

The chain stories task saw small groups of students from both institutions being responsible collaboratively for producing a story in English and in French. They were given the opening line for each story and had to continue from there. This produced some interesting interaction and a wide array of stories. The use of the technology also varied. Warwick students were not given google accounts so they were anonymous in the google document history pane where Clermont students were not.

This “Paper plane” story shows the opening sentence (in green) and successive edits (colour change indicated change of author).

<p>So, what am I going to do to get out of this? Lulu has tried everything to get out of his bedroom. The door was closed and he was in the last room of the highest tower of the castle. He shouted "Pamella ! Let me out!" But his sister was too far now to hear him. So he went to the window and he saw his sister's Halloween party. Pamela was in the swimming pool, drinking a bottle like their father's ones. He looked around him to find something to throw. He had few toys, but he liked them too much to</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Today, 2:39 PM</td> <td>Teresa MacKinnon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>December 3, 10:50 AM</td> <td>anonymous</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 27, 10:02 AM</td> <td>anonymous</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 26, 2:54 PM</td> <td>anonymous</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 26, 2:05 PM</td> <td>Théau Monnet</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Restore this revision</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 25, 9:38 PM</td> <td>anonymous</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 21, 3:21 PM</td> <td>anonymous</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 20, 10:49 AM</td> <td>anonymous</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 12, 3:02 PM</td> <td>anonymous</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 12, 1:52 PM</td> <td>Anais Yoth</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show changes</td> </tr> </table>	Today, 2:39 PM	Teresa MacKinnon	December 3, 10:50 AM	anonymous	November 27, 10:02 AM	anonymous	November 26, 2:54 PM	anonymous	November 26, 2:05 PM	Théau Monnet	Restore this revision		November 25, 9:38 PM	anonymous	November 21, 3:21 PM	anonymous	November 20, 10:49 AM	anonymous	November 12, 3:02 PM	anonymous	November 12, 1:52 PM	Anais Yoth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Show changes	
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<p>throw them out by the window. Only one chance was left, the paper and the pen he had in his pocket. So he decided to do a paperplane with this paper on which he had written "Help me, i'm stuck in the tower!" Then he went to the window, and threw the paperplane which sadly ended his flight in the barbecue (between the merguez and the chicken wings). Looking at this sad scene of failure, he decided to do what real heroes do...</p>																									

Table 1: paper plane chain story 1

Just when it seems that the last editor is closing the story, it is re-opened by another who corrects the language and gives a new life to the story:

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Table 2: Paper plane chain story 2

This creative story was started by a French student who interestingly locates it in a small town near to Warwick and chooses an area of activity that both groups understand well, that of a party:

So, what am I going to do to get out of this ?

I woke up on the street, and I was naked. I (didn't) couldn't remember (my) last night.

What had happened yesterday ?

(I walked in Kenilworth while I returned from a big party.) I was walking through Kenilworth after a great party and the last thing I saw was an old lady who had been attacked (was attacked). In front of her, were two men armed with a knife.(or armed with knives.)

(The first idea that I had was to run for one's life.) My first thought was to run for my life. (But black hole.) but then i went blank.

***Clearly, I had been a witness to a terrible crime, but how had I ended up with no clothes and more importantly where was the old lady? As I began to focus on what was around me I realised that I had to find someone and tell them what had happened.
Easier said than done!***

why am I naked? I (see) look around me to find my clothes. After 2 minutes, I find my jean's with blood on (it) them. I (wear it) put them on, and go to the (baker) bakery -in front of me. I see a customer with a newspaper (on)in which (it was) is written : "where is Jannine ?". At this moment I recognize the old lady.

Table 3: Party chain story

The language corrections between students in the Party chain story are made using brackets and alternative suggestions rather than the direct editing that is available in google docs. A total of 42 chain stories were created and this mechanism for connection used was then also applied to other tasks.