SlateCast – Getting Started

What is it?
SlateCast is a purpose-built screen sharing tool within Slate that gives you, as the teacher, the ability to share or ‘cast’ your screen to a central display, directly to students, or both simultaneously using your mobile device. You control everything from your device and can access lesson notes or other pages within Slate without sharing with the main screen.

Where do I get it?
When you log in to Slate, you will be prompted to switch over to the new version which includes the new SlateCast tool. If you do not switch to the new version, you will not be able to access SlateCast.

How do I use it?
Starting a SlateCast

1. Log in to your Slate account on your mobile device (phone, tablet, laptop — whichever device you want to wander the classroom with) by visiting origoslate.com.

2. Select the Stepping Stones lesson or Slate resource you would like to broadcast and open it in the Resource Viewer.

3. Select the SlateCast icon on the bottom left of the Resource Viewer pane (see arrow) to start your SlateCast. Your unique case-sensitive SlateCast codes will appear in the control panel pop-up.

4. Use the Resource Viewer pane buttons as you usually would to teach your lesson.

To cast your screen directly to an interactive whiteboard or main classroom screen:

1. From your desktop or laptop (whichever device is connected to your interactive whiteboard or main screen), visit origoslate.com/slatecast.

2. Type the Presenter access code that appeared in the pop-up when you first selected the SlateCast icon after logging in to Slate via your mobile device. Then enter your name and select join. Your mobile device screen will now display on the main screen as well.

To cast your screen directly to your students’ laptops or tablets:

1. Ask your students to visit origoslate.com/slatecast. They do not require a Slate account.

2. Ask your students to type the Viewer access code that appeared in the pop-up when you first selected the SlateCast icon after logging in to Slate via your mobile device, (you can increase the size of the code for your class to see by selecting ≥ next to the code) then add their name and select join. Your device screen should now show on theirs as well.
Managing your *SlateCast*

*SlateCast control panel* (only available on the device from which you initiated the *SlateCast*)

- **A** Terminates the *SlateCast* session and disconnects anyone who has logged in using a *Viewer* code.
- **B** Pause the *SlateCast* (see instructions below).
- **C** Allows the teacher (mobile device or presenter) to see who is currently viewing the *SlateCast* session.
- **D** Allows messaging among *SlateCast* participants (more on this below).

**Pause *SlateCast*** (to access lesson notes or other pages within *Stepping Stones* without sharing with the student/viewer)

While casting to your main screen and/or student devices, select the pause button on your *SlateCast* control panel. This will give students/viewers control of the resource and allow them to go forward/back between the pages of that resource.

1. The teacher/owner can now select the X in the bottom right of their Resource Viewer and can privately move through *Slate* resources and *Stepping Stones* lesson pages.
2. To return back to your *SlateCast*, select ➔➔ return to resource.

**SlateCast for Interactive *Slate* Tools** (*Flare*, *Fundamentals Game Boards*, *Zupelz*, *Big Book Tools*)

1. Share a *Slate* tool with students/viewers.
2. To demonstrate any *Slate* interactive tool use your computer/laptop connected to the main screen while casting (you will not be able to control the tool from your mobile device).
3. Students/viewers can interact with the tool at any stage once the teacher/owner casts the tool in step 1.
4. To stop students from seeing the tool, either select stop to stop casting completely, or move to a different resource and cast.

**Communicating between users**

**For students/viewers to send a message to the teacher/session owner:**

1. Select the chat icon on the bottom left of the screen, type a short message and press enter.

**For teachers/session owners to send a message to one or all viewers:**

1. Select the chat icon, from your *SlateCast* control panel.
2. Type a short message, select an individual or select all to send to all viewers, and press enter.