

# ACAL

# from Strength to **STRENGTH**

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## Professional Play

## with a **PDA**

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# Opportunity

*Explore...*

**DEVELOP**

**Models of delivery  
and assessment**

**IMPROVE**

**Technical Skills**

**ENGAGE**

**Young or  
disengaged learners**



How?

# The Personal Digital Assistant

Computer

Phone

Diary

Camera

Tape  
Recorder



# Its Many Features

A word cloud of various features and applications, including: contacts, Internet, keyboard, phone, Transcriber, security, memory, sound, computer, GSM, Tasks, files, stylus, video, recorder, notes, audio, ActiveSync, navigation bar, Word, Windows Media Player, Letter Recogniser, wireless connection, calculator, SD Card, ringtones, GPRS/EDGE, Bluetooth, diary, calendar, camera, email, Excel, Today, settings, Inbox, and Screen.

**Mobility**

**Versatility**

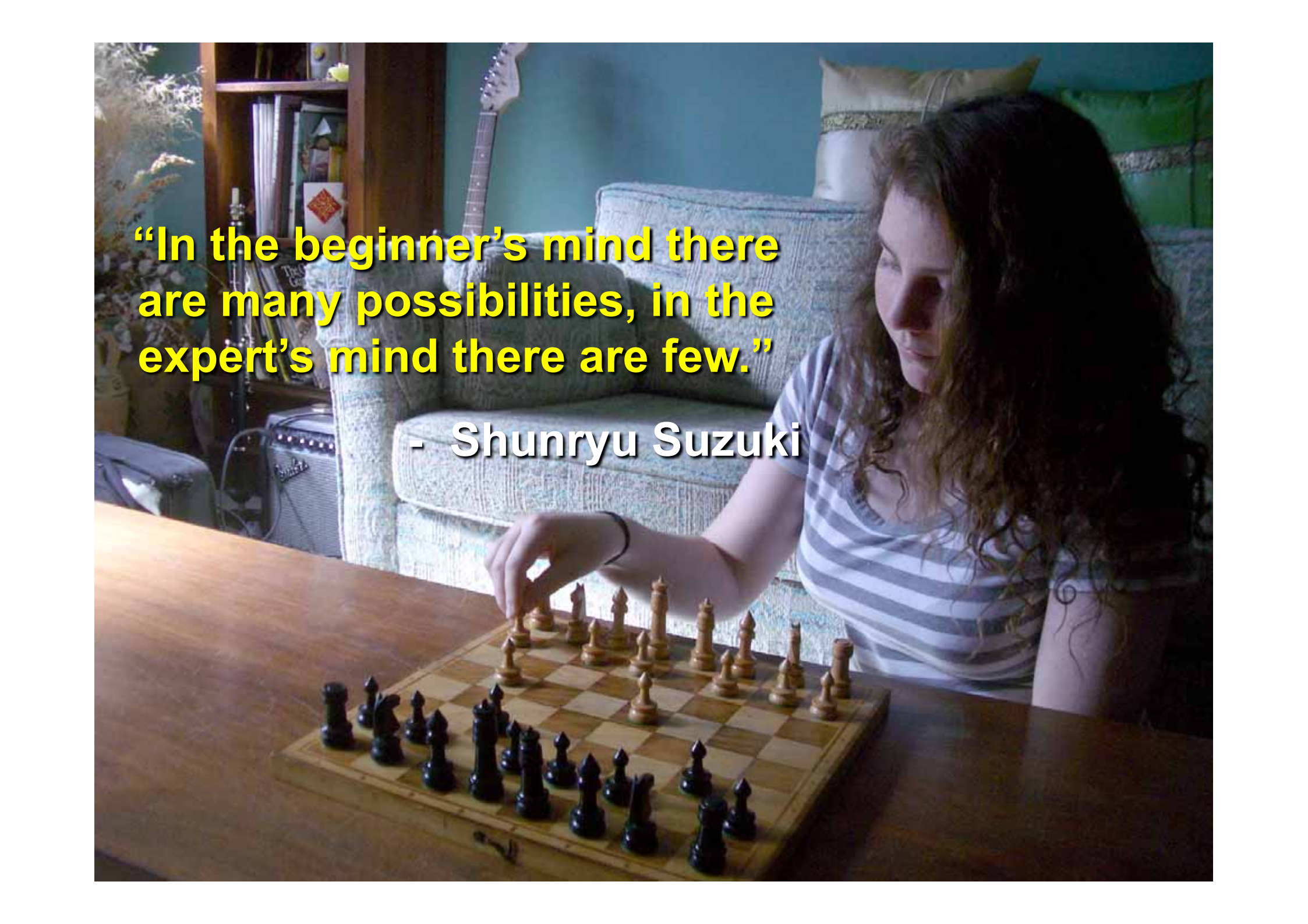
**Self Esteem**

**Technology**

**HOW** do you  
look at delivery  
and assessment?

**Less Paper**

# The Game

A woman with long, curly brown hair is sitting at a wooden table, focused on a chess game. She is wearing a grey and white striped t-shirt. Her right hand is raised, about to move a white chess piece. The chessboard is a wooden board with alternating light and dark squares, and the pieces are made of wood and dark material. In the background, there is a light-colored sofa with a green and white patterned pillow, a guitar leaning against a wooden bookshelf, and a blue wall. The lighting is soft and indoor.

**“In the beginner’s mind there are many possibilities, in the expert’s mind there are few.”**

**- Shunryu Suzuki**

# Goals for two groups...

## Lecturers

- Cut down on paperwork
- Save time
- Collect evidence

## Certificate in General Education for Adult students (CGEA)

- Better organisation
- Follow basic instructions
- Take notes
- Summarise



# **The** Game Plan

*Take learning into the community*

# Set the rules



**TROLLEYS NOT  
TO BE TAKEN  
PAST THIS  
POINT**



# Lecturers

- Assessment Plan
- Assessment Tools
- Record - Audio / Visual
- Results

# CGEA Students

- Take photos
- Record comments
- Type notes
- Practice and improve skills
- Gain confidence and understanding

# Get the pieces



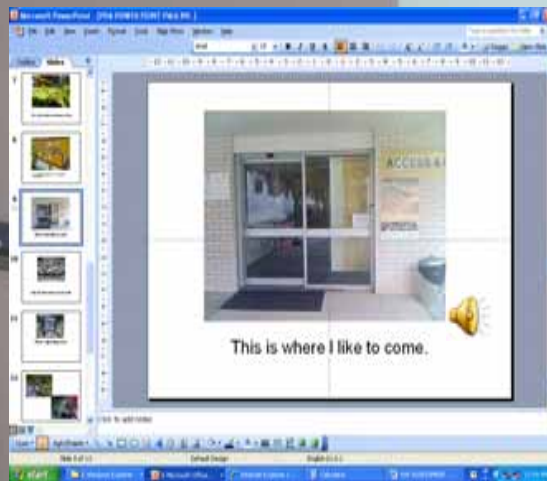
# Make your move!



poster of capsicum



is one of the recordings I made when I  
as taking a picture on my PDA. Listen.



A photograph of a concrete sidewalk with a crack. Small green weeds are growing out of the crack. The text "Miss a turn..." is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

**Miss** a turn...



**Who wins?**

# Advantages of a PDA

Electronic tool to collect evidence	✓
Greater effectiveness	✓
Greater efficiency	✓
Enhanced technological knowledge	✓
Connectiveness	✓
Brighter future	✓

A photograph of two dice on a wooden surface. The dice are slightly out of focus, showing various faces with pips. The background is a warm, brownish wood grain.

**Let's play!**

**Set and  
customise the  
application  
buttons...**





**Take** a picture

**Make** a voice note...





*Make a  
written note*

The image shows two SD cards against a light grey background. On the left is a black SD card, and on the right is a white SD card with the 'SanDisk' logo printed on it. The text 'Transfer to an SD Card...' is centered over the cards, with 'Transfer' in yellow and the rest in white.

**Transfer** to an SD Card...

Windows Media Player

Now Playing Library

1 item  
6 seconds

Now Playing ▾

Bushes in the school ground number 2 ☆☆☆☆☆ 0:06

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Bushes in the school ground number 2.jpg - Windows Picture and Fax Viewer

How did  
YOU go?

100HPIPQ

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Refresh Search Folders

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Windows Explorer interface showing a folder named '100HPIPQ' containing various audio and image files. The address bar shows the path 'F:\PDA WITH CGEA SEMESTER 2 2008\PAULINE'S PDA PHOTOS\100HPIPQ'.

**“The conclusion is there is no conclusion,  
there is only the next step. And the next  
step is completely up to you.”**

**- Garr Reynolds**

