

The OER Dilemma

A comparison of OER with Traditional textbooks and the benefits of OER in the classroom

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OER vs. Traditional

OER

- Freely accessible (no cost) 
- Open license (accessible and re-mixable) 
- Digital (text or media) 
- Quality information
- Instant editability 

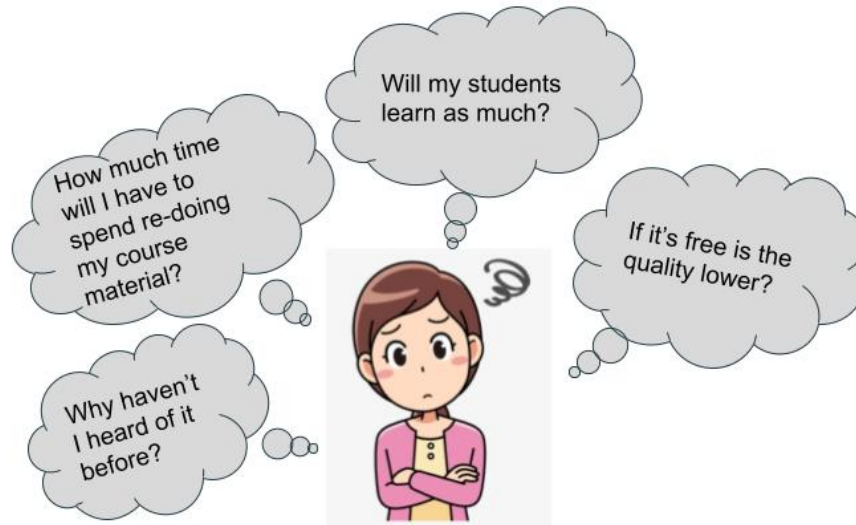


Traditional

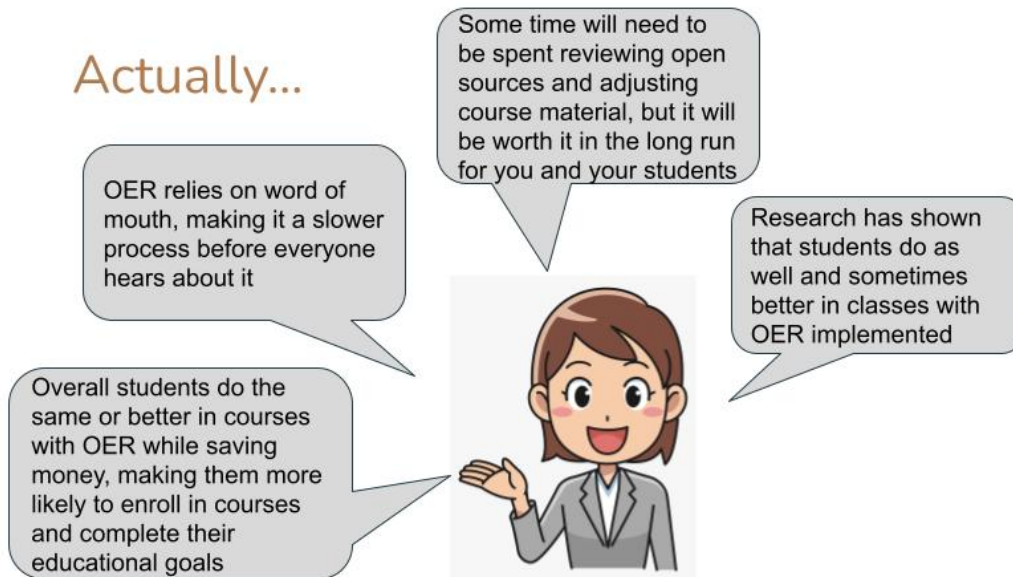
- Textbooks cost money 
- Copyrighted (non-remixable) 
- Digital or hard copy 
- Quality information
- Editability over time (with new editions) 



If OER is free why aren't more people using it?



Actually...





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