



Tynker: Quick Start Guide for Camp Instructors

Welcome to Tynker! As an instructor, you can create classrooms and add students to them, assign lessons, monitor your students' progress, and access comprehensive Teacher Guides for each lesson.

To get started with Tynker, all you need to do is:

1. Create a free account
2. Create a classroom
3. Add students
4. Get prepared to run a class
5. Assign lessons
6. Monitor students' progress

If you are using a Minecraft camp course, please see this [Quick Start Minecraft Camp Guide](#) for Minecraft-specific setup instructions. If you are the administrator of a camp, use our [Quick Start Guide for Camp Administrators](#) instead.

Step 1. Create a Camp Teacher Account

Tynker has three types of accounts: Administrator, Teacher, and Student. Each account has different privileges.

	Administrator	Instructor
Add Funds	X	
Add Instructors	X	
Add Students	X	X
Create Classrooms	X	X
Assign Lessons	X	X
Monitor Student Progress	X	X
Compile a Class Showcase	X	X

If you are not the administrator of your camp, your camp administrator should add your account and you will get an email invitation. Do not create a separate account.

NOTE: If you already have a regular Teacher account, send us an email at support@tynker.com and we'll change your account type to a Camp Teacher.

To create a Camp Teacher account that you will use independently of an administrator:

1. Go to the [Tynker Camps page](#).
2. Click the orange "Register to Get a FREE Course" button.
3. Create a login or log in with a Facebook or Gmail account. You will use this method every time you log in.
 - a. Tynker Login: Provide an email address and a password, then your full name. Tynker will send you a verification email and you must verify your account before continuing.
 - b. Facebook or Gmail Account: Choose a Facebook or Gmail account. You do not need a Tynker password.

Your new account will have a classroom automatically added to it with one lesson assigned. You can add as many students as you want and assign C100, our free course, to the students. You will not be able to access premium courses or add teachers.

Step 2. Create Classrooms

Your new account will have a classroom automatically added to it with one lesson assigned. You should create a classroom for each class that you teach. Depending on how your camp is set up, your Administrator may prefer to create all the classrooms and add students.

To view your classrooms:

1. Log in to your account.
2. Click on the "My Classes" tab at the top of your screen.

MY CLASSES

3. Your current classes are listed under "Active Classrooms."

To create a new classroom:

1. Click the "+ Add Classroom" button.

A blue rounded rectangular button with a white plus sign and the text "+ Add Classroom" in white.

2. Choose a classroom name and grade level.
3. You will see lesson plans available to assign as well as lessons you can purchase.
4. You can assign lessons from here or assign them later.
5. When you're done, click "Create Classroom."

Create Classroom

6. You will automatically be redirected to the Students tab, where you can add students to your classroom. You can do this now or later.

Step 3. Add Students

Depending on how your camp is set up, there are several different ways to add students. Some administrators set up all of the classrooms and add students to them. In this case, your classrooms should be set up already.

You can add students at any time by creating free Tynker accounts for them that are tied to a classroom. You will be charged when you assign premium courses to your students.

If a student already has a Tynker account, follow the instructions under Option 3 to add them to a classroom.

There are three options for adding students yourself:

1. To import student information from a CSV file (recommended):
 - a. Click on one of your classrooms.
 - b. Select the "Students" tab.
 - c. Click the blue "+ Add Student" button.
 - d. Select "Import student information."
 - e. Upload a CSV file formatted according to the instructions.
2. To manually create Tynker accounts for all of your students:
 - a. Click on one of your classrooms.
 - b. Select the "Students" tab.
 - c. Click the blue "+ Add Student" button.
 - d. Select "Manually create Tynker accounts for students."
 - e. Enter a student's first and last name.
 - f. You can optionally choose a username and password for each student. If you leave these fields blank, Tynker will create a username by taking the student's first initial and last name and will randomly generate a password.
3. If you want to add a single student or if your students use Google accounts:
 - a. Have your students create Tynker accounts (using their Google accounts if applicable).
 - b. When they first create an account, students will be prompted to enter their classroom code.

- c. If students already have an account, they can join your classroom by clicking on the top right icon and selecting “Join a Class” in the drop-down menu.
- d. Give students the classroom code for the classroom you want them to join. You can find this under the “My Classes” tab next to each classroom on the right.

After adding all your students, you can print out all their login and password information by clicking “Generate Student Cards” under the “Students” tab. This creates a document that you can print out and cut up to give students.

Step 4: Get Prepared to Run a Class

Before assigning a lesson, you can run through it yourself, print the teacher guide, and access answer keys.

To view, download, or print the teacher guide:

1. Click on the “My Classes” tab.
2. Click “Manage Classroom” on the classroom you’ll be using.
3. Click on the lesson you want to see.
4. The teacher guide will show up below the lesson outline, and below that you’ll find the answer key.

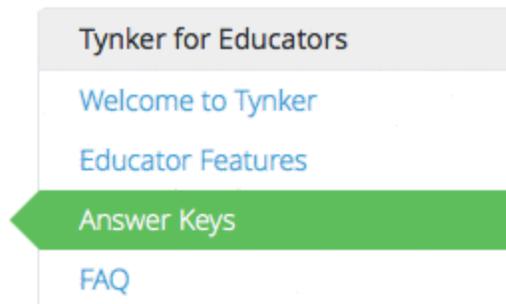
To access the answer keys:

1. Click on the “My Classes” tab.
2. Click “Manage Classroom” on the classroom you’ll be using.
3. Click “Answer Keys” near the top of the page.

 [Answer Keys](#)

OR

1. Click on “Help” at the top right of the screen.
- HELP**
2. Click “Answer Keys” in the “Tynker for Educators” menu.



3. Choose the course you want to view.

Step 5: Assign Lessons

Each lesson is designed to take approximately one hour and ends with a final open-ended project that allows them to apply the new skills they've learned. If any students finish early, encourage them to spend more time on the final project.

You can assign lessons before or after adding students to your classroom.

To assign a lesson:

1. Click on one of your classrooms.
2. Select the "Lessons" tab.
3. Browse the available lessons.
4. Click the "Assign" button at the bottom of a lesson to assign it to this classroom.
5. This lesson will automatically appear in your students' dashboards.

Step 6: Monitor Student Progress

If you are a premium user, you can access an analysis of your students' assignments, a class performance chart, student performance reports, the class's progress through concepts, and the skill level measurement of each concept.

To access these metrics:

1. Go into a classroom that you have created.
2. Click on the "Gradebook" tab.
3. Choose the metric you would like to see.

Any questions? We're here to help!

If you have any issues or questions, just send us an email at support@tynker.com.

Tips for contacting support:

1. Let us know what browser, operating system, and machine you're using.
2. If your question is about a specific lesson, specify which course and lesson you're using.
3. If your question pertains to a specific account or project, let us know the username and project name.
4. Provide us a screenshot of what's going wrong if applicable.



5. If you're receiving an error message, tell us what the specific error message is.
6. If you're having problems onboarding students, send us the CSV file you're using.

Thanks for using Tynker!