

5 R's of Open

Reuse- Use in a wide range of ways.

Remix – Combine two or more.

Redistribute – Share with others.

Revise – Adapt, modify, and improve.

Retain - Make and own copies.

The 5 R's of Open are: Retain, Reuse, Revise, Remix and Redistribute. Retain encompasses the ability to make and own copies of educational information. Reuse has to do with using the material in various ways that best fit your purpose. Revising OER pertains to being able to adapt, edit, and improve educational resources. Remixing OER is about combining materials to suit your purpose. Lastly, redistributing has to do with sharing the resources with other people. Depending on preferences, the most important “R” differs. The most crucial aspect of education, in general, is allowing others to have access to it. What’s the use of modifying and improving educational materials if you cannot share them with others? However, I will say that all 5 R's are equally important. Without one of them, the other four are in shambles. All 5 R's rely on one another to contribute to the process of OER, which makes it so valuable.

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Open Education Resources

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What is OER?

What is open education? One can describe open as accessible, easy, or allowing access to something/someone. We can connect this word to whatever we feel like, but when it comes to education, open means one thing the idea that it's not closed off and is easy to access.

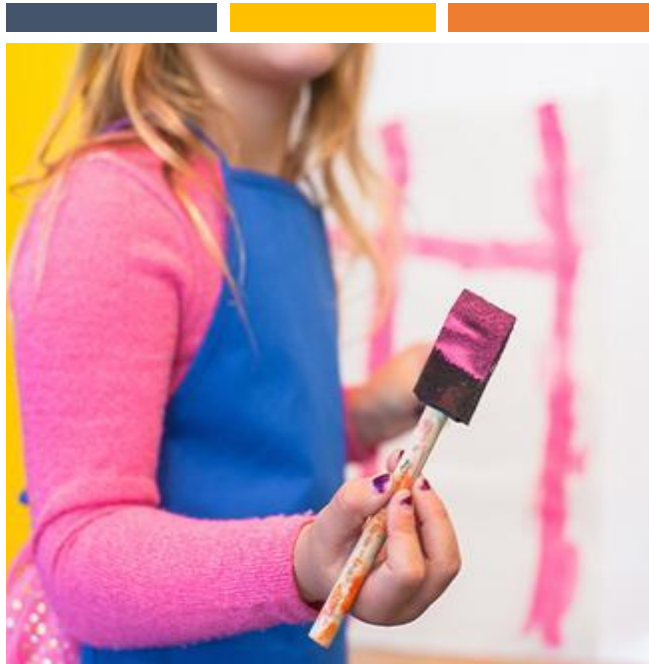
Available education gives learners the freedom to learn at a pace that best suits them and with more beneficial tools than what is required. This also allows educators to fit the needs of their students without having to do inside a box the school system always forces them in. This can help us connect to people worldwide and find individuals who share our same interests. The bubble that education is placed in now needs to be burst. Everything can be neatly organized to fit society but not education because the brain works in mysterious ways, and if it is forced to be trapped, new ideas will not evolve, and the world will be dull.

Accessibility.

- Press books Directory provides curated resources created with the platform; browse by subject or look for specific book titles.
- OASIS is an OER search tool you can use to find other available content types besides textbooks/books.
- You can understand the process used to create the OER in the front matter/introductions within some of these resources.

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“We need to bring learning to people instead of people to learning”

Advantages & Disadvantages

- Modify specific resources to align with learning objectives/lesson plans: OER can be modified, reorganized, and revised by the teacher or students to align with the lesson plans within any given subject and cause the rapid spread of information: **(A)**
- Student interaction: students will be able to directly access and interact with OERs in a way that traditional textbooks don't allow. For example, students can modify and remix OERs based on their research and findings. This would ignite academically enriching experiences. **(A)**
- Language/cultural barriers: Although OER puts in the effort to embrace, efforts are being made to make OERs available in multiple languages; many are only available in English. Therefore, this limits much information for those who aren't English speakers. Having this in mind, it is also important to note that some resources may not be culturally appropriate for all audiences. **(D)**
- Technological issues/accessibility issues: Not all students have access to the internet/ have their own electronic devices at home to access OER. Apart from this, those students who do have electronic devices may not have the necessary resources, materials, or support to understand how OER works. **(D)**