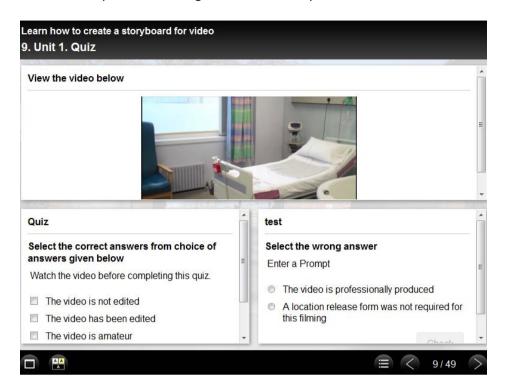
Click on New Option to add to your Quiz. Notice the left menu list showing the Options.



You add more Options by clicking on New Option in the template. Press PUBLISH to save and press PLAY to preview.



The New Media Lesson preview showing a video and two quizzes.





# Media > Media Lesson > Clear panel with a synch point

A useful panel available is called 'Clear Panel'. Selecting the Clear Panel will result in a synch point which means that the video will be paused at a set time synch point (pre-determined by the creator), and a multiple-choice question will appear on the screen, (if the creator decided to provide the multiple-choice question option).

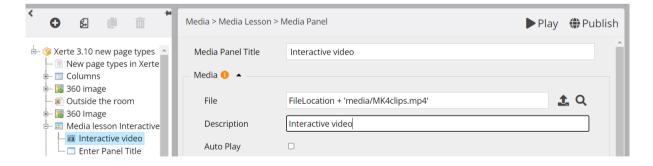
#### Options include:

- New Clear Panel
- New Text Content
- New Slideshow
- New Multiple-Choice Question



#### Media Lesson > Clear Panel

By default, when you select the Media > Media Lesson page type, two panels are automatically provided for you to populate. The first panel must have a video (maximum size 150 mb) uploaded to it.



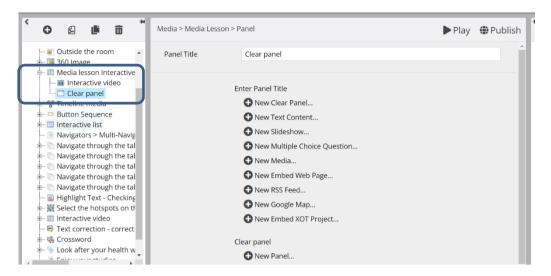
The screenshot above shows the first panel with a title 'Interactive video' and a video file uploaded.

Remember to add a description in the Description text area. It is advised **not** to select Auto Play.

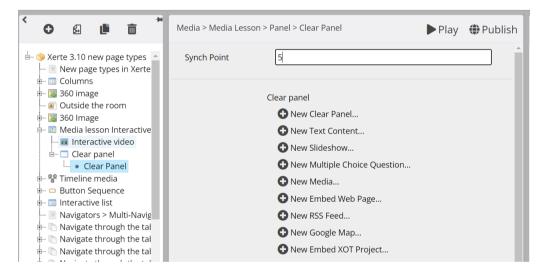
Select the second panel which was provided automatically. It is labelled as 'Enter Panel Title' as shown in the screenshot above.



When the Enter a panel title is selected the title can be keyed in. In the example below the title given is 'Clear Panel'.



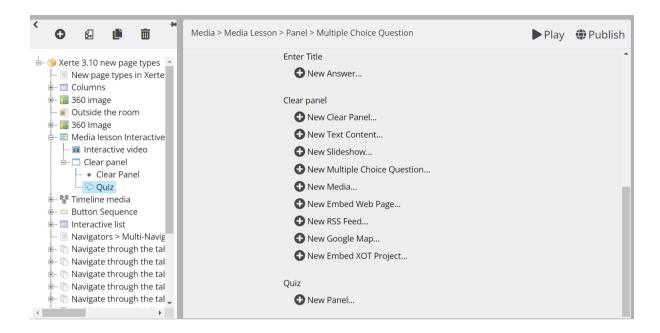
Then select the +New Clear Panel... option from the list of panels available.



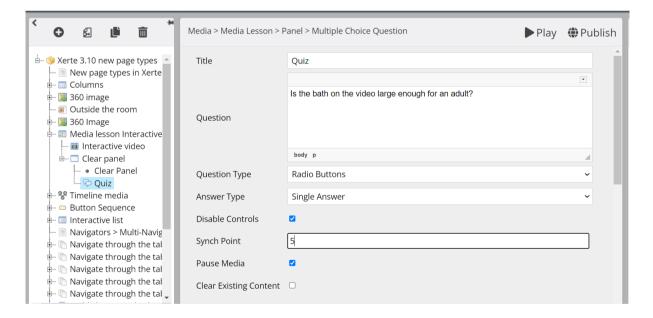
You will see the screen above where you key in the Synch Point. At this synch point time '5', the video will pause playing. Select what type of interaction will occur when the video is paused, from the options on the screen. The example demonstrated in this guide is Multiple Choice question.



The screenshot below shows the Multiple-Choice Question



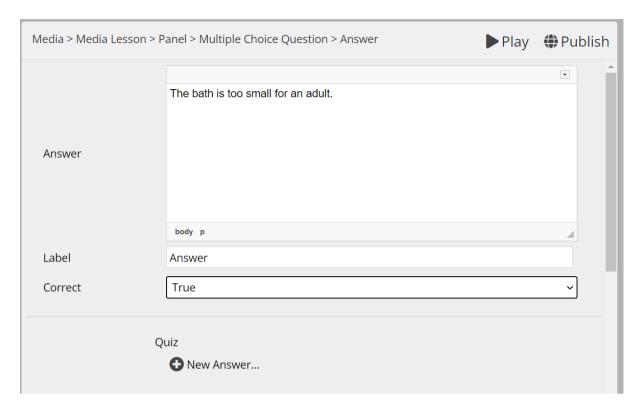
Add the title, question, question type, answer type and the synch point. The synch point is seconds and the video will pause at that point if 'Pause Media' is selected.



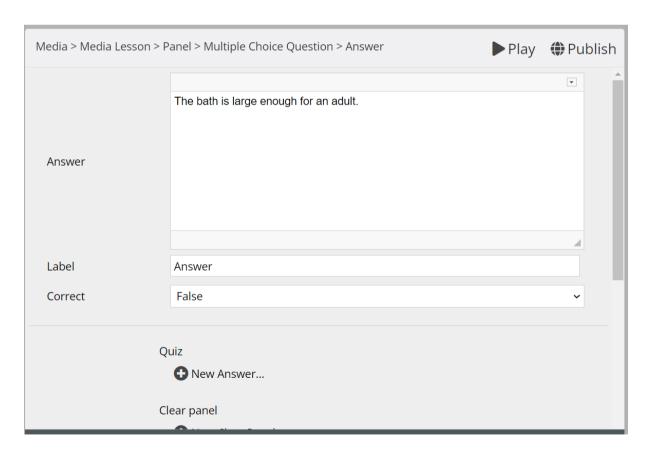
Scroll down the screen to select the + New Answer... option. A screenshot of the + New Answer... option.



#### Correct answer



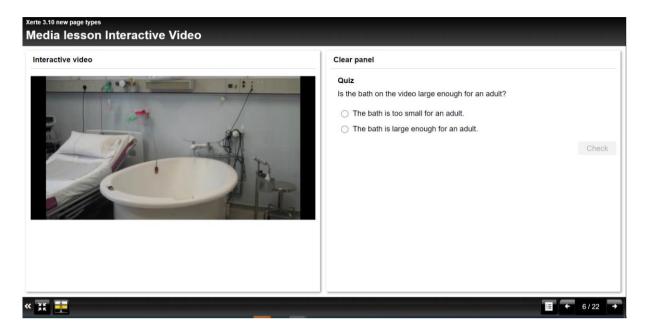
#### Incorrect answer





This is how the page looks.

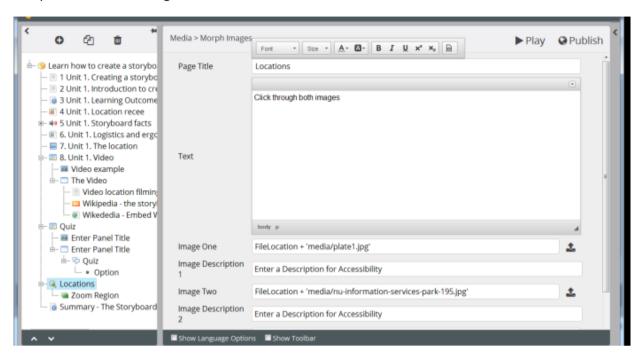
The video will pause at the synch point number entered in to the Xerte synch prompt and in this example the multiple-choice question is displayed on the screen.





# Media > Morph Images

Morph between two images.

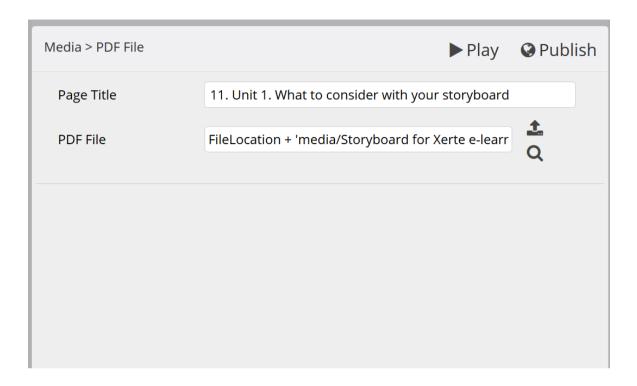


The result will show one image fade in to another image. Therefore, two images need to be uploaded for this option to work.

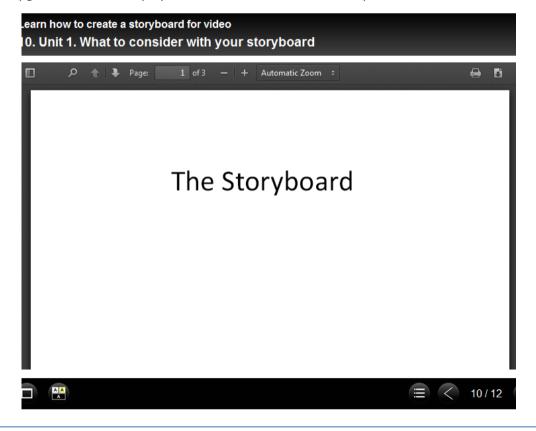


## Media > PDF File

Insert a PDF – You will need to upload the PDF document in to the repository before uploading in to Xerte.



The PDF will embed in to the whole page and the user can scroll up and down to see the content. In 3.8.5 upgrade a PDF link displays on the screen. Xerte remains open in a different browser window.

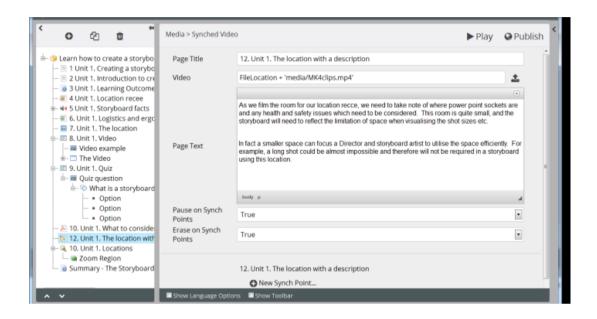


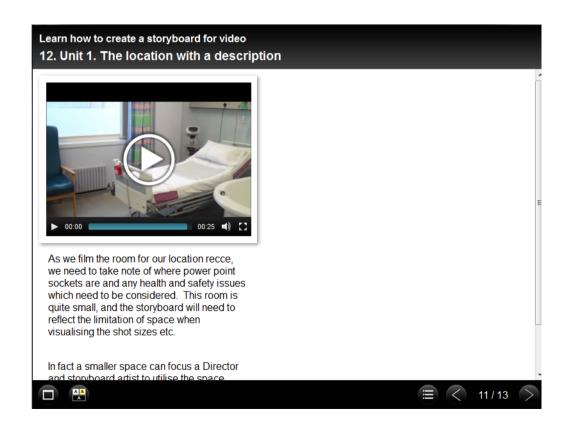


## Media > Synched Video

Synchronise packages of text to a video.

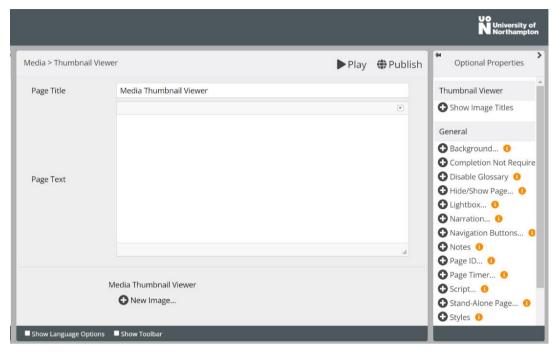
Add the video and enter the text (if a transcript is required, then this needs to be done). It is advisable to have a transcript for inclusion of all learners.



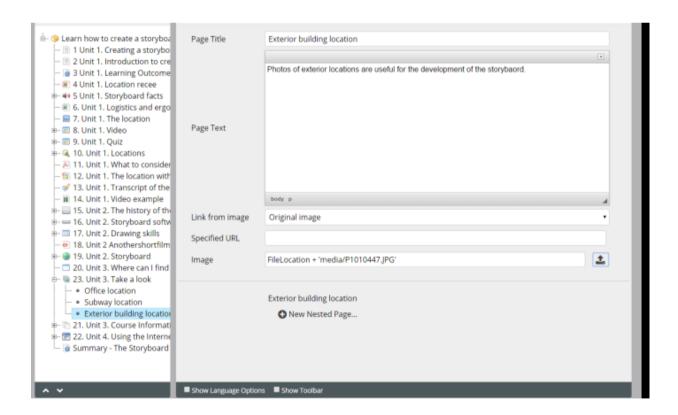




## Media > Thumbnail viewer



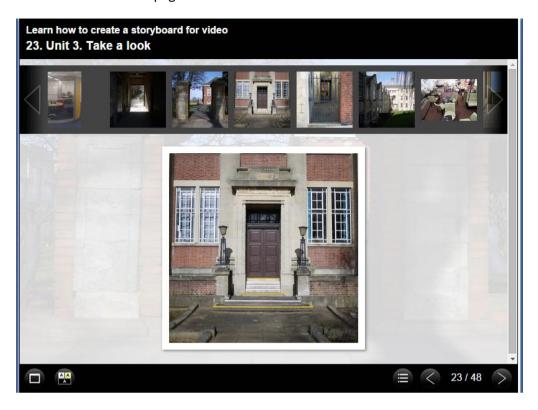
Note: Make sure you have uploaded your images to the Xerte Media repository from your documents area.



Click on the plus sign next to New Nested Page... to add another image.

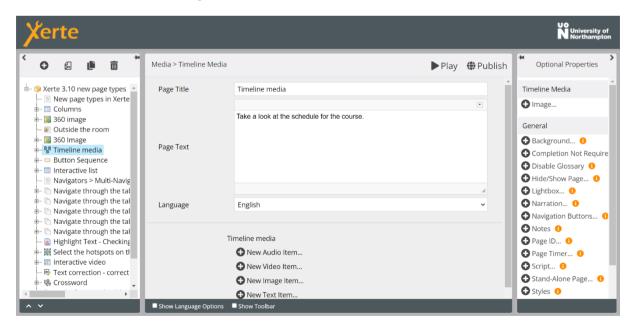


The Thumbnail Viewer page will look like this.



## Media > Timeline Media

A scrollable timeline containing sections of text and media.

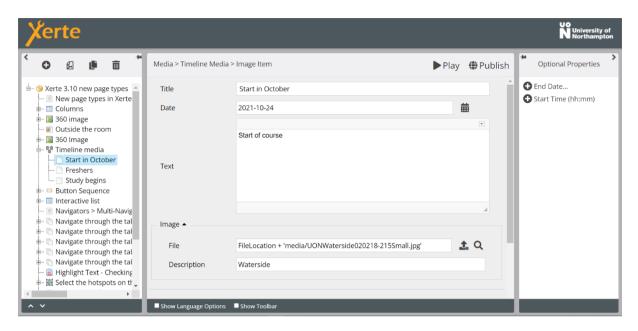


Add a title, page text and select the type of timeline media you would like to add to the timeline, for example images, text, video and audio.

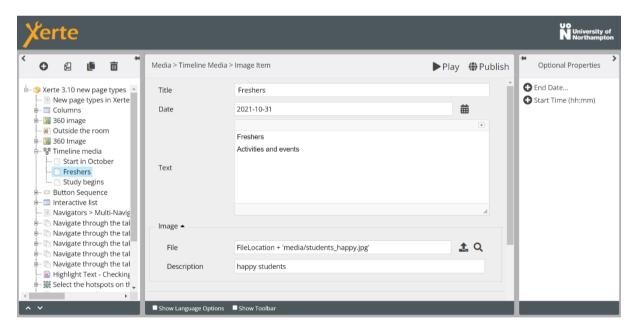


#### Media

#### Timeline > Media

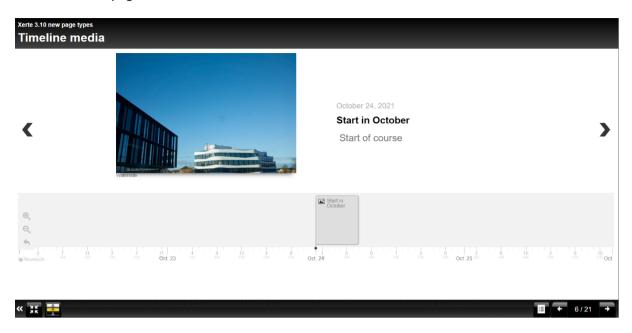


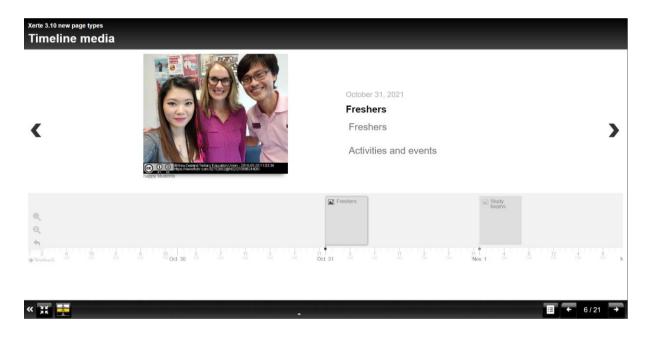
Upload the image to be used by selecting the upload media icon where you will open the media repository and be able to upload the images in to the media repository to select for the Xerte page.





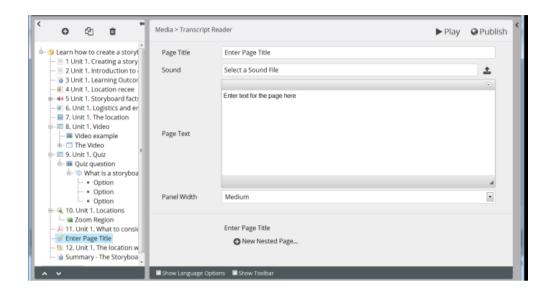
Media Timeline page will look like this.



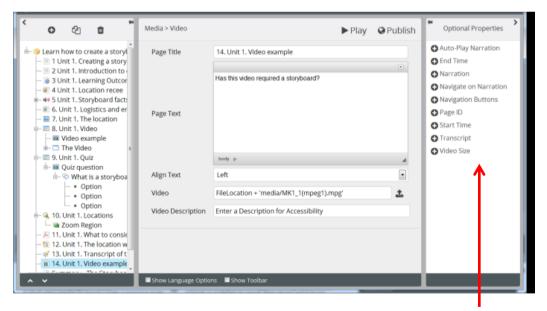




# Media > Transcript Reader



# Media > Video (embed mp4 video)



Clicking on the icon positioned on the right of the page will reveal additional setting options for this content item.

Note: the right pane is available for every template and provides Optional Properties.



## The result

# Learn how to create a storyboard for video 14. Unit 1. Video example

Has this video required a storyboard?

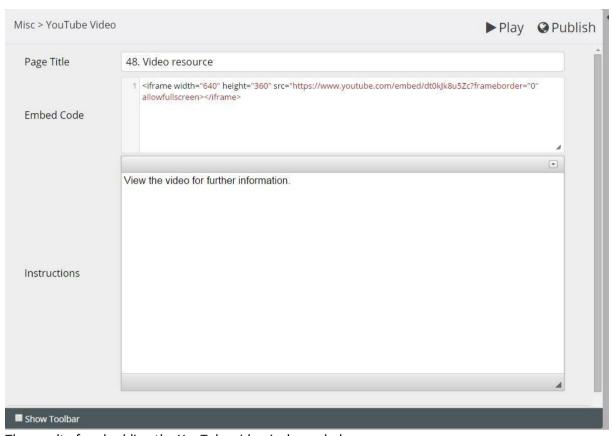






## Media > YouTube Video

Embed the code from YouTube, making sure that you use the Embed Code path.



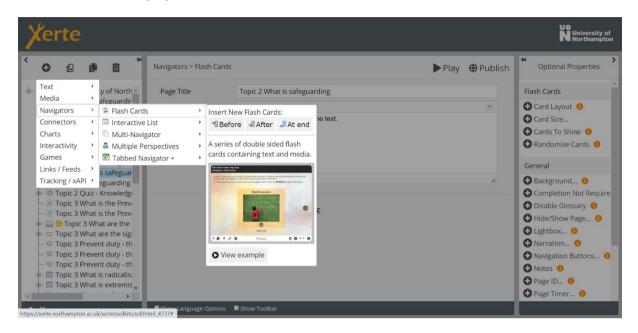
The result of embedding the YouTube video is shown below.





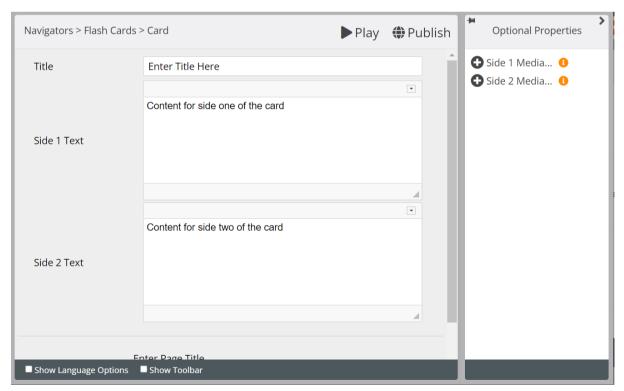
## Navigators > Flash Cards

Use Flash Cards to display text and media on double sided cards.



Upload the image to be used on either card 1 or card 2 (or both).

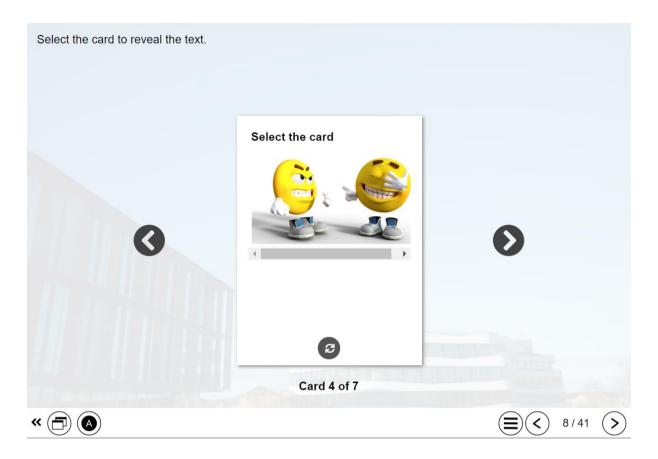
Click on the +New Card option to upload the image and add text to display on each side of the card.



Screenshot of Navigators Flash Cards - Card where the content of side 1 and side 2 can be added.



This is how the Flashcard looks.

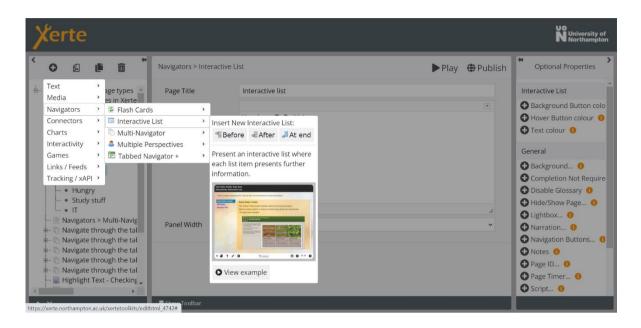


The end-user can flip over the card by clicking on the icon found at the bottom centre of the card.



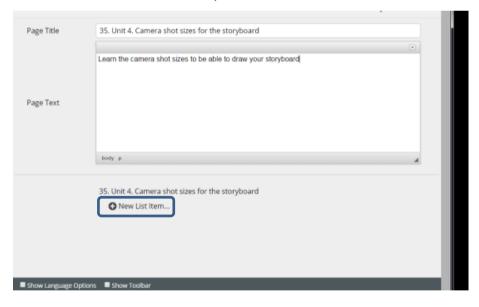
# **Navigators > Interactive List**

Present an interactive list where each list item presents further information.



## Key the text into the template

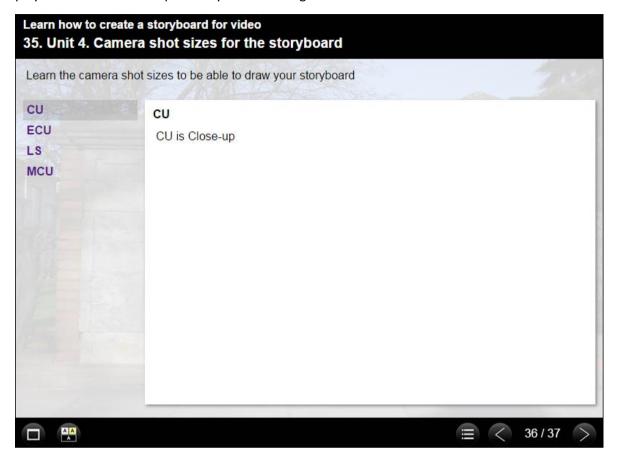
Click on New List Item.... and add your text.



Add as many List Items as you need. Then to save click on PUBLISH.



The example below has four list items which are abbreviated text and when selected the full text is displayed. Click on PLAY to preview your e-learning.

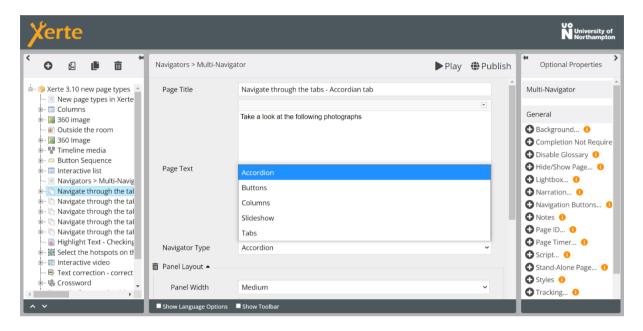




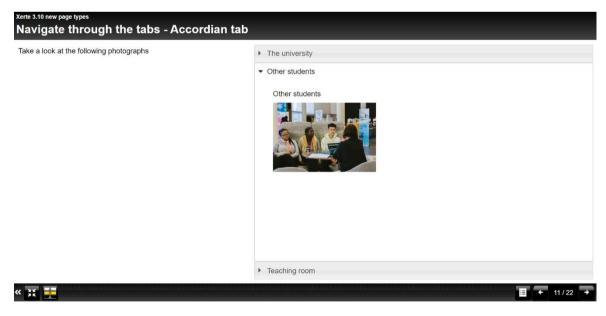
# Navigator > Multi-navigator

Navigator – Multi-navigator page type is useful when there is quite a lot of text on the page.

The text can be presented in separate chunks on the screen. Separate chunks of text on the screen minimises the risk of overwhelming end-users with too much text, and it may also reduce scanning and skimming the page and encourage reading.

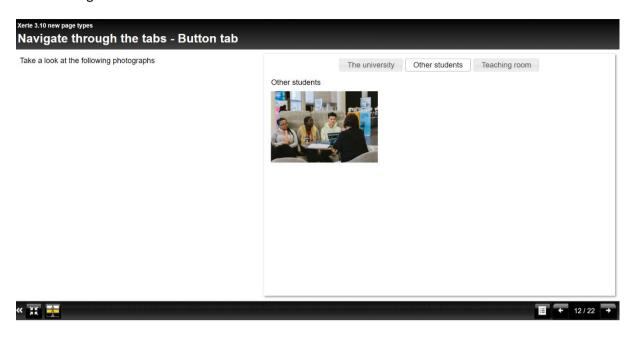


Accordian display will look like this. The Accordion Navigator will reveal content and is useful if you need a lot of text on one page, but cannot fit it in there.

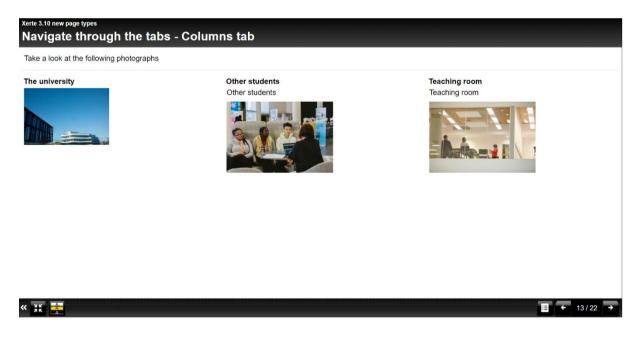




## **Button Navigator**

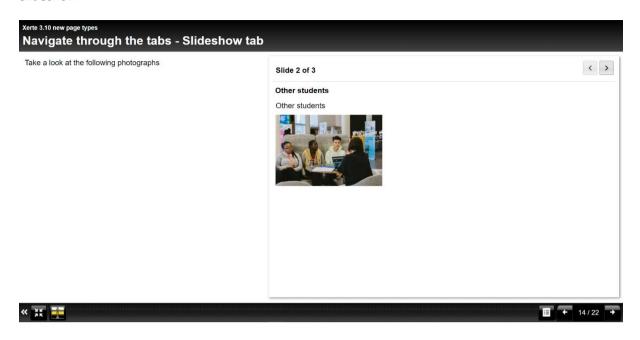


#### Columns Tab

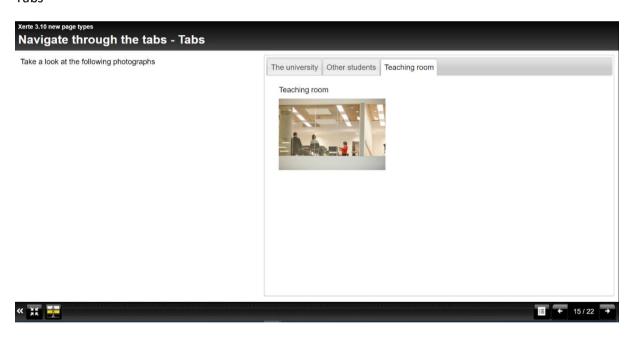




#### Slideshow



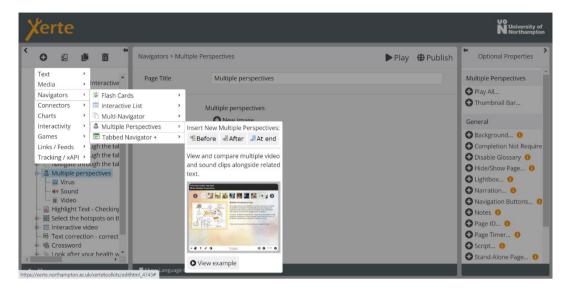
#### Tabs



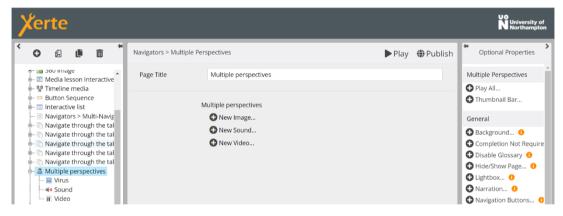
Note: The Navigator > Multi-navigator page type replaces the separate Navigator pages previously available in earlier versions of Xerte. They will continue to play in existing Xerte projects.



# **Navigators > Multiple Perspectives**



Upload the media to be used in this Multiple Perspectives page by selecting the upload media option in the edit screen.

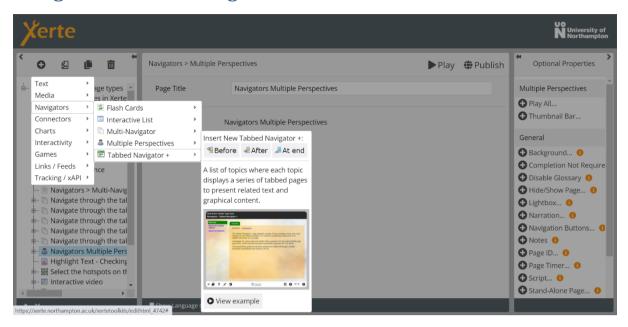


This is what the Multiple Perspectives page looks like.

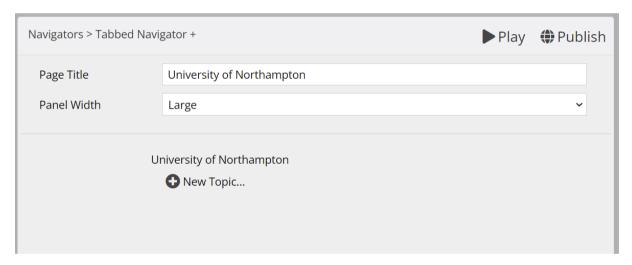




# Navigator > Tabbed Navigator

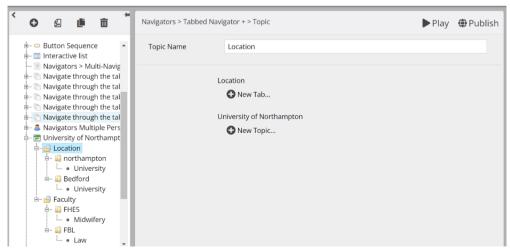


Tabbed Navigators edit screen-key in a title and decide on the panel width to determine the display.



Select + New Topic....

Tabs can be added in the edit screen.



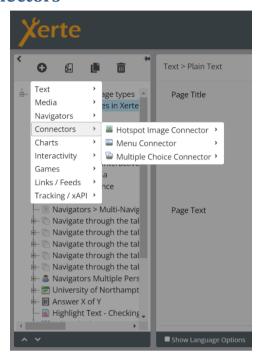


This is what the Tabbed Navigators page looks like

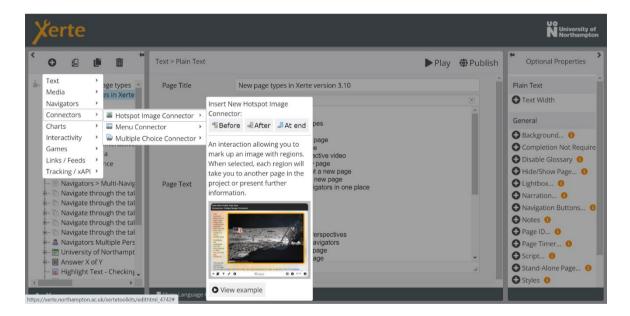




## **Connectors**



This is an interaction allowing you to mark up an image with regions. When selected, each region will take you to another page in the project to present further information.



Note: Using 'Hotspot Connector' (previous page) can cause confusion to the user. Please describe on the screen that the action will take them to a different page.

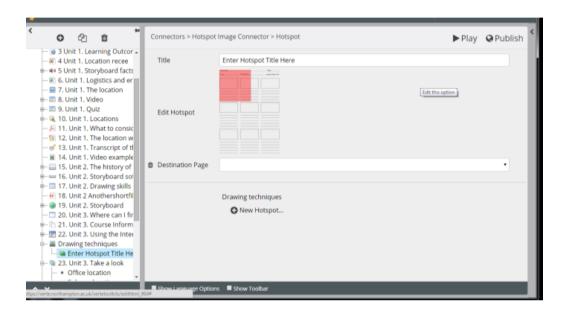


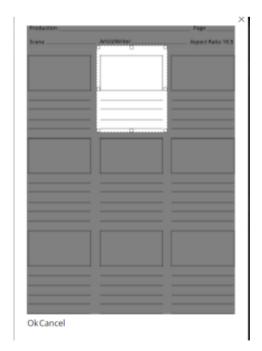
## **Connectors > Hotspot Image Connector**

Enter the details in to the template. Upload an image and choose Navigation (I chose forward and back). The hotspot colour is yellow.

You will be asked for the Hotspot title and Destination page.

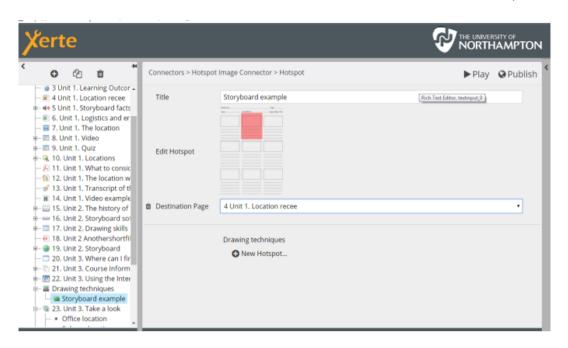
Click on the image to open the Hotspot and move your selection, then click OK to confirm where the Hotspot is situated on the image.



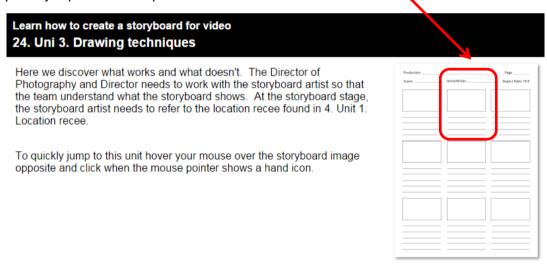




Select your Destination page for the hotspot to jump to when playing the e-learning. In this case, I have chosen to link back to 4. Unit 1. Location recee. Click PUBLISH to save and PLAY to preview.



The result is shown below. This area on the storyboard is set for the Hotspot. Clicking on it will enable you to jump to the Unit specified.



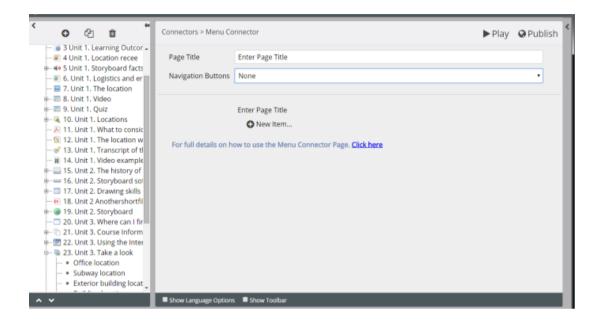


Note: Using 'Hotspot image Connector' can cause confusion to the user. Please describe on the screen that the action will take them to a different page if this is how you intend to use it.



## Connectors > Menu Connector

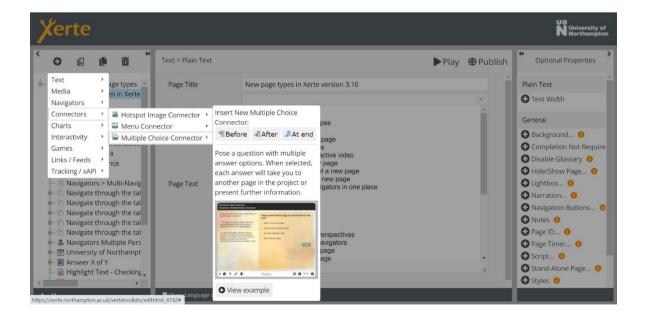
To generate a menu of all, or of a selected range of pages in the project.



Thus, you can now divert the user off the sequential route defined by the order in which you list your pages.

# Connectors > Multiple Choice Connector

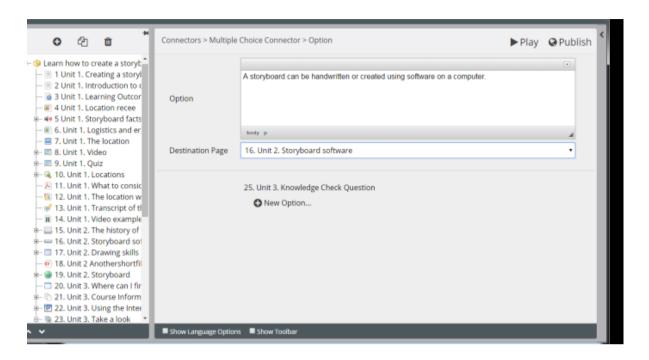
You can ask a question with multiple answer options and when the user clicks on the answer, they will be jumped to the relevant page where a full answer in more detail is shown.



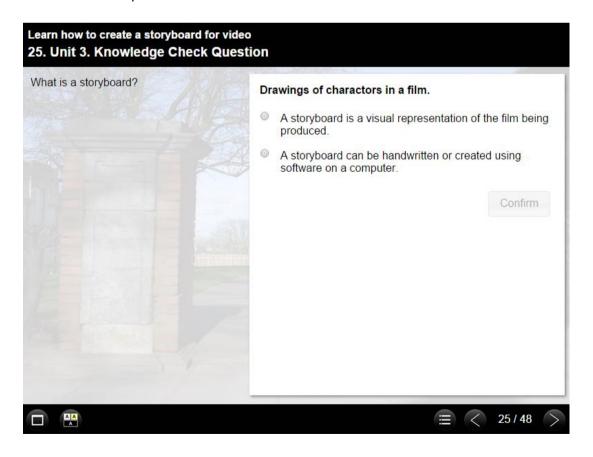


## This is a useful Knowledge Check tool which does not require grading.

A question and two answer prompts have been entered in to this example.

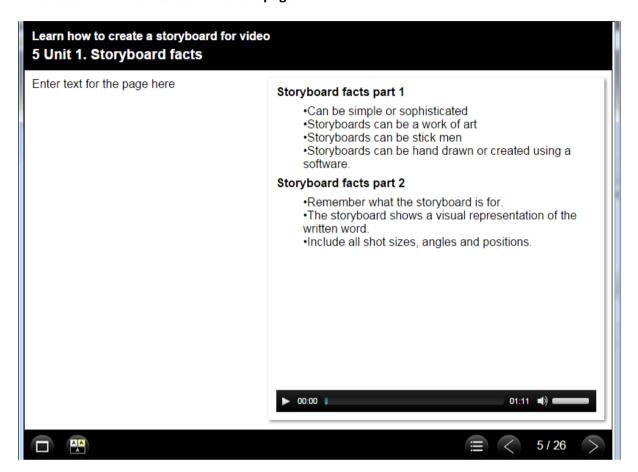


Click on the answer and press Confirm.



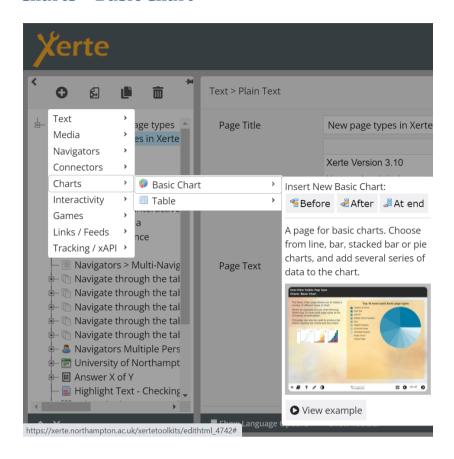


I set my answer to jump back to: 5. Unit 1. Storyboard Facts (as shown below). **Note: Using** 'Multiple Choice Connector' can cause confusion to the user. Please describe on the screen that the action will take them to a different page.

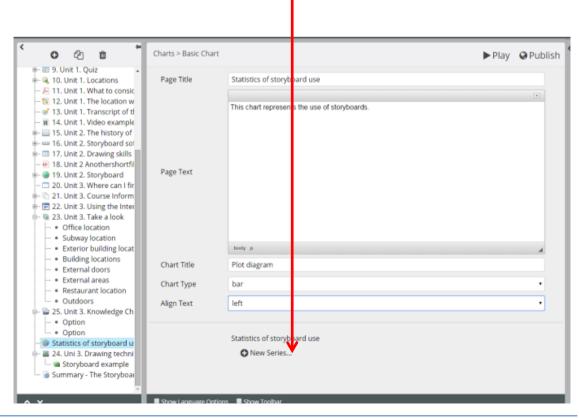




### Charts > Basic Chart

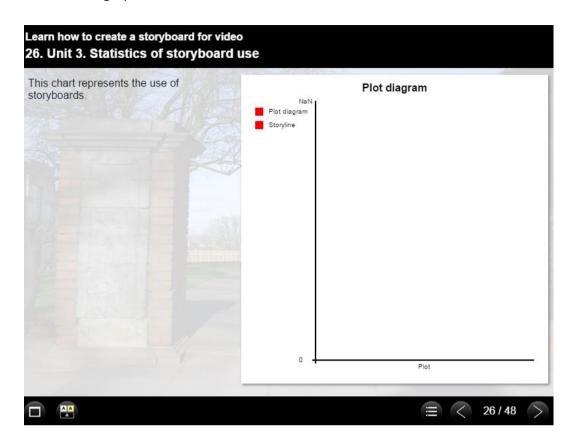


Complete the dialog box prompts. Click on New Series.





Data shown in a graph.

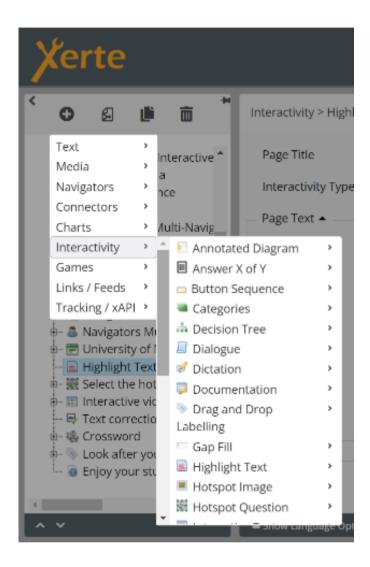


### Charts > Tables





# **Interactivity**

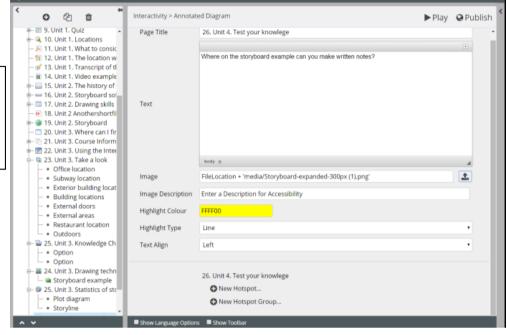


There are many activities to choose from. Use these for knowledge checks.

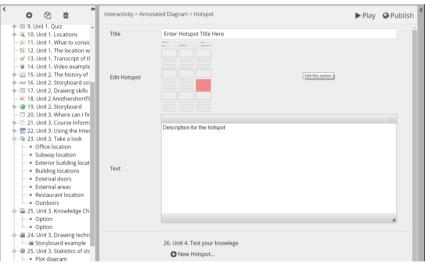


## Interactivity > Annotated diagram

Enter the content and the image.

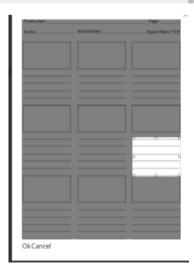


Click on the image to make your hotspot.



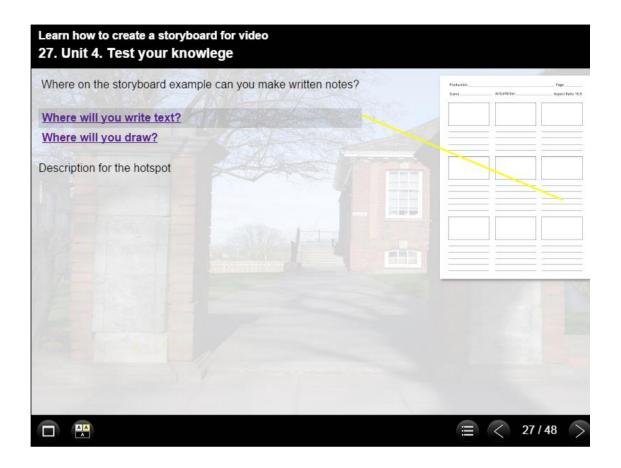
Drag the area smaller or bigger. Click on OK bottom left.

Add New Hotspots

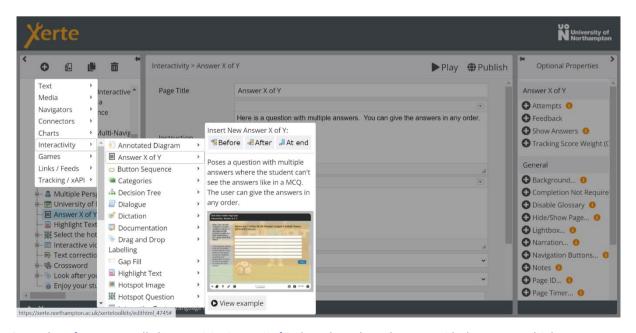




The result – the answer is revealed.



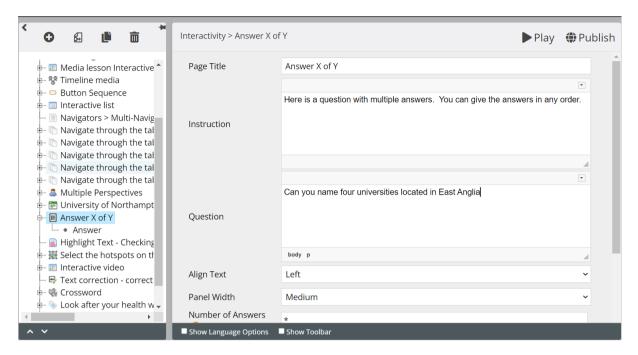
# Interactivity > Answer X of Y



Screenshot of page type called Interactivity Answer X of Y where the end-user has to provide the correct multiple answers which can be entered in any order.



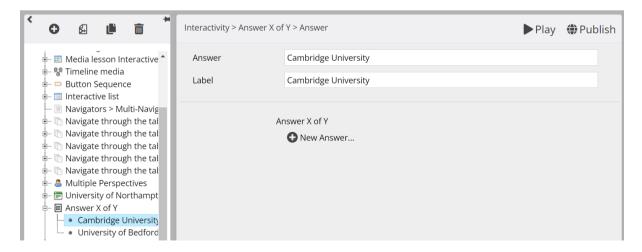
Write the question and the answers on the edit screen.



Scroll down the screen to see the option + New Answer.... Select this option to key in the answers.

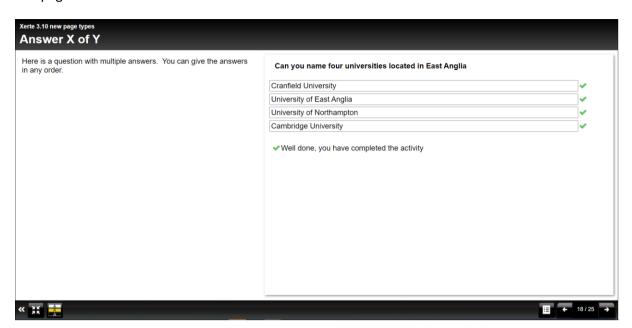


Key in the answers in the Answer and Label text area.





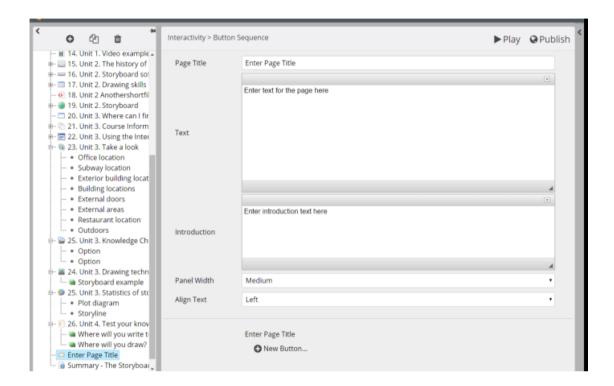
The page looks like this.





# **Interactivity > Button Sequence**

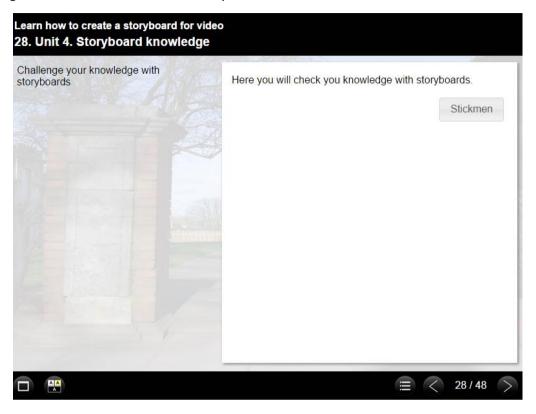
Presents a sequence of button interactions with text. Enter content and click on New Button.



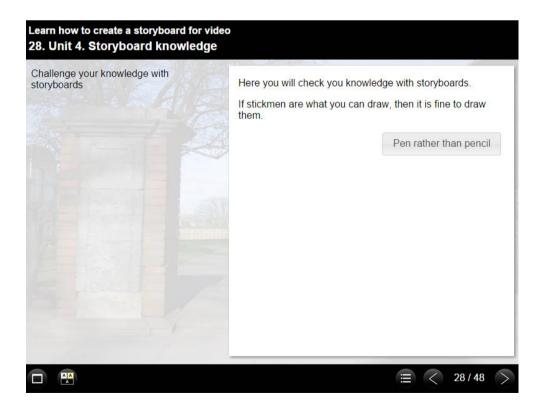


#### Interactivity > Button

Clicking on the button will reveal the text you have entered here.



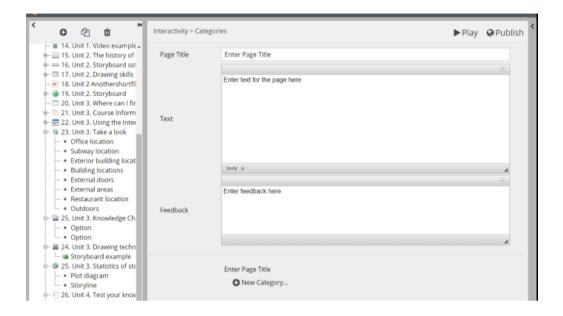
Example, clicking on Stickmen revealed the text and the next button to click on is revealed. Please see screenshot below.





## **Interactivity > Categories**

An interaction which allows the user to sort the answers in to a number of categories.



Enter the content and click on New Category.

Category is the question.

Item is the options to drag under the Category. For two columns, create two categories.

The result shows two question prompts in separate columns. Drag the answer under each column.

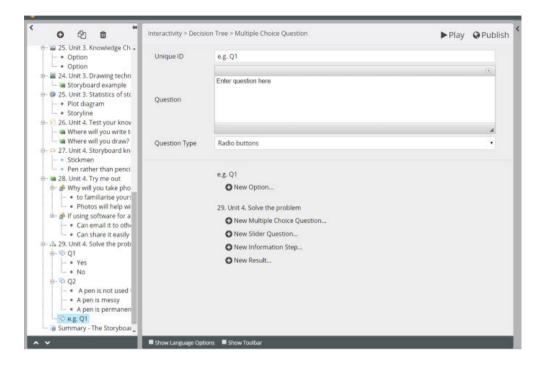




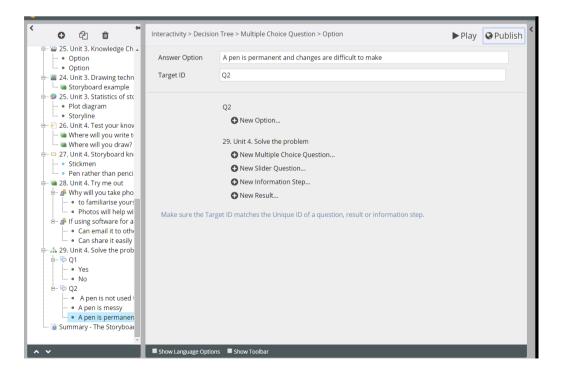
## Interactivity > Decision Tree

Find a solution to a problem by answering a series of questions.

When using this option, select your question type. The multiple-choice question has been used in the example below.

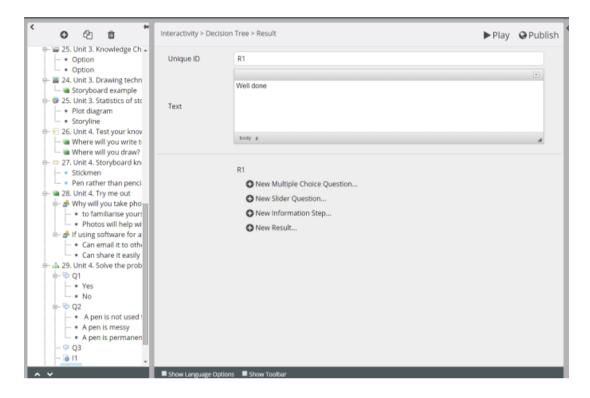


Change the Unique ID to Q1 for example. Key the answer in and link it to the next question by keying in the question ID, eg Q2 as Q2 is the next.

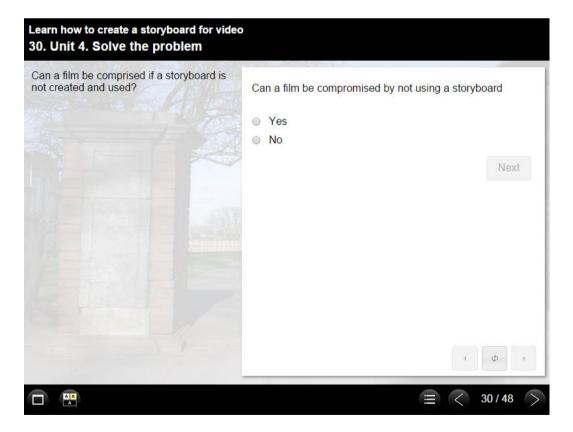




New Information Step..... make sure the ID entered is the next ID reference, to form a forward moving sequence.

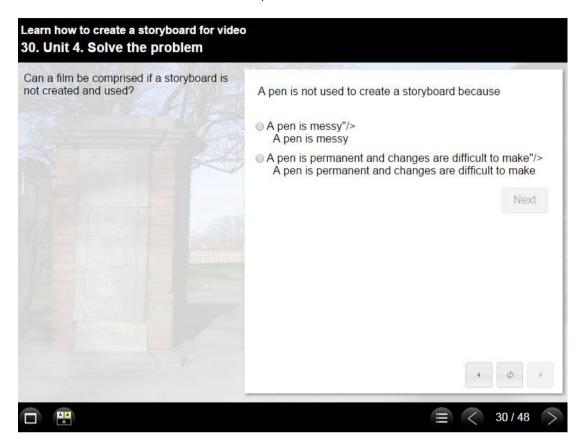


The result is as follows:

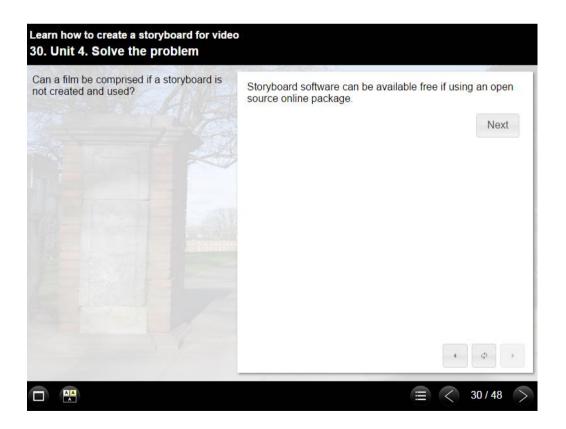




Answer YES or NO and click NEXT for the next question.

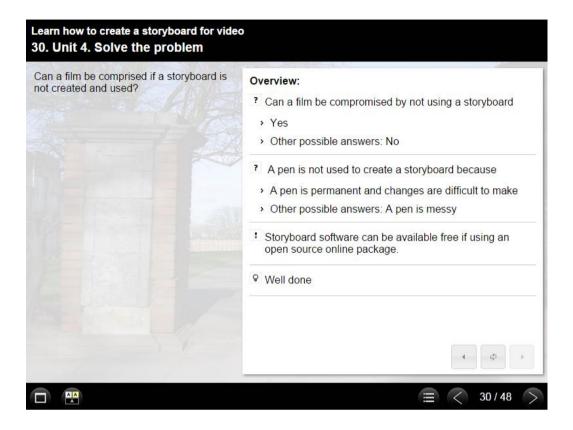


NEXT will reveal the next question (if you set it up like this).

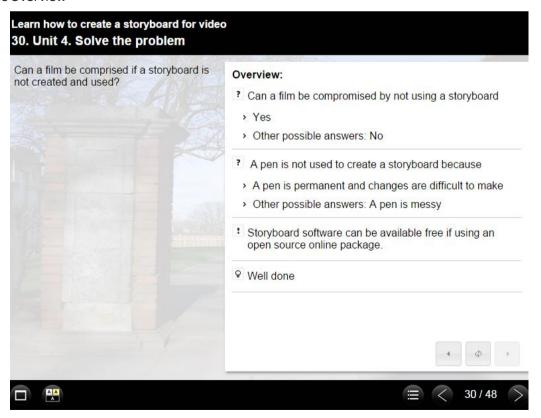




I1 is your result. Here you can show your feedback which you entered in RI template.



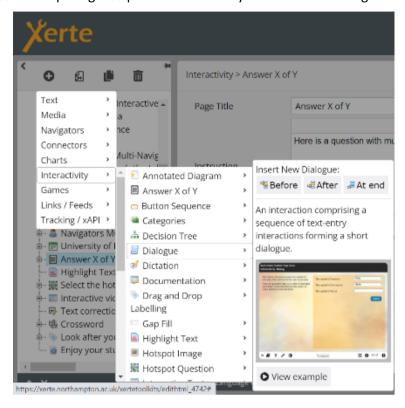
#### RI is the Overview



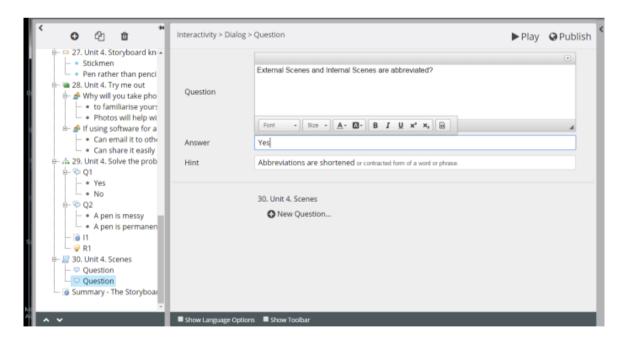


## Interactivity > Dialogue

An interaction comprising a sequence of text entry interactions forming a short dialog.



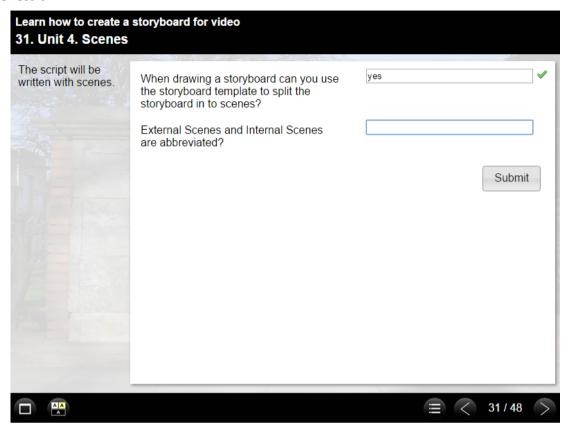
Enter your question, answer and hint text in the template. Make sure your answers are YES or NO.



The result on the Xerte e-learning platform is on the next page.



#### The result



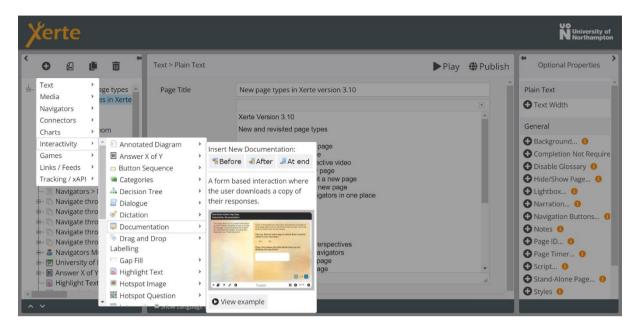
# Interactivity > Dictation



Refer to page 7 and 8 in the addendum guide Xerte 3.4 for instructions on how to create this page.



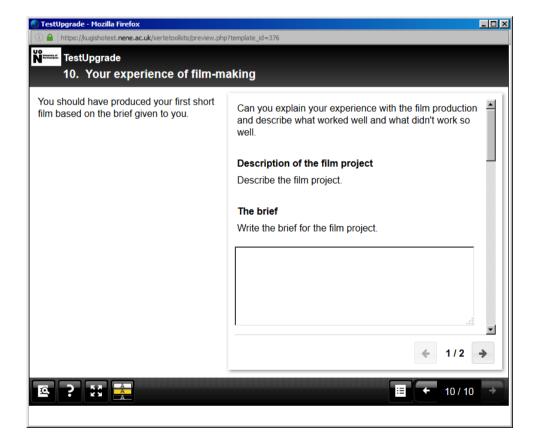
## **Interactivity > Documentation**



Screenshot above of the Xerte page type called Documentation, which is useful to provide end-users with an e-workbook, a reflection exercise etc.

Refer to page 11 to page 28 in the addendum guide Xerte 3.4 for instructions on how to create this page.

An example of how this page looks is below.

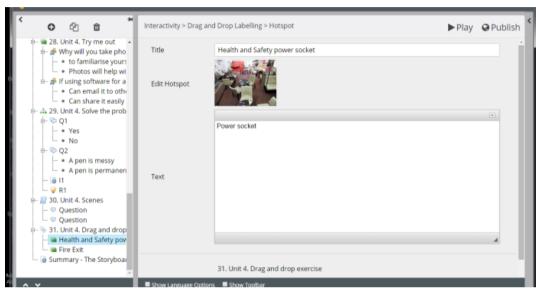




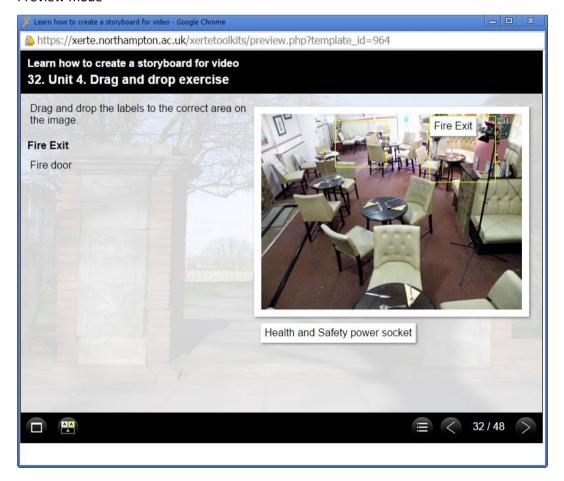
## Interactivity > Drag and Drop Labels

An interactive labelling exercise. Add an image, click on the image add the Hotspot, move the hotspot area. Below shows Health and Safety – socket and Fire Exit – Fire door. The labels need to be dragged to the correct spot on the image.

Edit screen



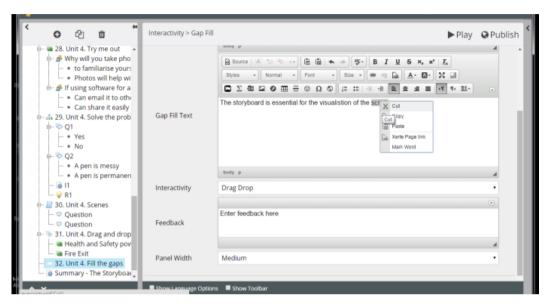
Preview mode



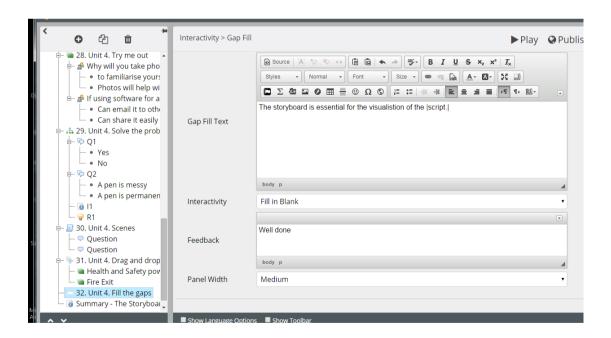


## Interactivity > Gap Fill

Enter interactive text here. To mark words for the exercise, select the word using the mouse and right-click, choosing 'mark word' from the menu.

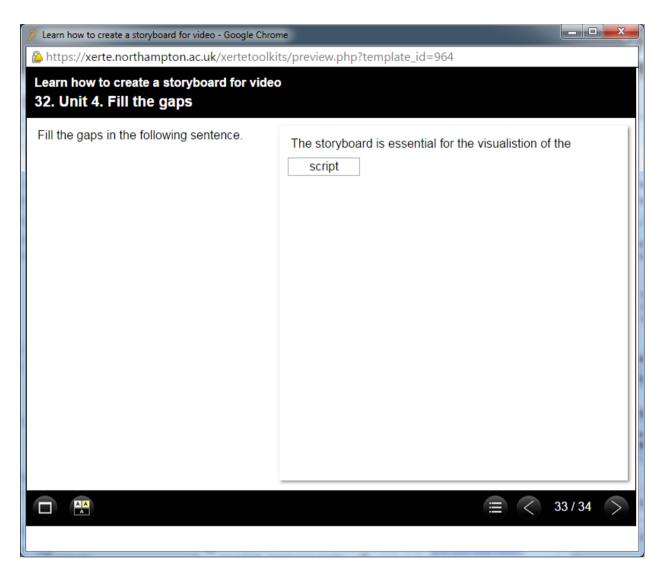


Make sure Fill in the Blank is selected and add feedback text if you want to provide it.





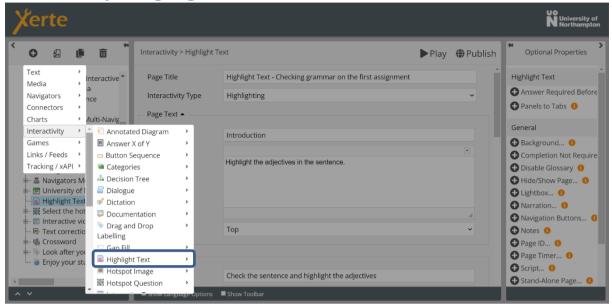
The result



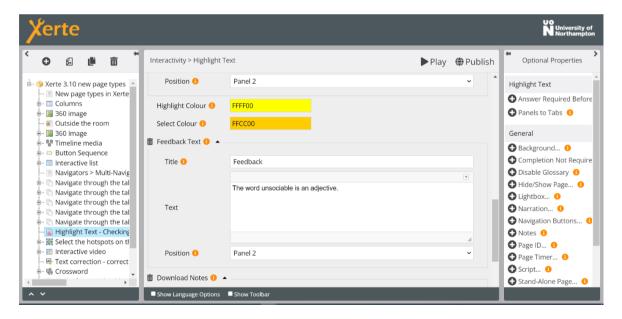
Note: When using fill the gap tell the user that the answer can either be 'YES' or 'NO' or 'True' or 'False' for example. Specify the text to be entered in the gap by writing this information on the screen.



## Interactivity > Highlight Text



Use this page to check end-users understanding, for example by asking end-users to highlight adjectives in a sentence. Scroll down the page to enter text in Panel 1 and Panel 2 and select settings. In this example the text available for highlighting is in Panel 1. The suggested text and feedback is in Panel 2. A screenshot of Panel 2 is shown below.

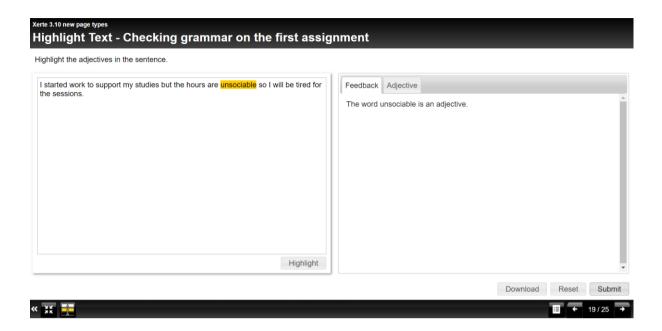


Scroll down the screen to see all the options. The screenshot below displays 'Allow Download' selected. That means that end-users can save their work in a Word document.





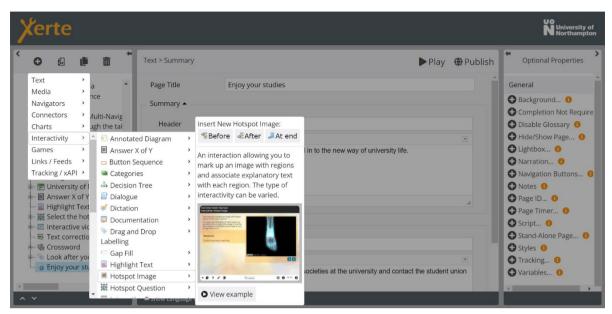
The Interactivity > Highlight text page looks like this





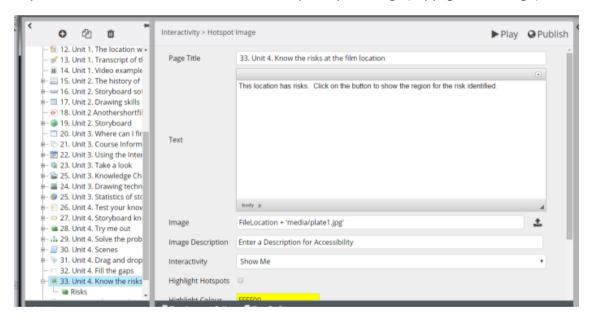
## Interactivity > Hotspot Image

Click on the plus icon, select Interactivity from the drop-down list and select Hotspot Image.

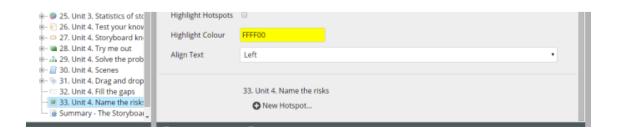


The Hotspot is used to mark up an image with regions and associate explanatory text with each region.

Key in the text to be shown on the screen and upload your image (copyright free image).

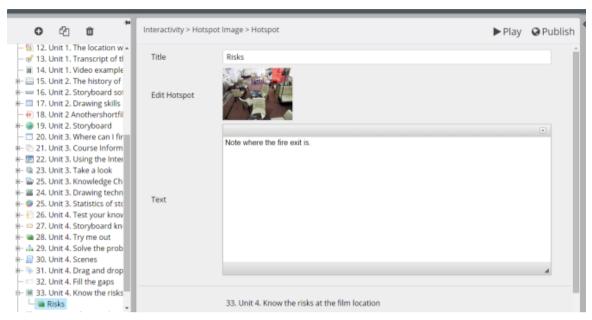


#### Click on New Hotspot





Key in a title and text.



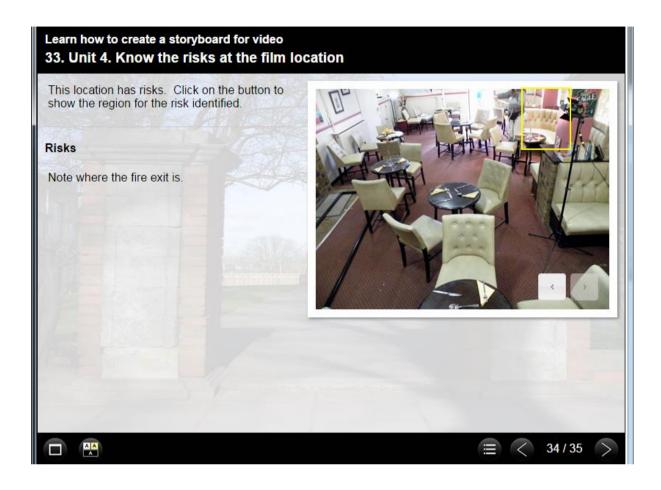
Click on the image to determine the area for the region. Click OK to confirm the region selection.



Press PUBLISH to Save and then PLAY to preview.



Preview – looks like this





# Interactivity > Interactive Text



Key in the text in the 'Interactive Text' area, making sure you include square brackets, asterisks and stars.

Eg. The [quick] [brown] #fox# \*jumped\* over the {lazy] #dog#

Set the 'Interactivity' to 'Find'

Then:

Click on 'New Group'

Interactivity > Interactive Text > Group

Assign a name, this example is 'Adjective'

Delimiter: I



Write a description – this example is 'Words that describe a noun or pronoun.

Examples include bright, purple and mechanical.

Highlight colour code for red is FF0000

**New Group** 

Name: Noun

Delimiter: #

Description: A naming word referring to, for example, a person, place or thing.

Examples include horse, family and sheep.

Highlight Colour: FFFF00

**New Group** 

Name: Verb

Delimiter: \*

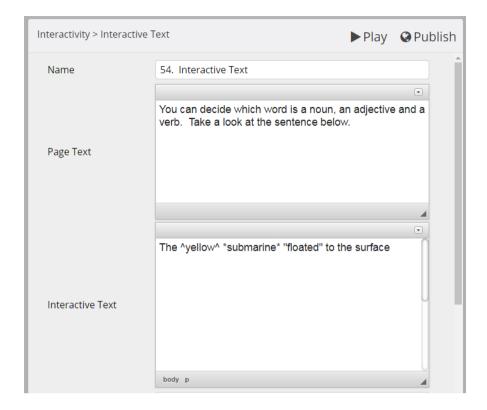
Description: A word describing an action, state or experience.

Examples include believe, hear and skipped

Highlight Colour: 0000FF



#### Exercise



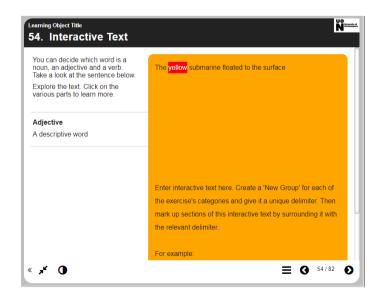
#### To set up

Enter interactive text here in the 'Interactive Text' area. Create a 'New Group' for each of the exercise's categories and give it a unique delimiter. Then mark up sections of this interactive text by surrounding it with the relevant delimiter.

### For example:

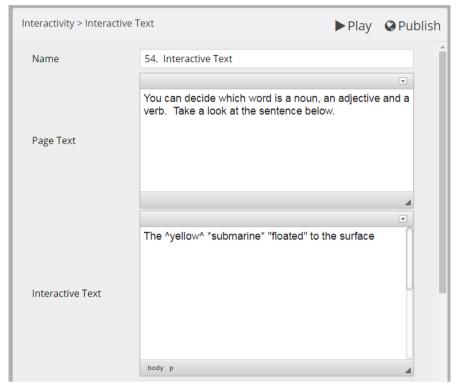
The |quick| |brown| #fox# \*jumped\* over the |lazy| #dog#

Where | are adjectives, \* are verbs and # are nouns.





#### Exercise 2



Interactivity > Interactive Text

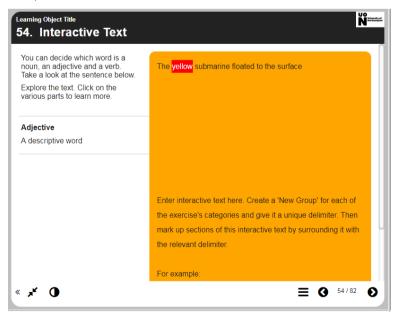
#### To set up

Enter interactive text here in the 'Interactive Text' area. Create a 'New Group' for each of the exercise's categories and give it a unique delimiter. Then mark up sections of this interactive text by surrounding it with the relevant delimiter.

#### For example:

The \*yellow\* 'submarine' "floated" to the surface.

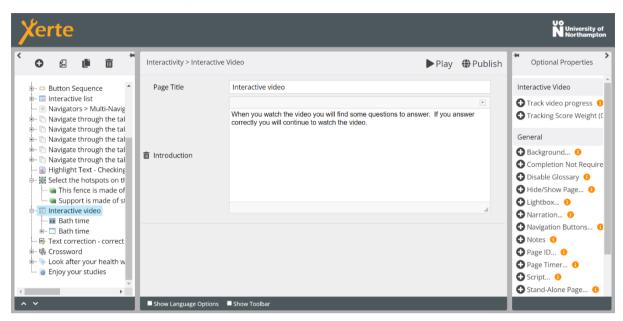
Where \* are adjectives, " are verbs and ' are nouns.





## Interactivity > video

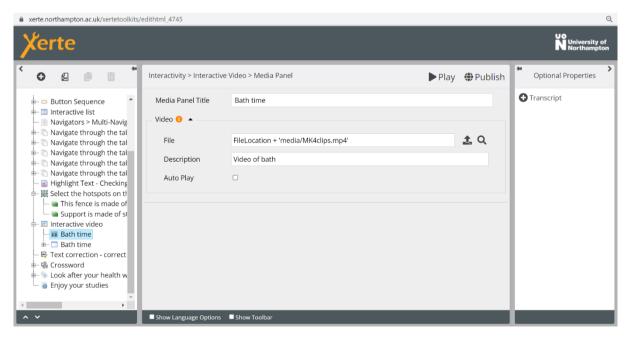
Play the video and pause for a multiple-choice question or for information displayed on the screen. Two panels will automatically be available. The first panel is for the video.



Select the first panel (the example has the Media Panel Title: Bath time) and upload the video by selecting the Media Upload icon.



In the Media Repository browse for the video (select the forth icon on the tool bar to search).

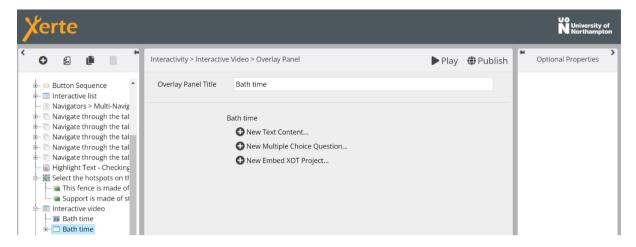


When you have uploaded the MP4 video the file will display. The screenshot below shows this.



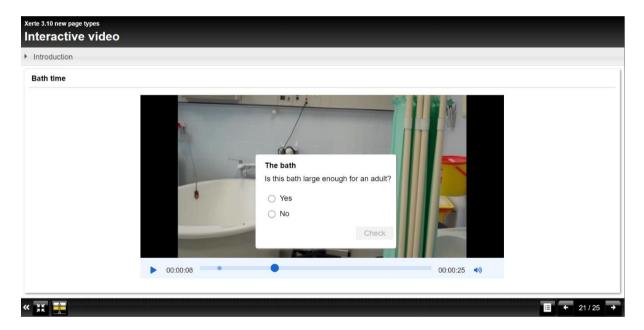
Tip: Do not select the Auto Play option.

In the second panel select the Overlay Panel and use the + New Multiple-Choice Question....



Set up the multiple-choice quiz. Play the Xerte to preview it.

The Interactive Video will look like this

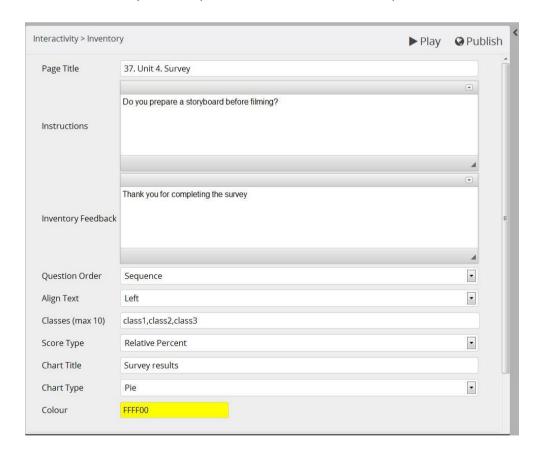




## **Interactivity > Inventory**



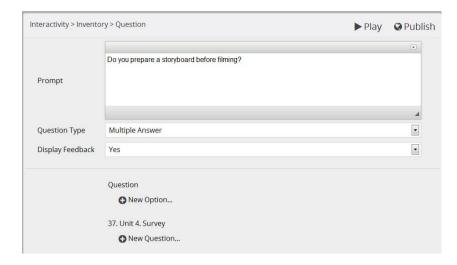
This can be used for a Survey for example. Enter the text in to the template.



Select a colour which will have obvious varying shades. You will need more than one question option.



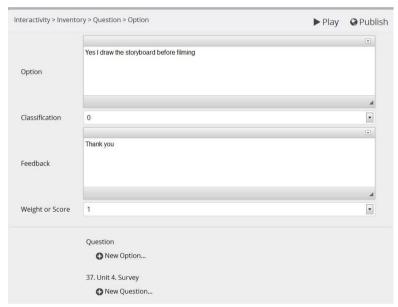
Enter your question and option



The classification uses 0,1,2 up to 9. This is: Class1, Class2, Class3 on the Interactivity>Inventory dialog box (shown on page 104).

Each class is shown using a different shade of the colour you chose to use. You can assign a name to the class.

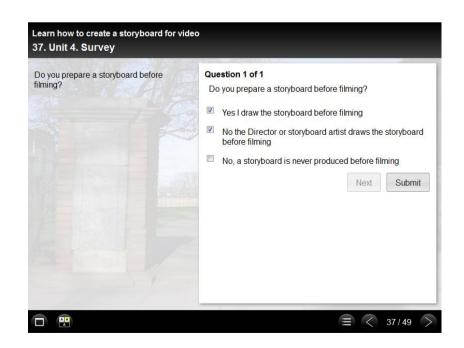
The Weight or Score acts as the percentage, eg 1,3,5.



Preview the e-learning.

Interactivity > Inventory will look like this.

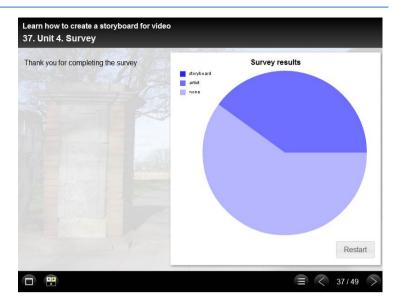
Remember to design it so that the user can tick several answers. Here 2 answers have a tick.





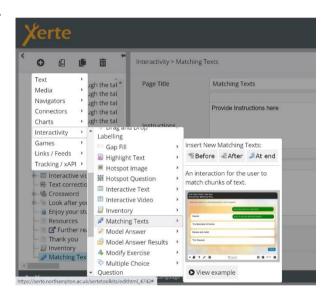
Interactivity > Inventory

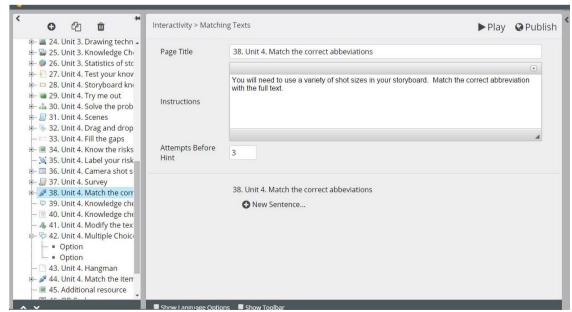
The Pie Chart shows a graphical result of the answers provided.



## **Interactivity > Matching Texts**

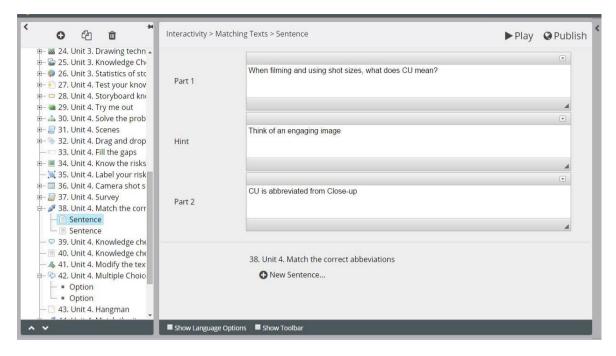
Key in your question in to the template.





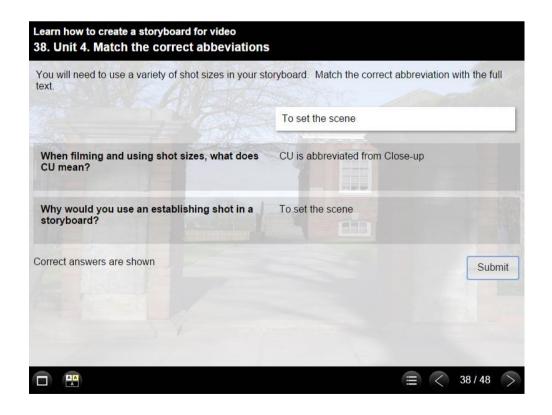


Click on New Sentence and type in your text.



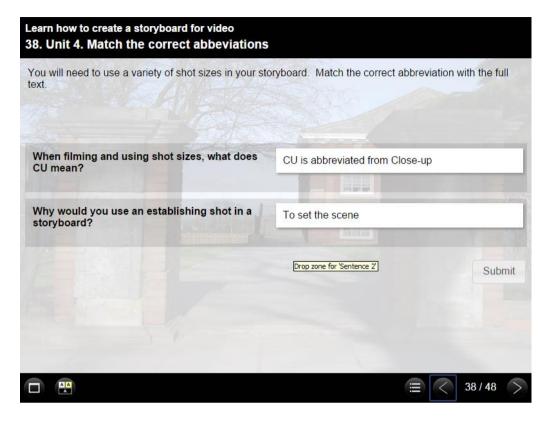
The result enables the user to drag and drop the correct answer alongside the question being asked. If the incorrect answer is given, the 'hint' will appear (if you have used a hint in setting up the question).

The hint prompts are shown below.

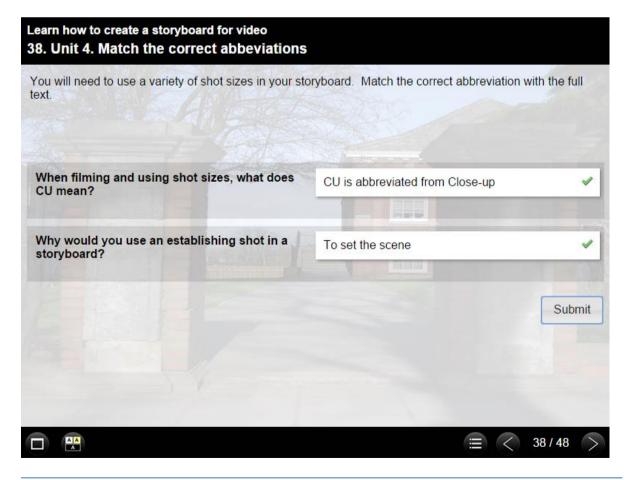




Ticks will appear if the questions have been answered correctly.



Click on Submit to reveal the answer.

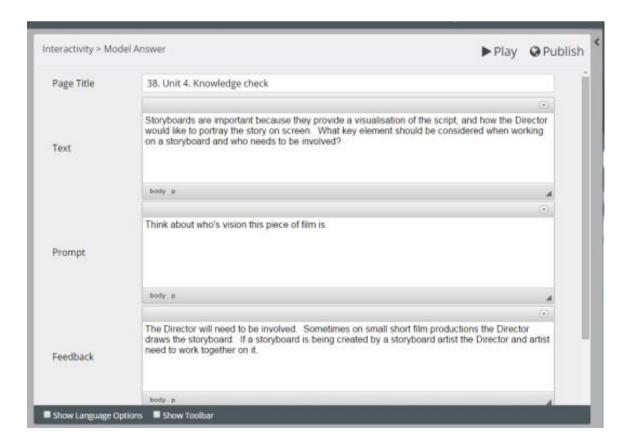




## Interactivity > Model Answer

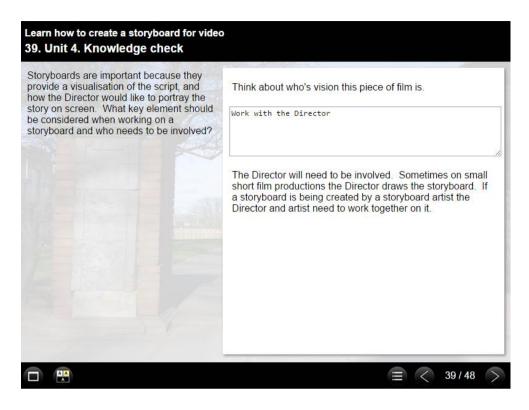


Add your text to the template. Click on PUBLISH and PLAY to preview your page.

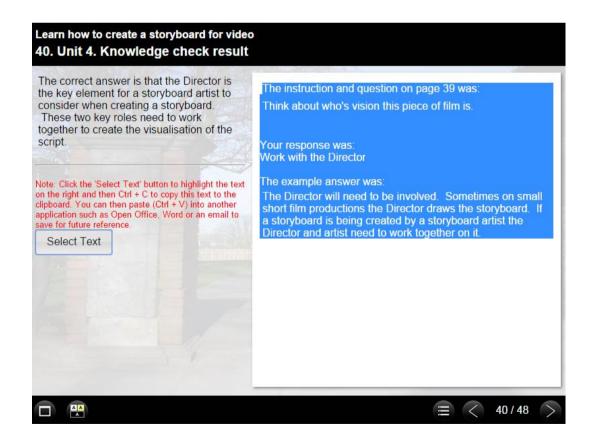




### Interactivity > Model Answer



Click on the next forward button to reveal content which can be copied and pasted.

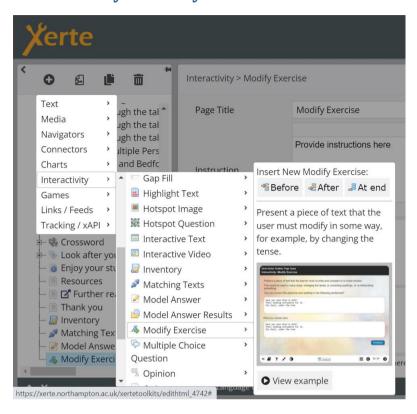




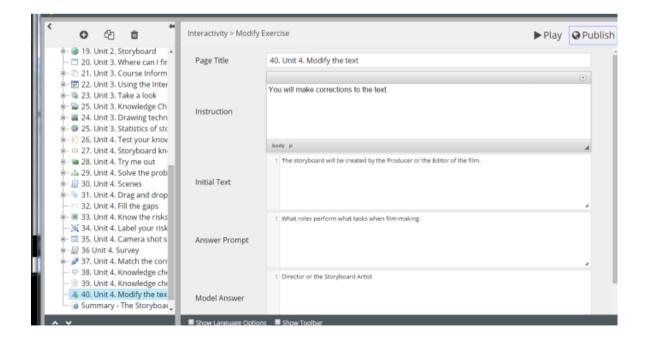
# Notes page



### Interactivity > Modify Exercise

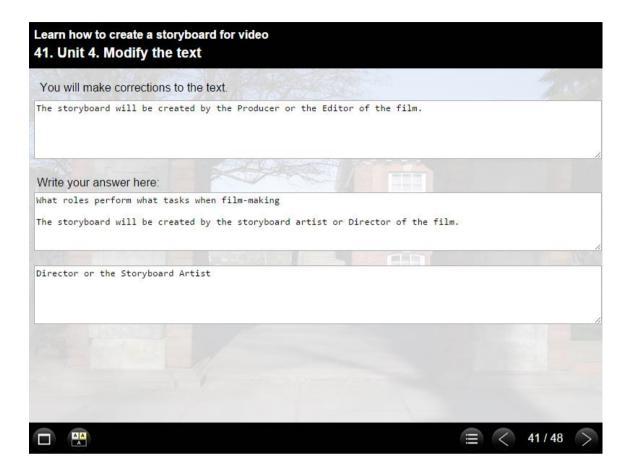


Enter the Page title, Instruction text, Initial Text, Answer Prompt and Model Answer in the template, as shown below.



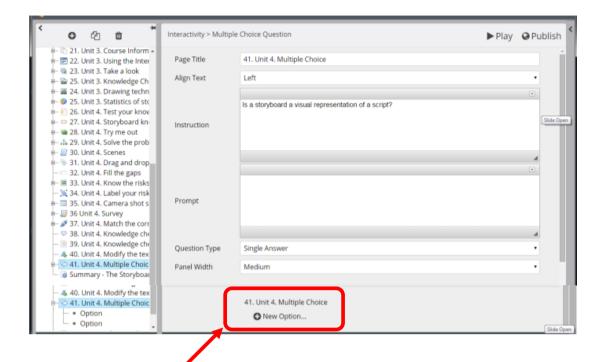


The result will show like this.

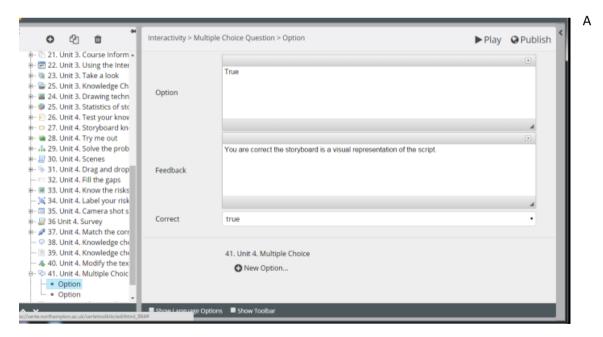




## Interactivity > Multiple choice



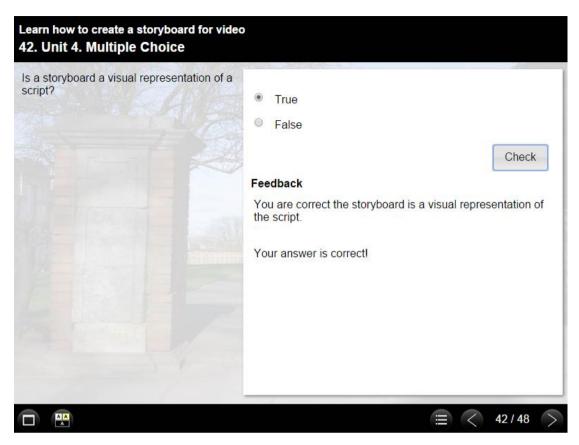
Click on New option and key in your text. Please see the example below.



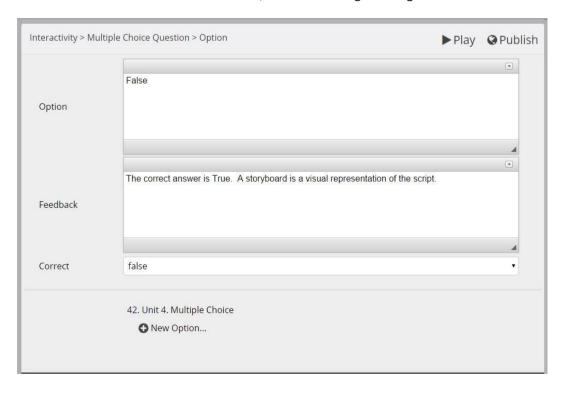
Screenshot showing page type 'Interactivity > Multiple Choice' edit window.



Multiple choice will show like this example below. Another option of False is shown here.



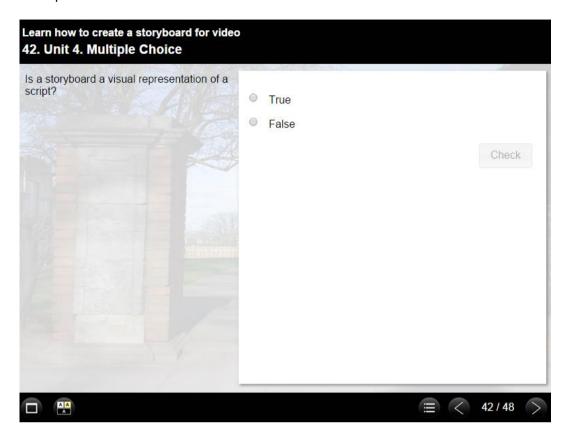
You can add another option to the multiple choice. In the example below, the option of false has been added. If false is selected the feedback will tell the user that the answer is not correct, and the feedback will tell the user the correct answer, thus reinforcing learning.



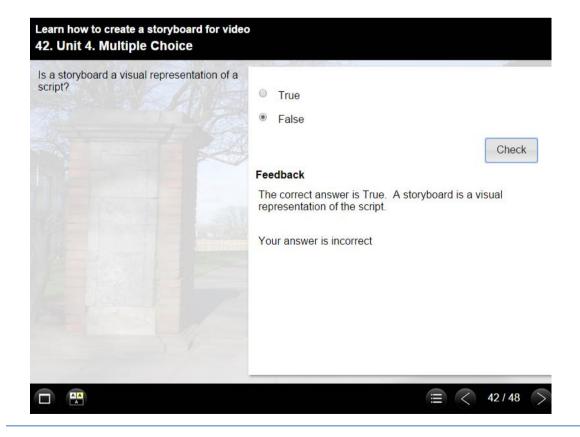
Click on PUBLISH to Save and PLAY to preview.



The example below shows how this will look.



When the user selects False and clicks on Check, the feedback is provided to them. As example is shown below. It is important to reinforce the correct answer by providing it to them.



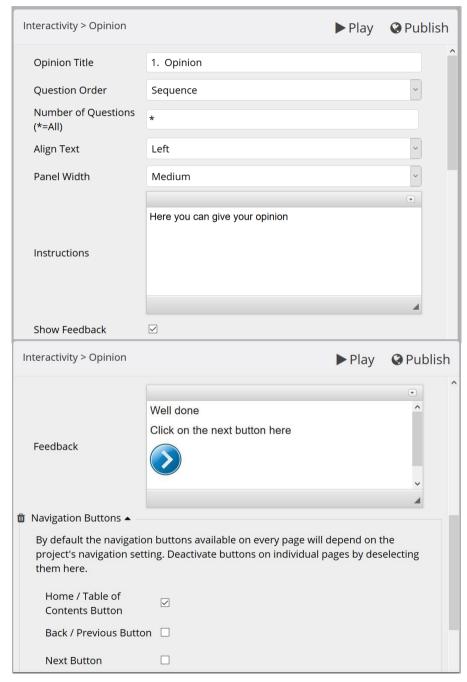


### Interactivity > Opinion Page type

Setting up an Opinion Page

Create an 'opinion' via a series of questions that can be answered via slider or radio button interactions. Each question can be either radio buttons or a slider and each slider can have different labels/configurations. The questions can be shown all on one page or with for example 3 questions per page.

Step 1



Note: In this exercise we de-select the Back/ Previous Button and Next Button as the intention is for the user to complete the activity before being able to move forward to the next page in the e-learning package. An arrow image has been added to the feedback area and Xerte page link set up.



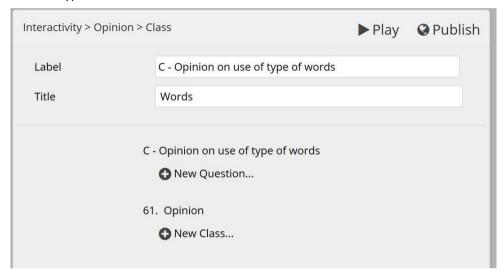
#### Step 2 Click on + New Class



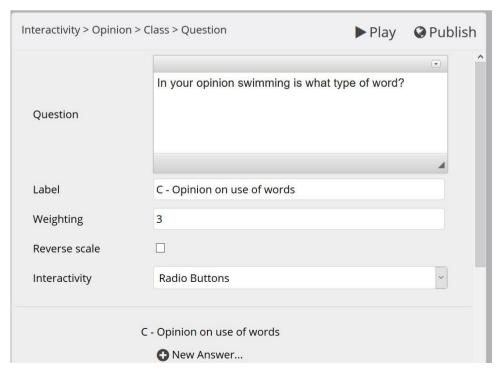
Step 3

On the screen presented to you (as shown below) you will add the label and Title.

Tip: Leave 'C –' in the Label area and add your text. The example below shows the text added 'Opinion on use of type of words'.

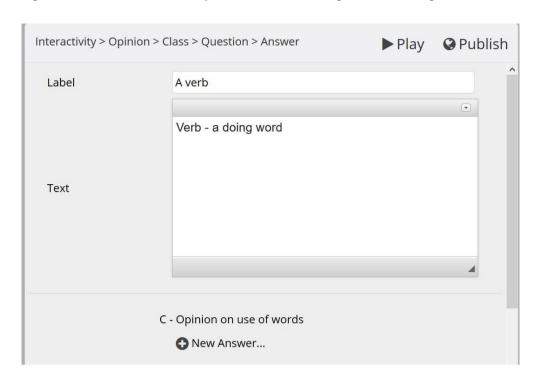


Step 4 Click on + New Question and key in your question. Add a Label (which includes the 'C -' and give this question a weighting. Refer to the screenshot below.

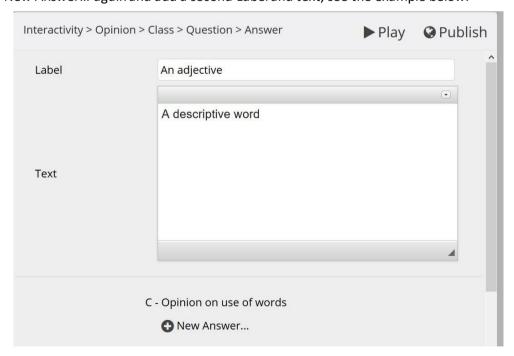




Click on the + New Answer... option (as shown on the previous screenshot on page 114). Key in your Label heading, in this case 'A verb' and key in the answer text, eg 'Verb – a doing word'.



Click on + New Answer... again and add a second Label and text, see the example below.



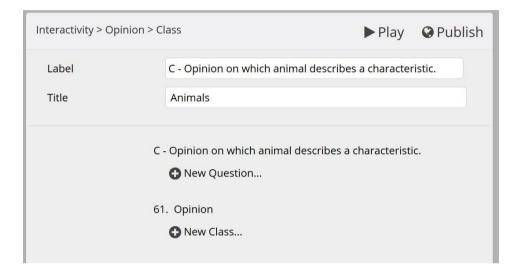
Now you are ready to add a second class.



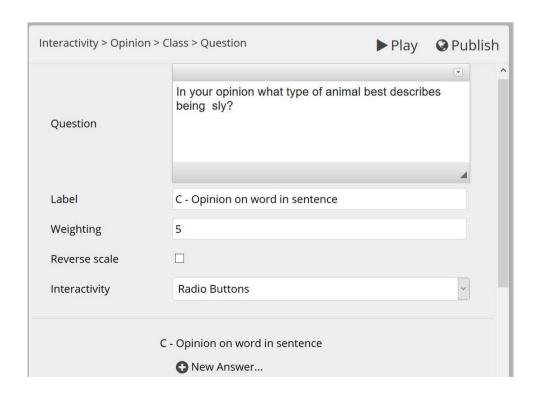
Click on + New Class



Step 7
Key in your Label making sure that 'C -' precedes the opinion text you write. See below.



Step 8 Click on + New Question and enter your question text, as displayed in the screenshot below. Add the Label with the 'C-' and give the weighting for this opinion.

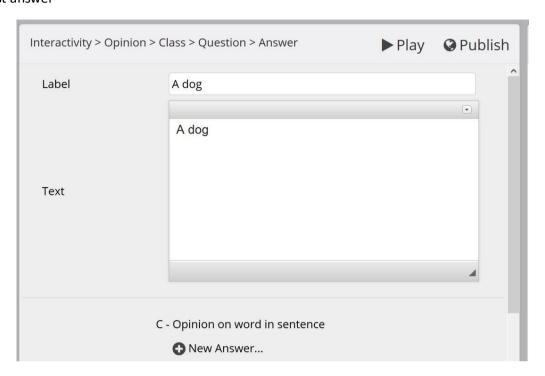




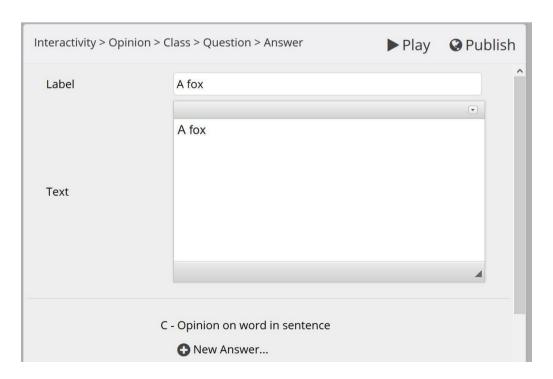
#### Click on + New Answer

Add your Label answer and the text to display. An example of 2 answers is shown below.

#### First answer



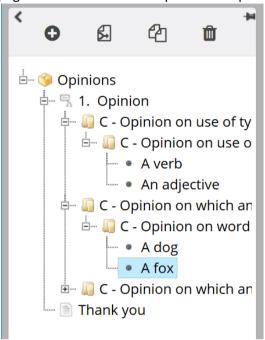
#### Second answer





Now you are ready to add your third opinion and you will repeat the steps you have previously done.

Take a look at the left side of the screen and you will see the hierarchy of the Opinion Page. Note that in the example below a third opinion is already added. There is also a 'Thank you' page which has been added to the Xerte using Text > Plain Text page type and the 'NEXT' button you manually add will go to that page after the user has completed the Opinion activity.

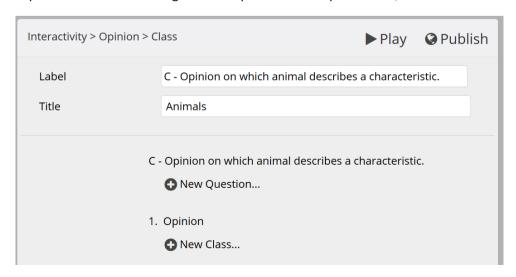


Step 10

Click on the + New Class option

1. Opinion	
• New Class	

This example shows a Label making sure 'C -' precedes the opinion text, and a Title.





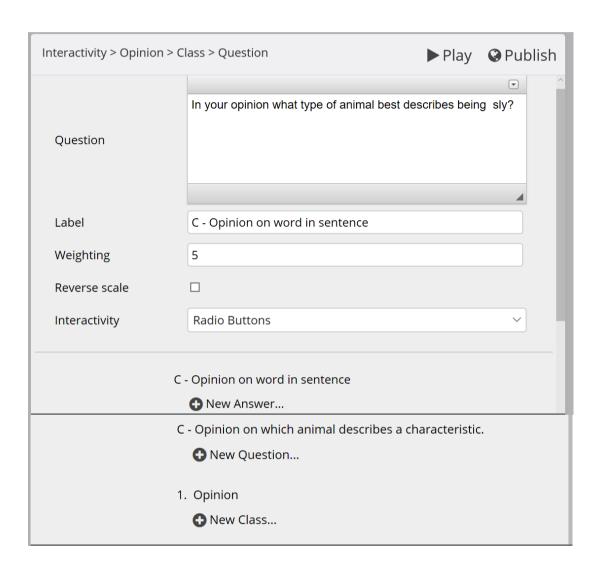
Click on + New Question...

#### Step 11

Having clicked on + New Question, you can now enter your third opinion question.

Key in the label text which includes the (C-'), and enter a weighting.

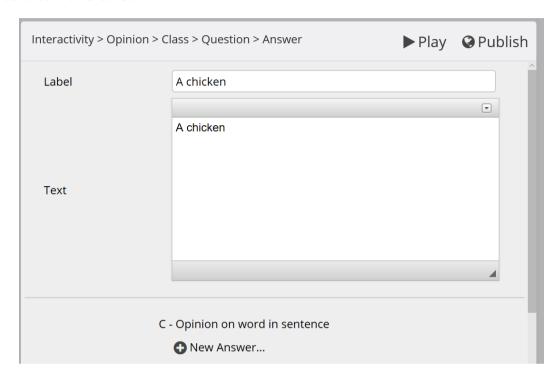
You can select the Interactivity from two options, 'Radio Buttons' or 'Slider'.



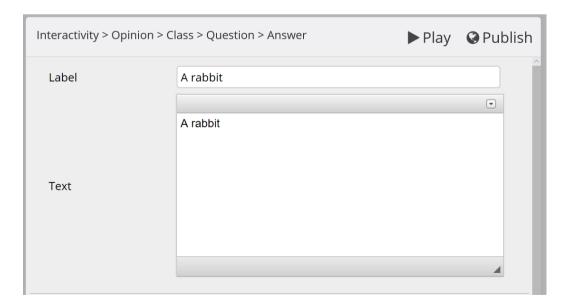
Then click on + New Answer...



Having clicked on + New Answer... you will see the screen below where you enter the answer in the Label area and Text area.



Finally click on +New Answer... and enter the second answer in the Label and Text area.



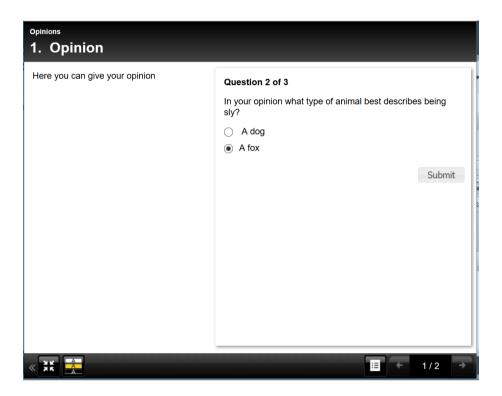


Press 'Publish' to save the Xerte Learning Object.

The result

To preview the Xerte Learning Object press the 'Play' button found to the left of the 'Publish' button.

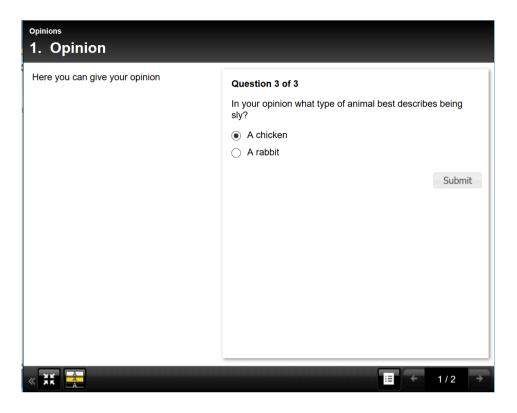
Note: The Opinion Page does not play using 'Edge' browser. Use Firefox, Safari or Chrome.



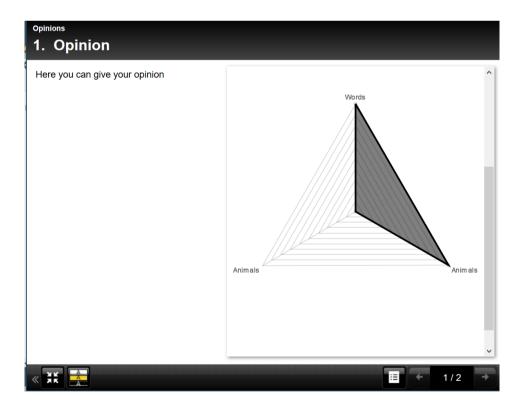
The user can make an opinion and check the box against the option they agree with.



The user can then select the third opinion option of their choice.



Note: It is the 'Weight' that you give to the opinion when you set this page type up which will determine the outcome.



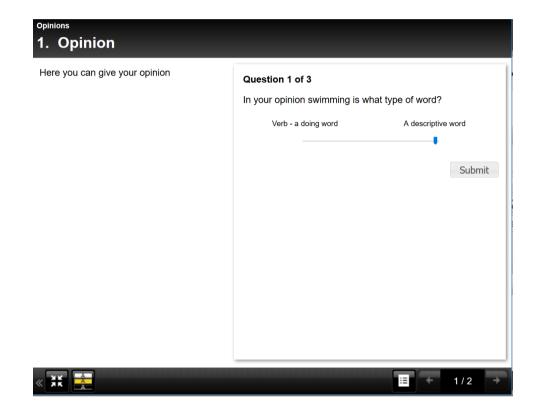


Tip: This exercise uses opinions about animals and contains three Class Titles. Two of the Class Titles are the same and called 'Animal' and this is permitted. The other Class Title is called 'Word'.

The final diagram will show the contrast

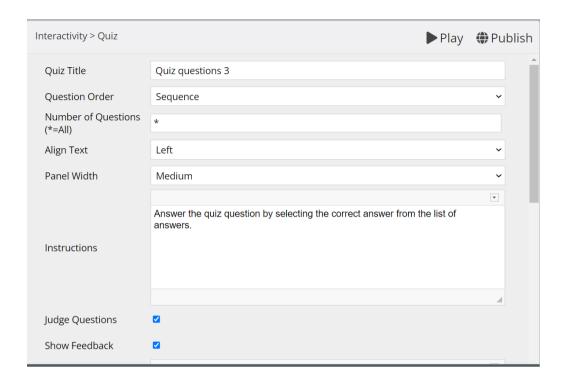
Appearance of the Opinion Page Type in play mode.

If you set your Opinion page up using the 'Slider' option the result will display as shown in the screenshot below.

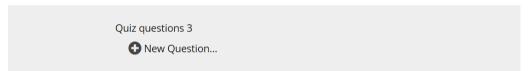




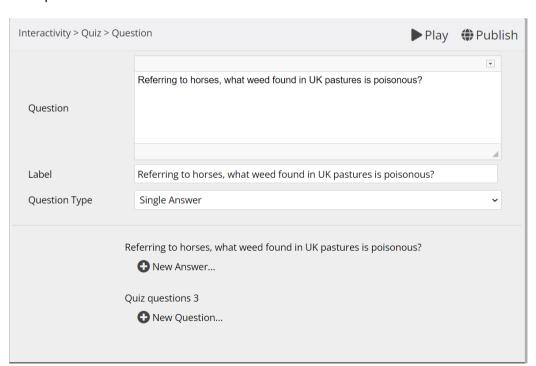
# Interactivity > Quiz



Scroll down the screen and select +New Question...

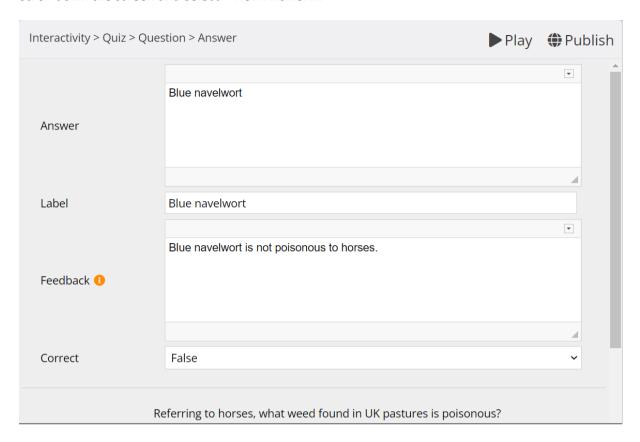


#### New question

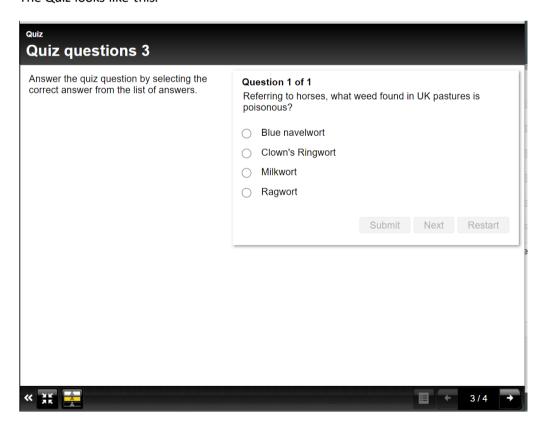




Scroll down the screen and Select + New Answer....

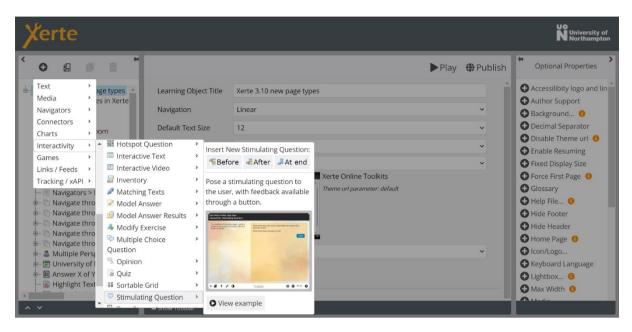


The Quiz looks like this.

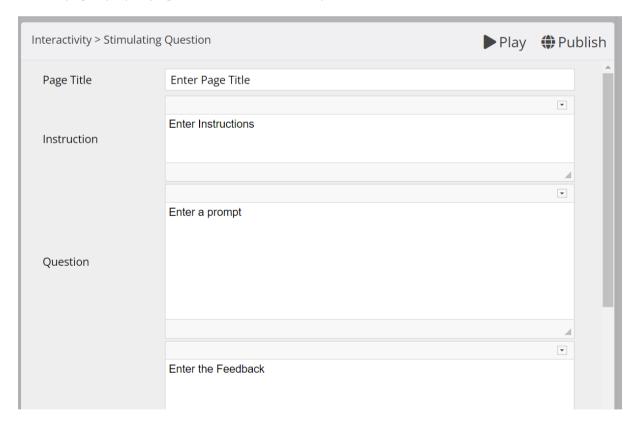




### **Interactivity > Stimulating question**

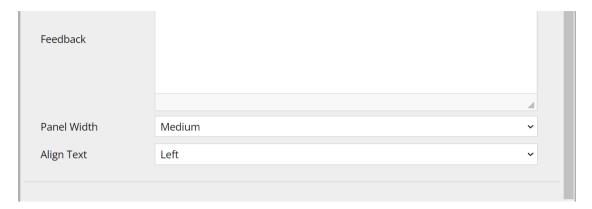


Set this page up by keying in the title, instruction, question, feedback and

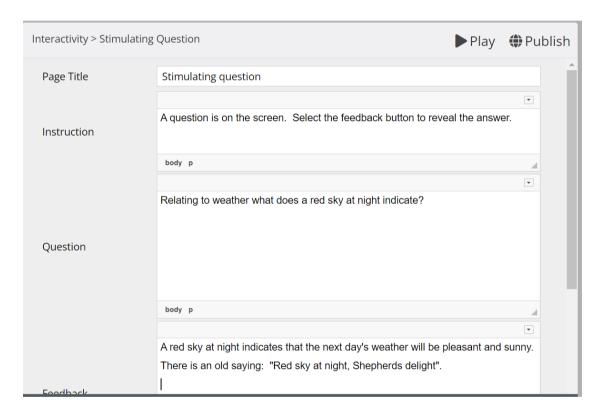




Key in the feedback and choose the panel with and text alignment.

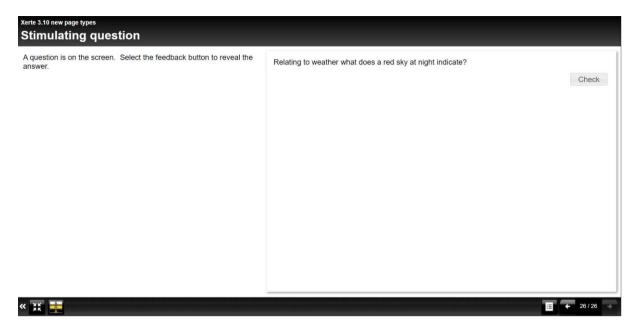


An example below, with the Stimulating Question page populated with a question and feedback.



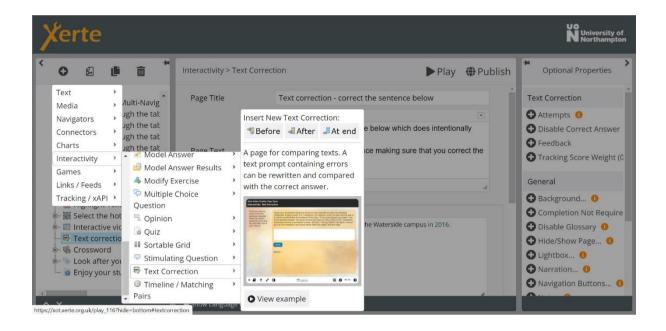


This page will look like this.

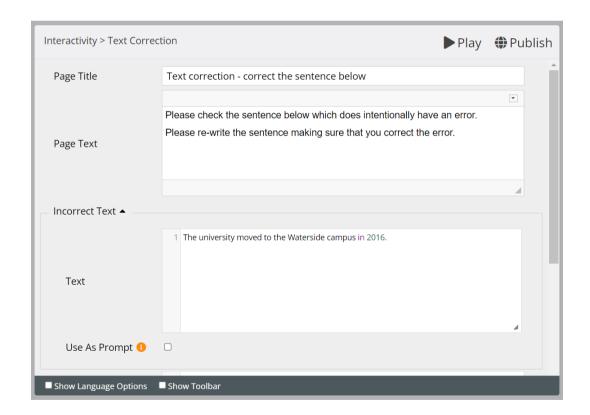




# **Interactivity > Text Correction**



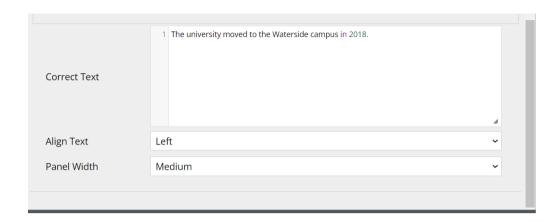
Key in the title and page text which can be instructions for example.



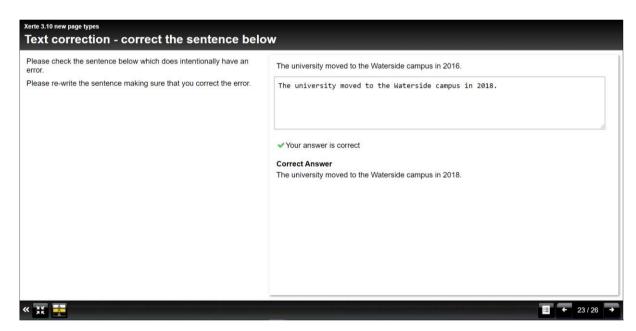


Xerte edit screen for Interactivity Text Correction page

The correct text is keyed in and the end-user will need to key in punctuation to get the correct result.

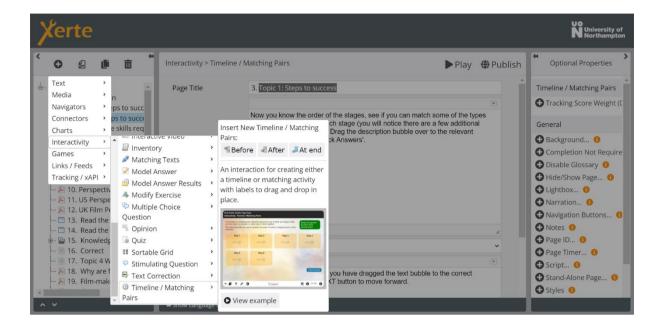


This is how the Interactivity > Text Correction page



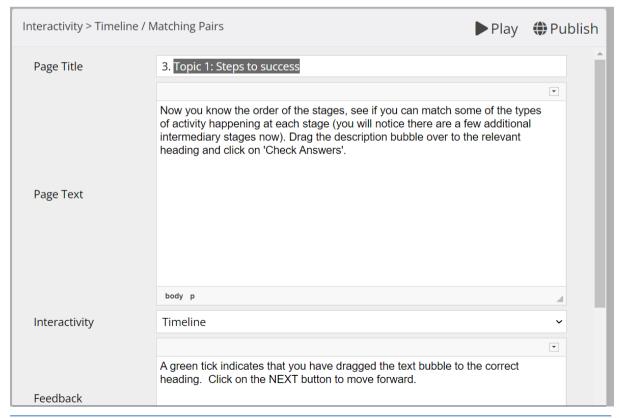


### **Interactivity > Timeline / Matching**



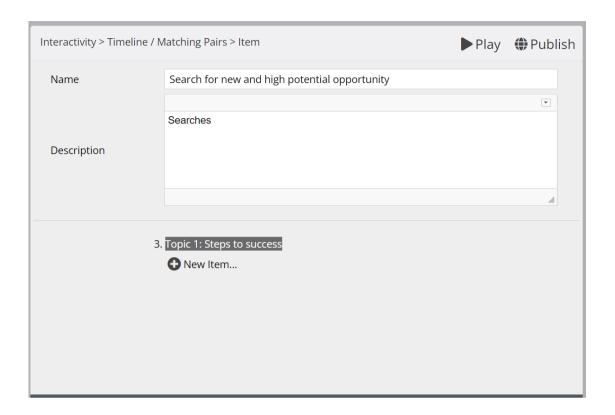
Use this page type to prompt an end-user to think about the order of steps in a process, or the correct sequence of tasks.

Screenshot of the edit page below.

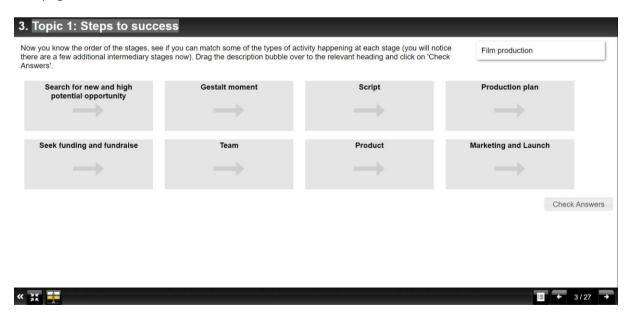




Scroll down the screen and select New Item... The screen below will display.



This page looks like this.



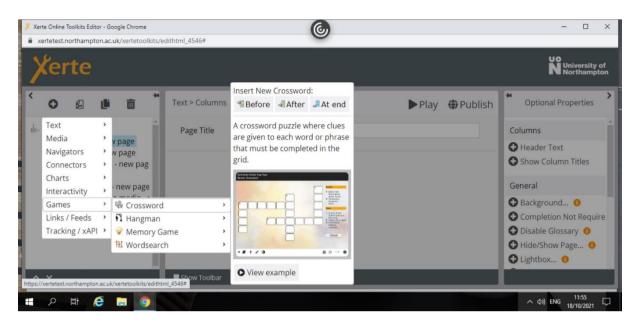


# Notes page

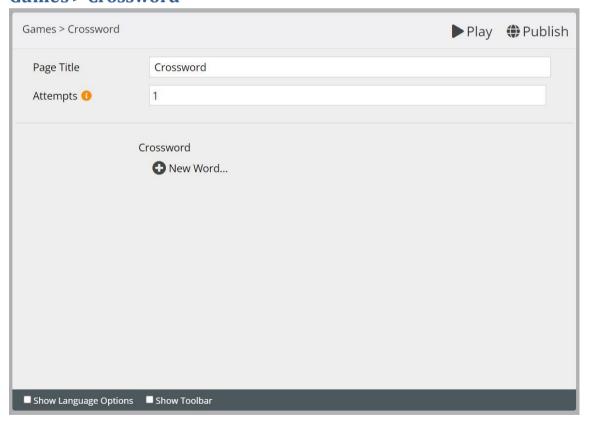


#### **Games**

#### Crossword



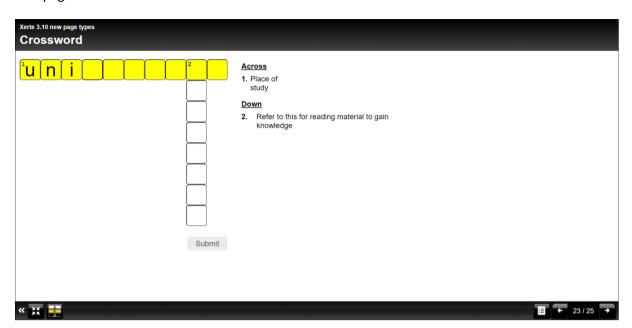
#### Games > Crossword



Screenshot of the Games Crossword page type edit screen. Key in a title and determine how many attempts the end-user will have.



This page looks like this.

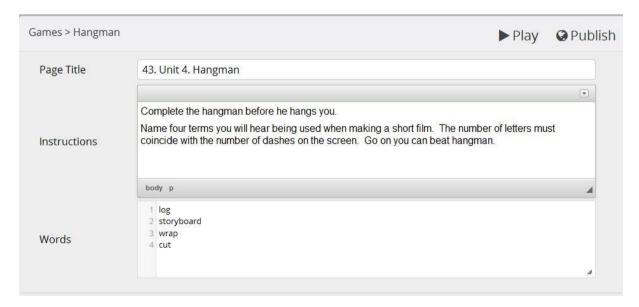




# **Games > Hangman**



Think about how would like to use 'Hangman' as a tool.





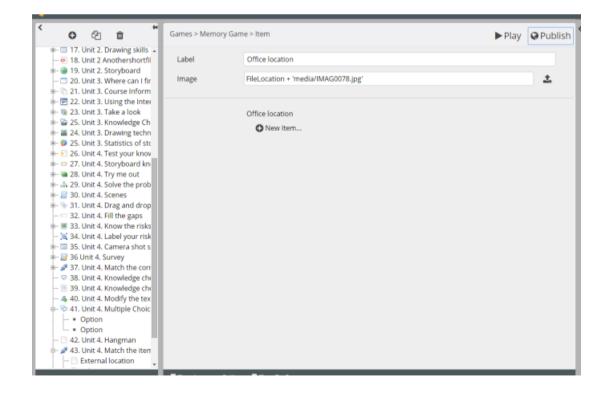
#### Games > Hangman

As you key in the text for the answer a graphical image of hangman will show. Try to beat the hangman.



### **Games > Memory Game**

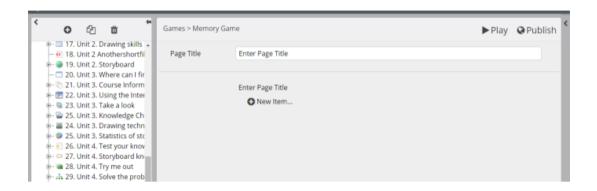
Create pairs of images and text for the user to match.





#### Games > Memory Games

Key in the page title and add as many New items as you need.



The screenshot below shows how this tool is shown on Xerte. The images and text are hidden behind the card. When the user clicks on the card, the text or image is revealed. The user needs to drag the card with the image to the card with the matching text.

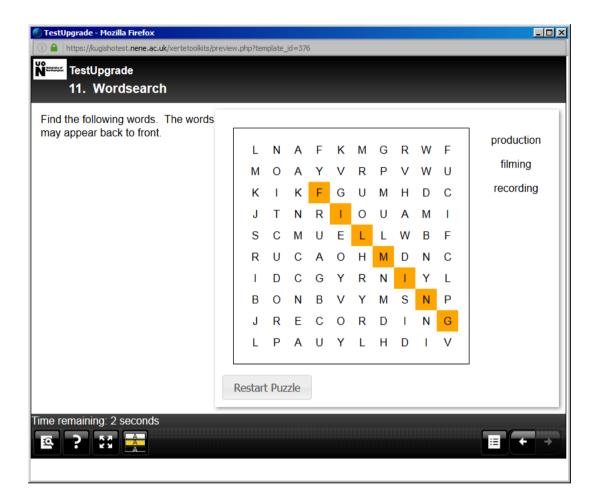




#### **Games > Wordsearch**

Instructions on how to use the Wordsearch page type are found in a separate user guide entitled Addendum Xerte 3.4 on page 29 and 30.

The Wordsearch page looks like this.



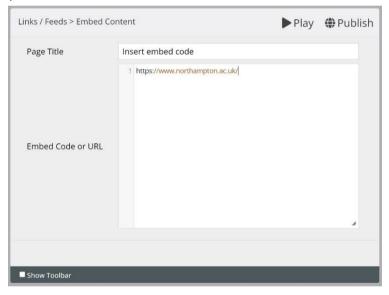


### Links / Feeds > Embed code

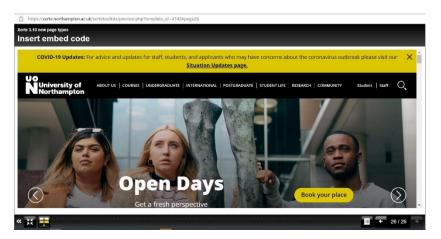
This will enable you to add a URL link or share embed code to a website or to a video.



Simple key in the URL or paste the share code in the content area, PUBLISH to save and PLAY to see your result.



The result is shown below

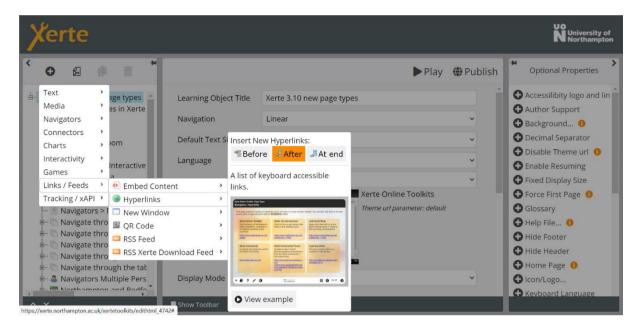


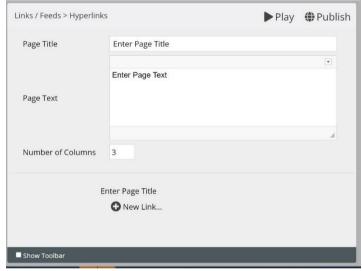
Be aware of pop-up blocker and unblock your browser.

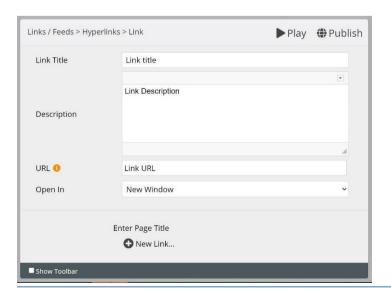


## Links / Feeds > Hyperlinks

Give the page a title and page text, choose the number of columns and click on +New link...

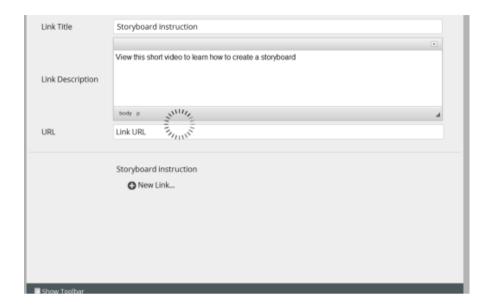




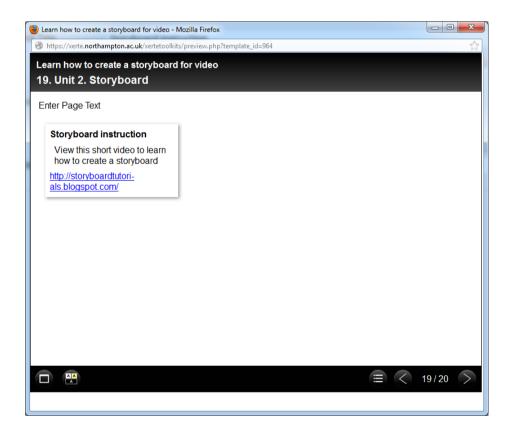




Add a URL path name to link to a website or video or file. Key in the Link URL where prompted.



The page will look like this.

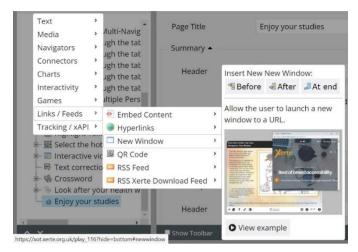


Be aware of Copyright issues and do not embed your video unless you have permissions. You can link to a video, eg on YouTube but not embed if you don't have permissions.

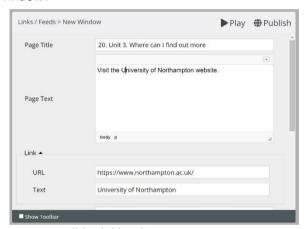


# Links / Feeds > New Window

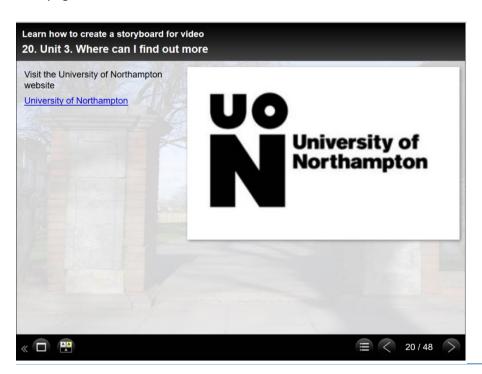
Allow Xerte to launch a new Window or Lightbox to launch the URL.



Enter the text and URL path and PUBLISH to save. You can select to display in Lightbox or New Window.



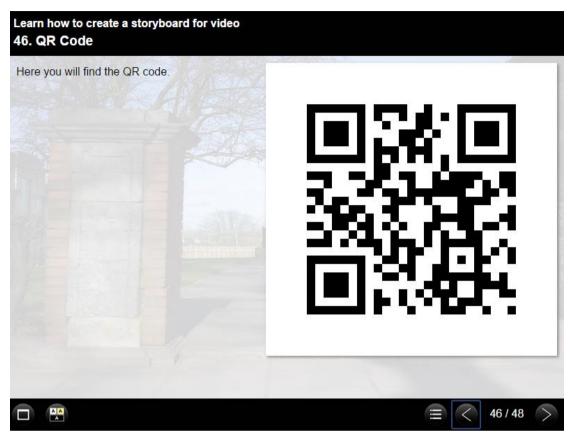
Your page will look like this.



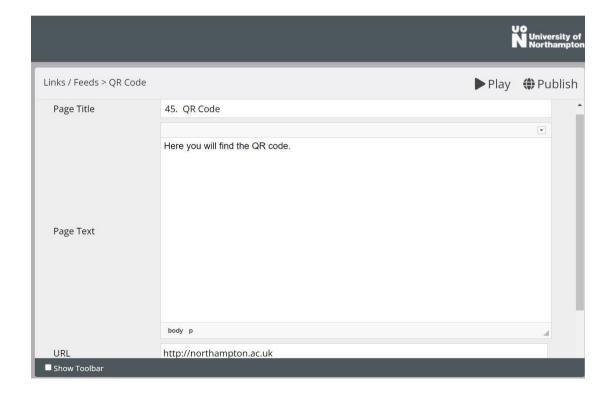


## Links / Feeds > QR code

The result for the University of Northampton is shown below as a QR code.



Links / Feeds > QR code





## Tracking/xAPI

## Tracking/xAPI > Results page

The Results page is very useful for the end-user as it provides a downloadable PDF result page of the activities taken in the Xerte.



If you include a **Results** page in your Xerte, this should be the last page.

The Results page can be personalised so that the name of the user displays on the PDF document. To set up an option for the person taking the e-learning to enter their name, make sure you are in Edit mode in Xerte, then click on the **Results** page found in the list of pages on the left which you have already added to the Xerte. Then select **'Optional Properties'** pane on right side of screen and select the option to **'Ask user name'**.



Tip: If there are pages after the **Results** page you need to add an **Optional Property** (from the list of options on the right side of the screen in the panel) called **'Completion not required'**.

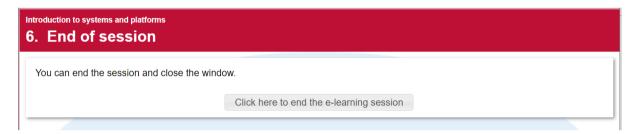


## Tracking/xAPI > Stop Tracking

The Stop Tracking page is **only** used when you have a **graded/marked** Xerte. It is always positioned as the last page in the Xerte. When the end-user has completed the Xerte e-learning, the final page will have a button prompt displayed on the screen to 'Stop and finish tracking of this session'.

## Stop and finish tracking of this session

This informs the grade centre that the Xerte is completed. The label name of the button can be changed to something more meaningful for the end-user, using the 'Language' option (tick the Language option on the Xerte edit screen). Therefore, you can change the text on the message to say, for example: 'Click here to end the e-learning session'. See screenshot below for an example.



Screenshot above of the Stop Tracking function displayed on an Xerte final page using this feature in Xerte. The text on the label message has been changed by the creator of the Xerte to provide a more meaningful message.

After the end-user has selected the message button (above) another message will appear automatically on the screen with the instruction: 'You can now close the window'.



Screenshot of the Stop Tracking message displayed on the screen as default informing the end-user to close the window. This message cannot be changed/customised by the creator.



Note: Stop Tracking is used for **graded** Xerte e-learning only.

You only need to include and use the page type 'Stop Tracking' found under Tracking/xAPI category if you are having issues with 'completion' tracking with SCORM. You would normally add this stop tracking page as the very last page of your resource.

Note: We do **not** use Xerte for graded content at the University of Northampton

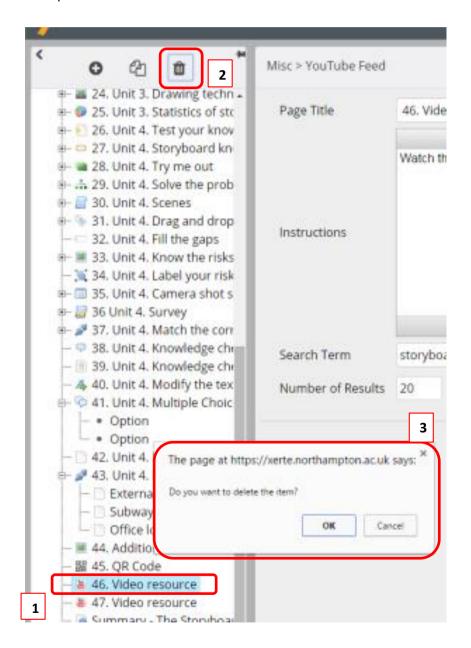


## Changing menu items

You can easily change menu items you have created. Click on the menu item on the list on the left so that it is highlighted. The template will be shown on the screen. Here you can edit the text and make your changes. Click PUBLISH to Save and PLAY to preview your changes.

## **Deleting menu items**

To delete a menu item from the left menu list, click on the item to select it. With the item highlighted, click on the bin icon. A dialog box will prompt you to make sure you would like to delete the item. Refer to point 1 to 3 on the screenshot below.

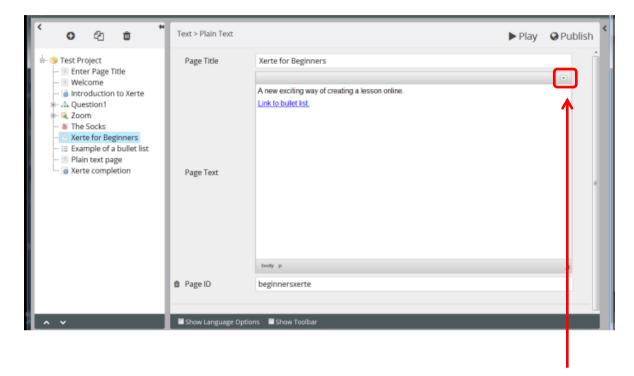




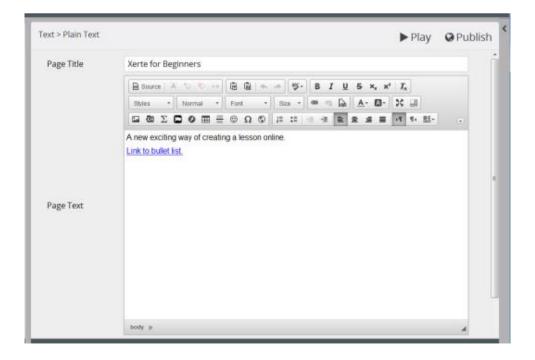
## Linking to items within a page

To link to a Word document or to another item within your current page follow the steps below.

Open the page where you would like to place the link.



Reveal the edit options by clicking on the 'Expand Toolbar' arrow situated towards the top right of the text edit area.

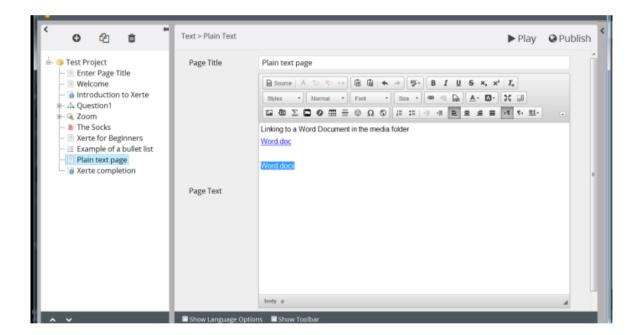




Hover the mouse over the icons. You can use the options available to change the text, add links, add an image, embed an image (be aware of copyright), use Maths, add a table and use many more features.



Use the Link icon less to link to documents, websites and other pages. When you click on the icon a dialog box will prompt you to enter the URL or Browse Server. First, write the word in the text editor area and highlight it.



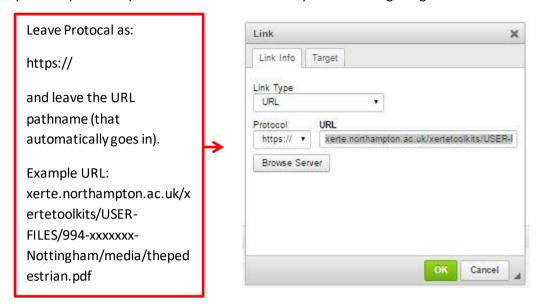
Click on the Link icon.

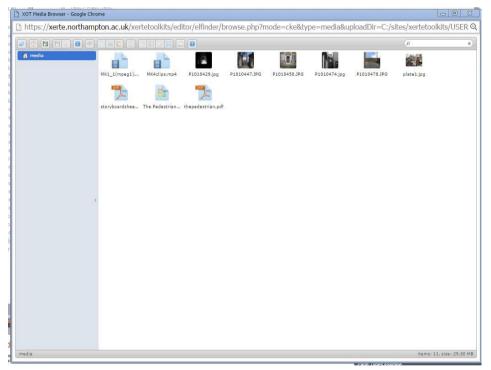
If you are linking to a website for example, key in the URL path and click on the Target Tab and change to 'Pop-Up window'.

If you are linking to a file, eg a PDF or a Word file follow the instructions on the next page.



Clicking on **Browse Server** will take you to the Media Browser. This is the area where you need to upload any content you would like included in to your e-learning using Xerte.





Double click on the item, eg a Word document to pull this through in to your page in Xerte.

Note: The word you highlighted to use for your link will be highlighted. Double click on this hyperlink word to check the path. Make sure that the protocol is set to https://.

This link URL pathname will remain as it appears. Click on the Target tab and use 'Pop-Up Window'.

**Note:** you may notice that the word Nottingham appears in your URL pathname. This file path is correct. Briefly, the reason this is the case is to maintain backwards compatibility. The links are not looking for files on the Nottingham website or Nottingham Xerte install. It is historical origins of code.



Click on PUBLISH to save and PLAY to preview. Check that all links do work.

You can download the document to view online and save and print.

A PDF document will show on the screen where you can zoom to enlarge or make smaller and save and print the PDF file.

#### Filename conventions

When preparing documents for use with Xerte, eg linking to a Word file, you need to make sure that the file name does not have spaces and special characters in filenames. Best practice is to use lowercase and no spaces with underscores instead, eg the\_pedestrian\_v1.pdf (do not use hyphens). You could use what is called camel case, eg ThePedestrianV1.pdf, but generally the best recommendation is all lowercase and underscores. which is being used in Xerte.

## Edit mode and previewing a Xerte by pressing the PLAY arrow.

NEW in 2021: By default, when editing a project, the editor will open in a new browser window. You can now hold down the **Ctrl key** while clicking the edit button to open it in a new tab in the current browser window instead. This also works when previewing a project - hold down the Ctrl key while clicking the play button to open the preview window in a new browser tab.

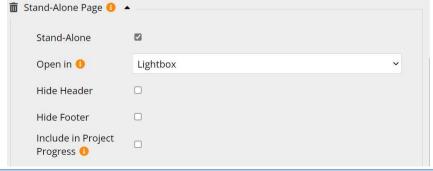
# Stand-alone page Optional Property (with drop-down option of lightbox).

Can leave the navigation as Linear in workspace.

Can only be displayed if you set up a page link to that page. They do not appear in the linear navigation and they do not appear in the Table of Contents. You can mark any page as a stand-alone page using the Optional Property 'Stand Alone'.

Using Stand-alone pages are good if linear navigation is required but you want a link to an information page for example (like a lightbox), which is not within the linear navigation table of contents pages, but is a page of content you would like to student to view before continuing in the linear navigation through the Xerte online session.

To set up click **'Stand-Alone'** on the page and select Optional Property 'open in a lightbox' and hide the Header and Footer. Use the **'page link'** on the text page for example to jump to a stand-alone page.





# **Stand Alone Optional Property**

A Stand-alone page set up as a Lightbox page which is opened by a link to the stand-alone Lightbox which is set up in a Text > Plain Text page type.

This page is not in the Table of Contents and is used for an information message for example.





## **Xerte Property Settings**

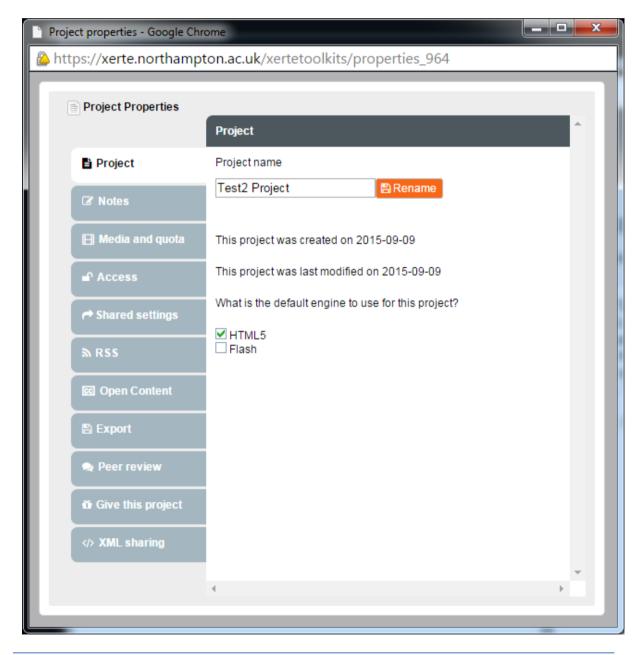
### **Project settings**



In the Xerte screen, hover your mouse over the icons at the top of the screen. From left to right we see 'Edit', ('Properties', 'Preview', 'New Folder', 'Delete', 'Duplicate' and 'Publish'.

Click on the icon to access the Properties.

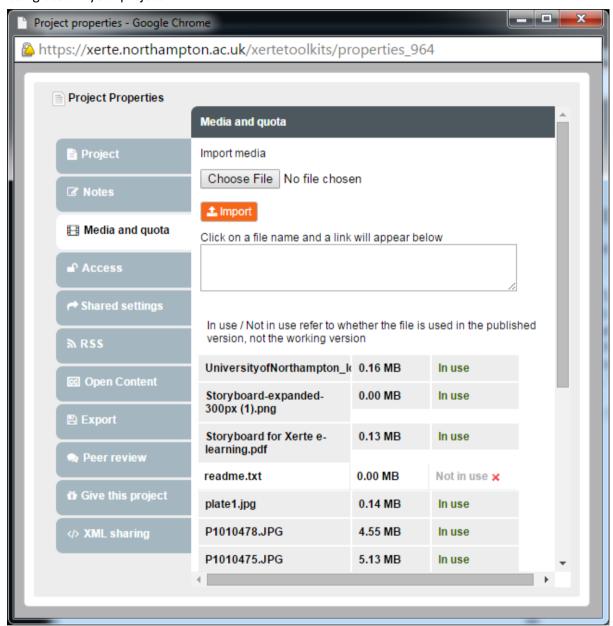
The project will always use HTML5. The dialog box below shows a tick in HTML5.





## Media and quota

This dialog box will enable you to import media and files here. You can also check files are currently being used in your project.



When bringing in Word documents, image files, PDF documents etc.

If you are bringing in from another location click on Import and find the file.

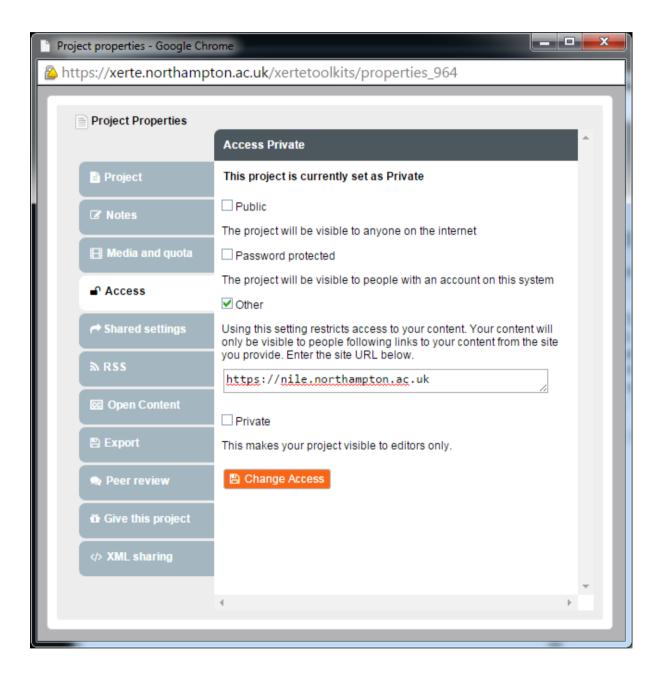
Use Properties > Media and quota to remove the previous and now unused files before exporting.



#### Access

When you are ready to make your e-learning and e-tivities live. Make sure that you tick 'Other' in the dialog box and write in the NILE address which is:

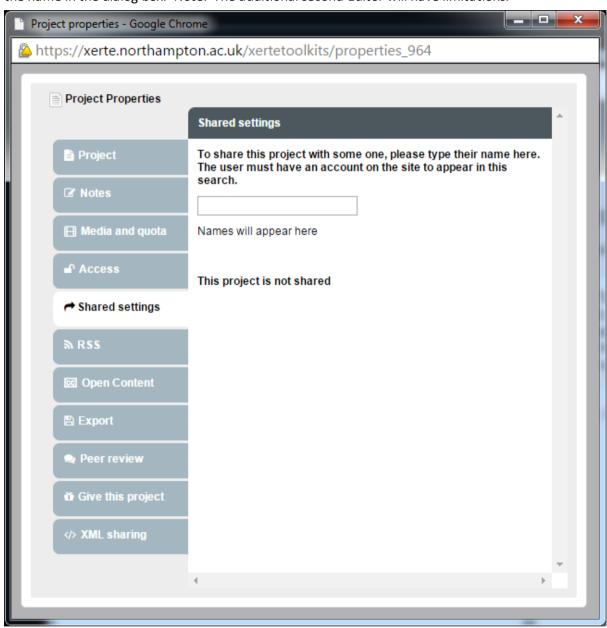
https://nile.northampton.ac.uk





## **Shared Settings**

To share this project with someone else and allow another person to edit or see as Read Only, key in the name in the dialog box. Note. The additional second Editor will have limitations.





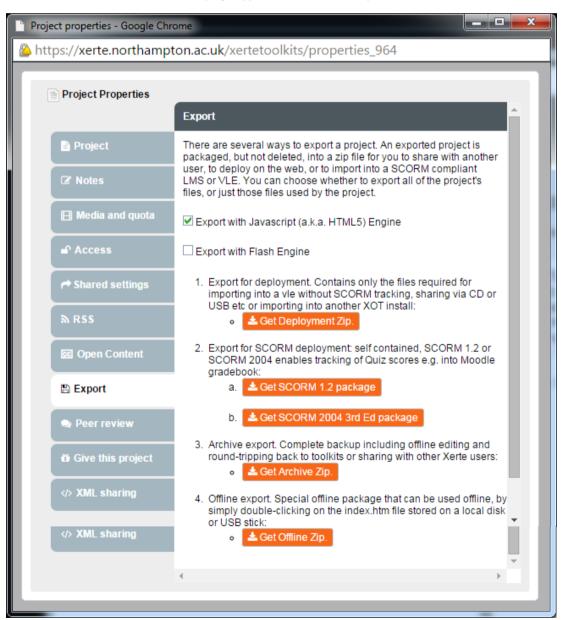
## **Export settings - Export with Javascript**

Use 2b. Get SCORM 2004 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed package (files making use of SCORM tracking). You should not export as SCORM for use in any other way but importing as SCORM. Viewing a SCORM export locally will give errors because it cannot communicate with the LMS/SCORM system.

You will use 1. 'Get Deployment Zip' for exporting and importing into another online system without SCORM tracking.

You will use 4. Offline export which is a zip file used for files without tracking and for viewing offline including via a USB stick. This will also work for putting online to NILE without SCORM tracking

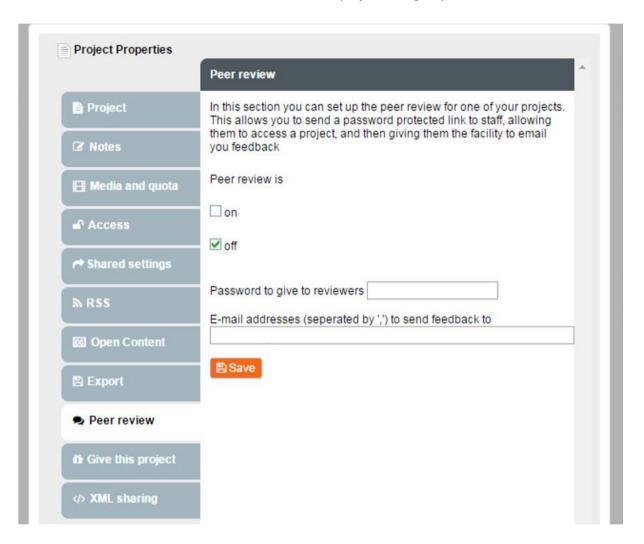
You will **not** use 'Get Archive Zip' as this is redundant due to it being an older developer tool which doesn't contain all the newer html5 page types and functionality.





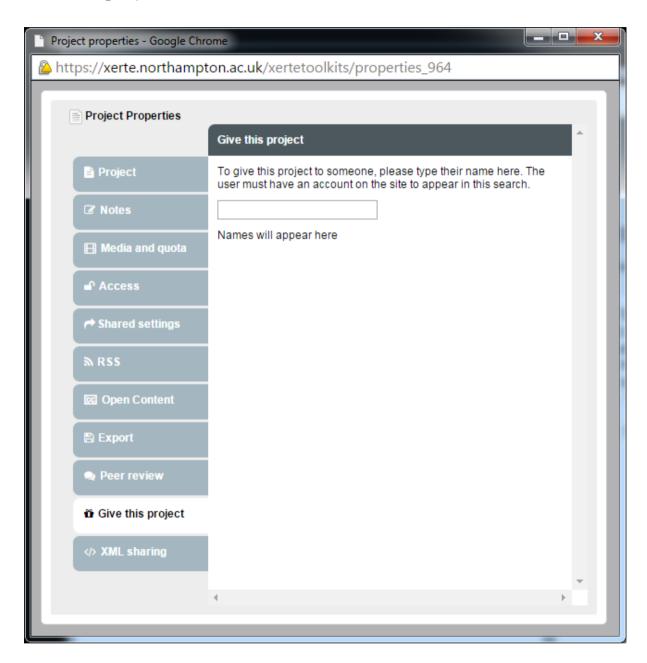
## **Peer Review**

Use Peer Review to allow a staff member to access a project and give you their feedback.





# Give this project

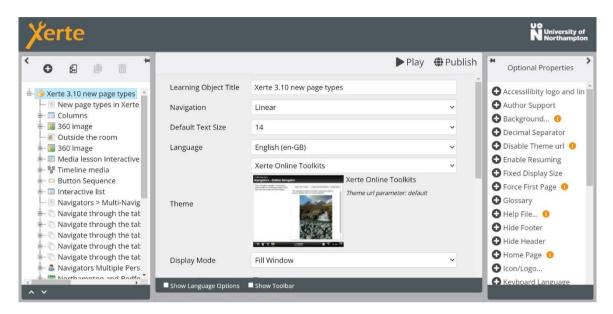




## Adding a Background Image

Adding a background image to your Xerte e-learning can liven up the appearance.

Click on the top level folder on the left of the screen when in your project. Open the right hand pane by clicking on the forward arrow (top right). In the option list you will see 'Background Image'.

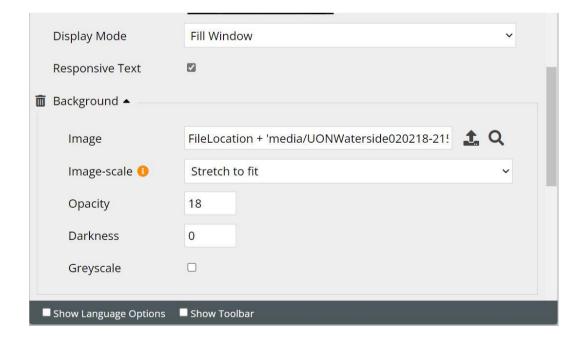


Click on the plus sign to add this option to your project (as shown below). The background defaults to an Opacity 20. Change this background Opacity to 18. The result is shown on the next page.



Tip: the lower the Opacity number the less you will see of the image.

A background image can add attraction to the e-learning.









Tip: Resize the images using Paint (see separate guide) to about 350 x 233 pixels before uploading to Xerte. Largest width about 512 pixels. For existing media in Xerte, use the Resize and Crop tool found on the Media Repository toolbar, to reduce the size of the image.



#### Addendum

#### **Xerte Property Settings**

## **Export to NILE**

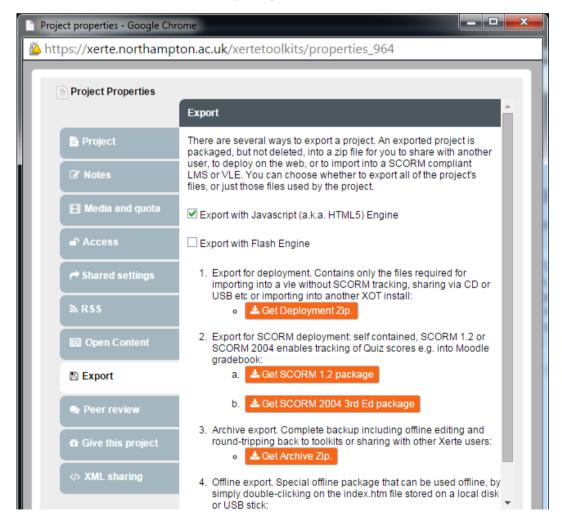


In the Xerte screen, click the [1] icon with your mouse. You will access the Project Properties.

You will find the Export option in the left menu, as shown in the screenshot below.

#### Export settings - refer to the screenshot below

- The project will always use HTML5. The dialog box below shows a tick in HTML5.
- Export with Javascript.
- Use 2b. Get SCORM 2004 3rd Ed package.





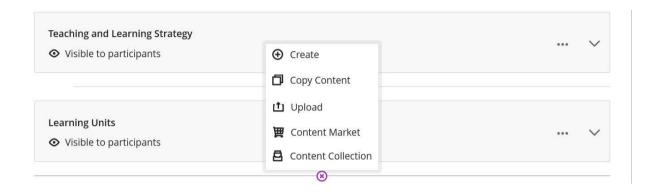
The e-learning package will download. Save to a USB stick or on to the PC/Mac in a folder. The file will be a zip file.

Open Blackboard ULTRA and go to the NILE e-learning site where you would like the Xerte to be.

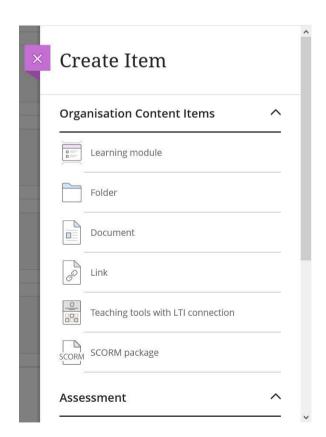
You will automatically be in edit mode.

Go to the content area where you would like the Xerte e-learning to be placed.

Click on the **purple** plus symbol + to reveal the 'Create' menu option and select SCORM.

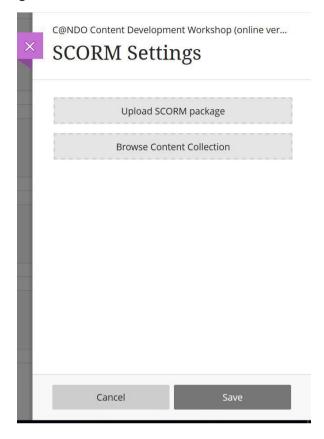


Select **SCORM package** from the list of items available to you.



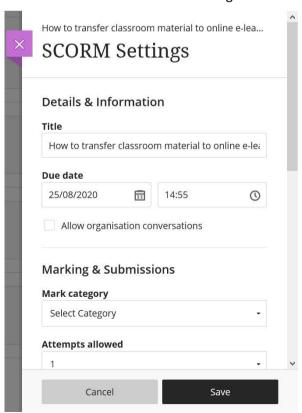


#### Upload the SCORM package and click Save.



## **Settings**

Scroll down the dialog box and key in the Title, and select your settings for Due date, marking category and attempts allowed. Scroll down the SCORM Settings screen to select **marking** options.

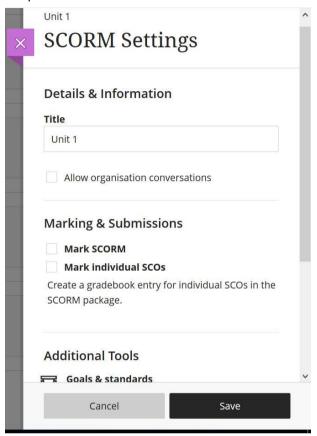




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Options to tick include:

Allow unlimited attempts



### **Grading/Marking**

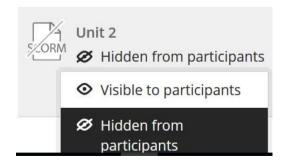
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- Do not click Mark SCORM
- Do not tick Mark individual SCOs

Click **Save** and your Xerte SCORM e-learning package will be uploaded into NILE.

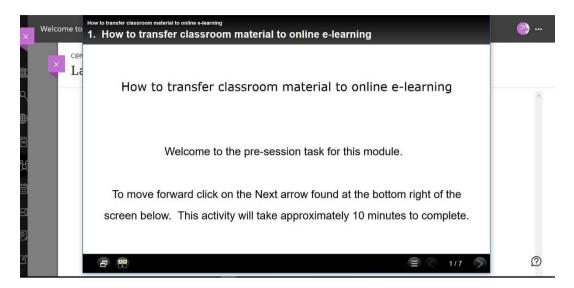
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Make sure the SCORM package is made visible to participants by selecting the option.





#### **Xerte in NILE**



## **Hints and Tips**

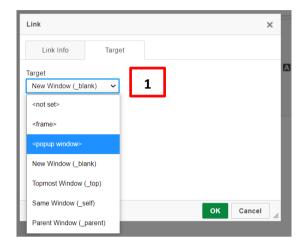
- Complete the Xerte project to a final version before exporting.
- Browsers can impact on Xerte usage. Recommend using Firefox browser for online learning using Xerte.
- Do not use old Internet Explorer browsers as IE 8 and IE 9 will not support the re-launched Xerte. Use IE 11 or the newer Edge browser.
- Xerte does not have an assessed test facility and works best when used with formative work
  which does not require grading. Although you can select Mark SCORM and Mark Individual
  SCOs in Blackboard for graded work. We do not use Xerte for graded work at the
  university.
- Do not use Blackboard App to play Xerte. The Blackboard App will provide a message informing the user to 'Use a Desktop browser'. So, give the user instructions in advance on your NILE site to use a browser on mobile devices.



#### Links for websites on a Xerte page

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Click on the Target tab and select 'Pop-Up Window' from the drop-down list of options to ensure that the Xerte e-learning remains on the screen when the user clicks on the link to the Word document. Do this when you use links to websites, YouTube and documents.



Missing images - For some reason an image will sometimes fail to be added to the export package, even though it's in the media content. Identify the file name and update the 'media' folder in the zip file (you can usually just drag and drop it in).

If you need assistance with your Xerte project please contact a Learning Technologist.