

Important notes for teachers.

A) In this Pointless there are only Round 2 type questions—these offer 6 questions and contestants choose which question to answer. If a correct answer is given, click on the rounded rectangle containing the question (it won't work if you click on the text box inside the rectangle). A good place to click is at the right hand end of the rectangle. The countdown begins and will end when it gets to the score. Once it has ended, click anywhere and you will be returned to the question slide. The answer and the score will have been filled in.

If an incorrect answer is given, click to the right of the question rounded rectangle where there is an invisible rectangle. This will lead to the “incorrect” slide. Once the X has stopped rotating, click again and you are returned to the question slide. The answer and score will not have been filled in, thus allowing other contestants the chance of answering that question.

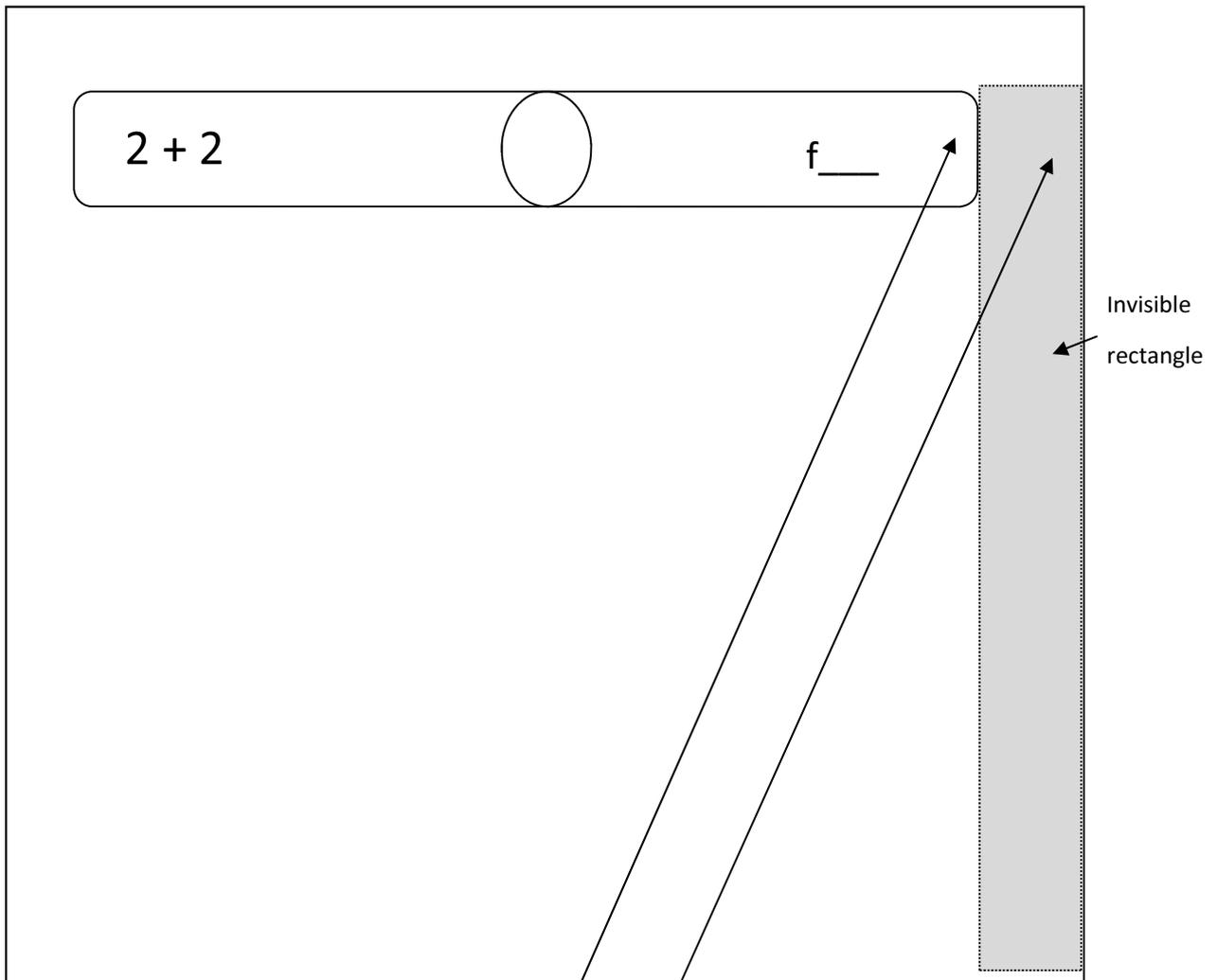
The whole PowerPoint is designed to be navigated using the mouse or whiteboard pen. **Don't use the Enter key** on the keyboard. Clicking on the  will take you back to slide 2 where you can choose another batch of spellings.

B) Over the last year as a supply teacher working in different schools I have had the opportunity to use Pointless SPaG and Pointless maths in different classrooms. These were created using PowerPoint 2010 and work fine with that version. Sometimes the first run through of the countdown can be a little clunky but it usually speeds up after that. I think—but I am not absolutely sure that having Internet Explorer open helps the countdown to go a little more smoothly.

PowerPoint 2007 seems to require you to click almost off the screen.

PowerPoint 2013 flashed up the score before the countdown which rather ruins the point of the countdown (thank you Microsoft!) In this Pointless, I have introduced a delay which hopefully will correct this problem.

C) There are obviously many ways of using this PowerPoint. I usually have the class equipped with Whiteboards and ask everyone to attempt all 6 questions and then tick the most difficult one that they think is correct. As the answers are revealed everyone keeps their own score (some more accurately than others!)



A very simple Round 2 type question.

A contestant answers four. You can say, "You said f-o-u-r. Let's see if that's correct." *Click* The countdown will begin.
Click when it finishes.

Or a contestant answers for. You can say, "You said f-o-r. Let's see if that's correct." *Click* The "wrong" slide will appear.
Click again to return to the question.

You will see that you are clicking in nearly the same place for correct and incorrect answers. This gives a certain mystique to the presentation! However, it is important that if you are using the whiteboard pen, it is properly calibrated! You also need to know the answers which are supplied!

Please point out any errors you find.

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