Launch SoftChalk lesson in a new window. When creating a new learning module, activity, etc., always select launch in a new window. This will eliminate confusion of end-user by creating one simple navigation area.

Crossword Activity can only be used in Internet Explorer (IE), inform your students of this prior to having the students use this activity or consider using other activities.

Keep online lessons short. An effective online lesson should be short—lasting no more than 15 minutes. This may seem very curt in comparison to the 45 to 90 minute classroom sessions, but remember, these are not the same as face-to-face sessions. The shorter the session, the more concise and direct it will turn out.

Use the right technology. As online videos have become popular in teaching online, teachers should know the most way for students to most easily access them. Teachers should display online videos through a streaming video service, rather than uploading videos from their desktops. Videos that teachers upload through services load faster for students, adding to the directness of the lesson. In addition, teachers should keep videos to five minutes long at the most.

Enrich your lessons with multimedia. Although your video usage should remain short, the rest of your lesson can be embedded with other forms of multimedia—and the more the better. In addition to relevant videos, teachers can incorporate pictures, animations or interactive activities. Teachers can even present text in a graphic way to grab their students’ attention.