How to Use Public Google Spreadsheets for Assessment

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Public Google Sheets Keep Teachers, Students and Parents Informed

The offerings from Google Docs seem to be pretty basic; word processor,

spreadsheets, and presentations all saved in the cloud. Unless you are creative in your

thinking and understand all of the added features which make Google Docs revolutionary, you may never see the benefit.

One of the great features available is the ability to create a Google Docs Spreadsheet and post all or just a selection of cells to a webpage. By creating a spreadsheet which documents student information such as…

1. Homework / Assignment Checklists
2. Permission Form Return Checklists
3. Suggestions for Students to Come In For Extra Help
4. Parent Signatures on Assessments

…you can then post this information to a public webpage on your course blog or website so both students and parents are aware of how the student is performing and where they can improve. Let's look at how to do it…

Posting Spreadsheets on a Webpage
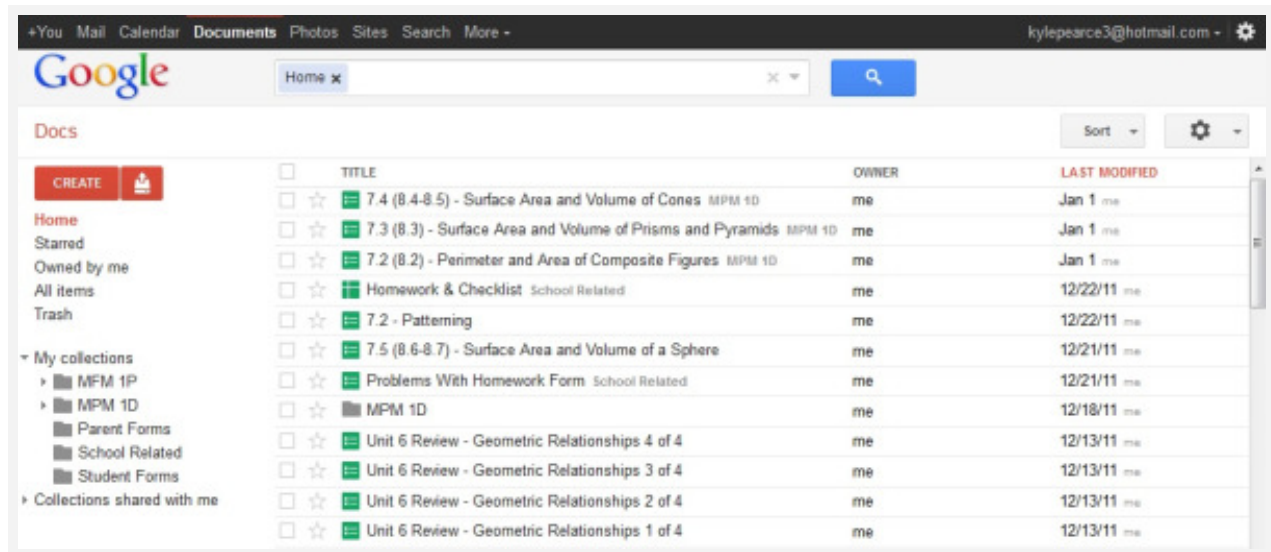
1. Create a Google Docs Spreadsheet for your checklist. I named mine **Homework &**

Checklist.

2. Create columns for your upcoming homework checks, form return checklist, etc. and

enter in your student information.

3. Go to the *FILE* menu and click on *PUBLISH TO WEB*
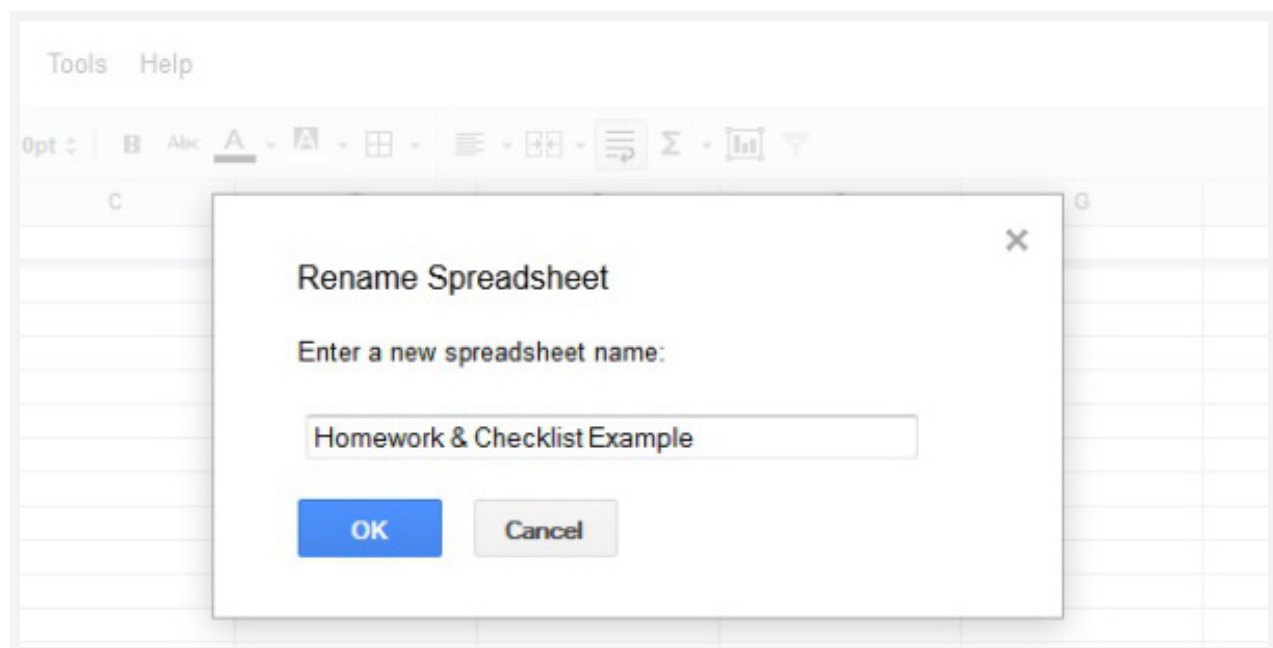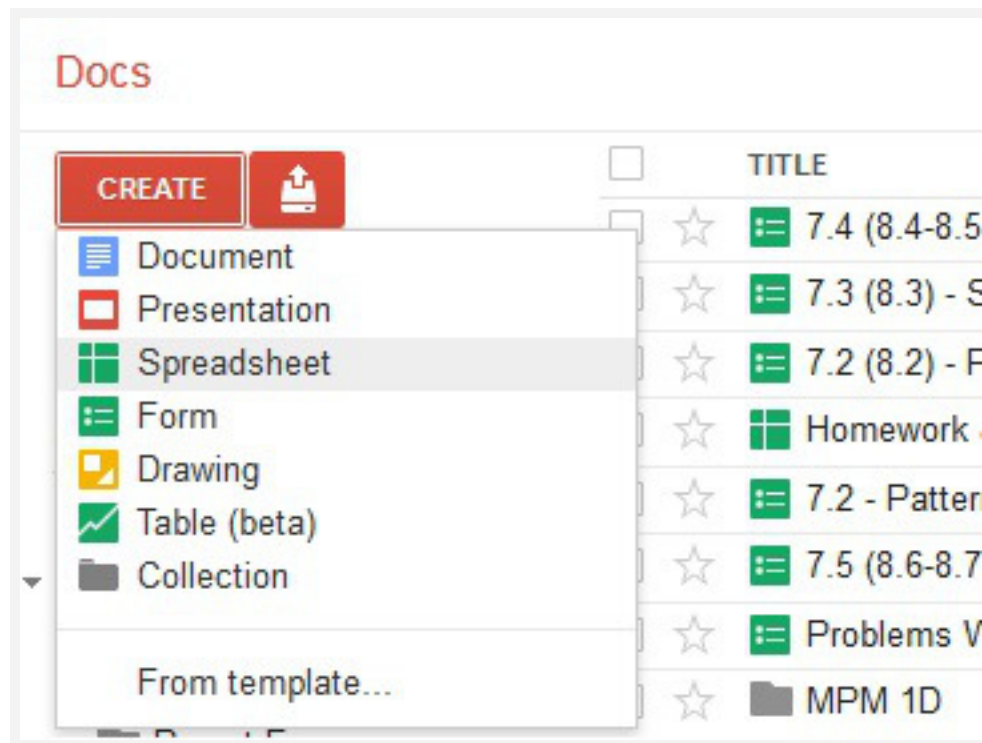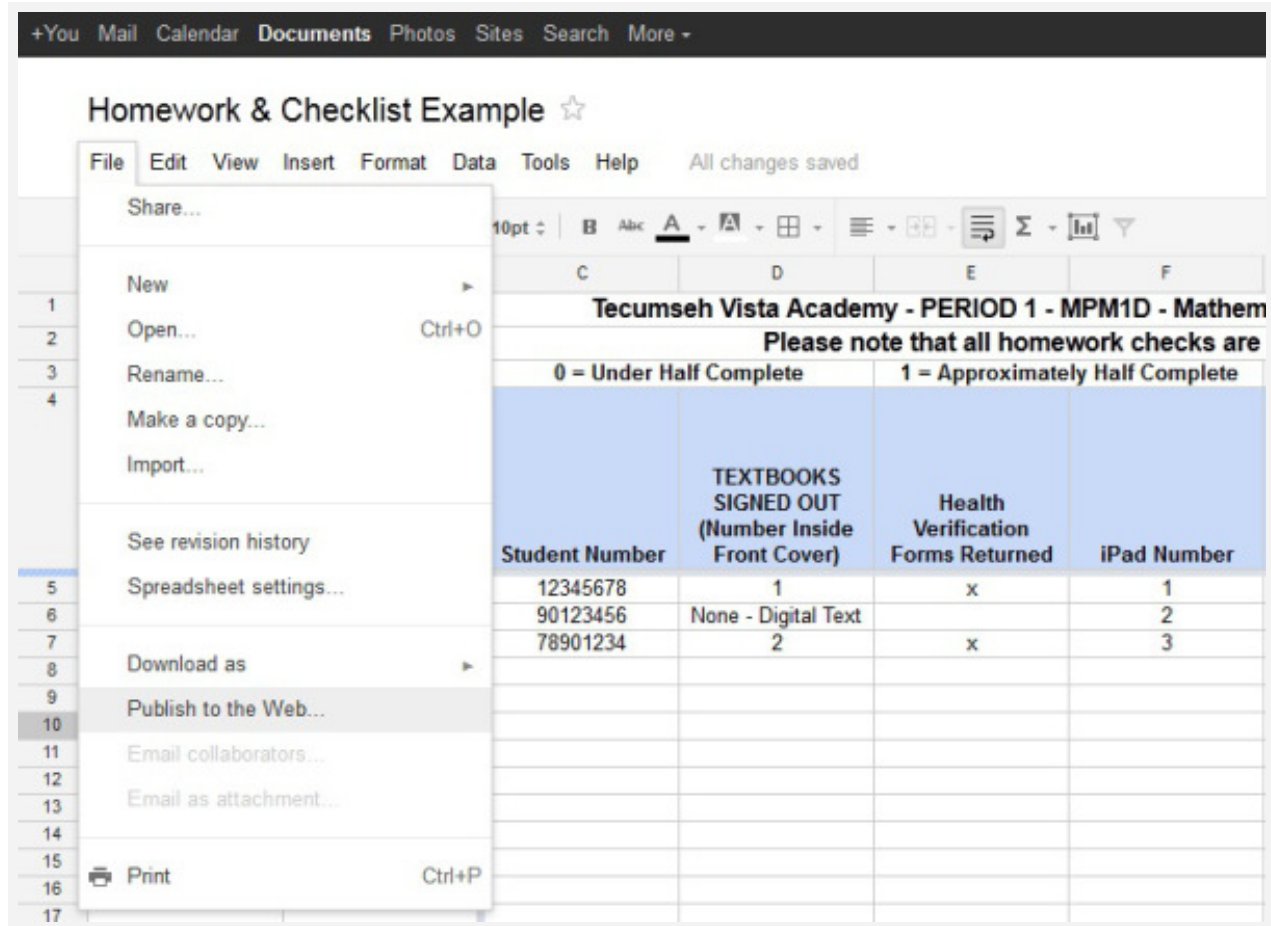
4. Select which sheet you want to publish, in this case it is **Sheet1**. Click on **Start Publishing** and enter the cell range you wish to be visible to visitors of this webpage.

For privacy reasons, it is suggested that you do not include student names in the cell range. Note that I have selected **C1:J10** which omits student names. Also consider extending your cell range to include many more columns so that you do not have to re-select the cell range as you add entries to your checklist. I typically use the cell range**C1:ZZ35** which ensures I will have many more columns than necessary.

Publish to the web

Sheets to publish

Sheet1 ⇕

☑ Automatically republish when changes are made

| Stop publishing | Republish now | Published on Jan 7, 2012 4:32 PM |

Note: Publishing a doc does not affect its visibility option. Learn more

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Get a link to the published data

Web page ⇕

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C1:J10

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https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/pub?hl=en_US&
hl=en_US&
key=0Ao1CxgTS76lfdC1SZ0lybGVSaTF0MDhZbjV3R2NmS1E&
single=true&gid=0&range=C1%3AJ10&output=html
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Copy and paste the link above

Close

5. **COPY** the link from the textbox and **POST** it on your course blog or website.

Click on the very long and ugly looking link they provide you with to see the public HTML page where this sample homework & checklist page is posted. It may be useful to shorten your link using a free website such as www.bitly.com.

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Please note that all homework checks are rated on a scale of 0 to 2:

0 = Under Half Complete		1 = Approximately Half Complete		2 = Majority of Homework Complete		
Student Number	TEXTBOOKS SIGNED OUT (Number Inside Front Cover)	Health Verification Forms Returned	iPad Number	5.3 - Graph Lines With Intercepts - Page 319-322 #1, 2, 3-5(ac), 6, 7, 11	5.4 - Parallel and Perpendicular Lines - Page 328-329 #1-8, 11 - Checked Mon Nov 21st	The Following Students Are Suggested To See Mr. Pearce for Help at Lunch (Posted Thu. Oct 13th)
12345678	1	x	1	0	1	x
90123456	None - Digital Text		2	2	1	
78901234	2	x	3	2	2	

Now that you have your homework & checklist spreadsheet setup, you can easily do your classroom housekeeping via your mobile device or tablet, such as an iPad!