



The Complete Guide to Digital Breakouts

Digital Breakout - Planning and Locks

Planning Your Breakout

[Use this planning guide.](#) Start with the curriculum you would like students to learn. Brainstorm an engaging story/scenario, clues you could create, problems to solve, and possible lock combinations.

Locks

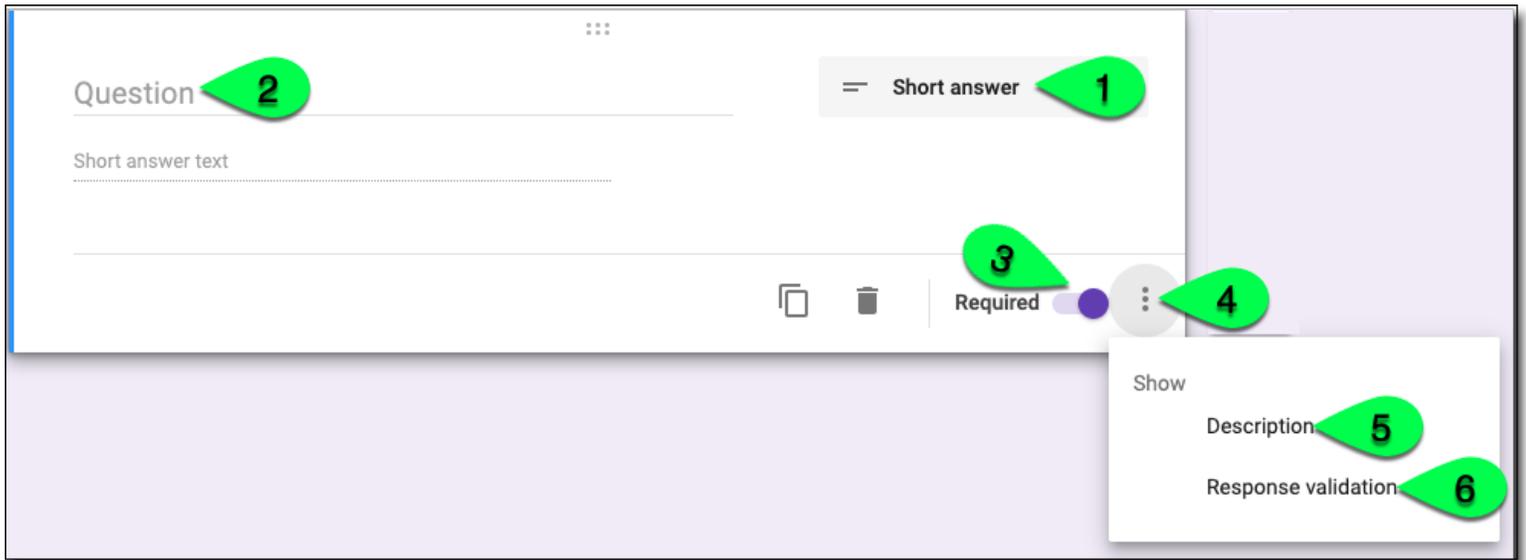
I recommend keeping your game limited to 4 locks at first. I've seen great activities that consisted of just 1 lock, and I've made a massive unit review that had 15 locks.

Locks are validated questions on Google forms. Some common types of locks:

- Text Lock
- Number Lock
- Directional Lock

Creating Locks Google Forms

Create a new Google Form and Add Questions



1. Select Short Answer
2. Type your Lock Type (i.e. 6 Letter Word Lock, 3 Digit Number Lock, etc)
3. Required - toggle on
4. Click the three dots
5. Select **Description**
6. Select **Response Validation**



7. Type Lock Directions
Examples

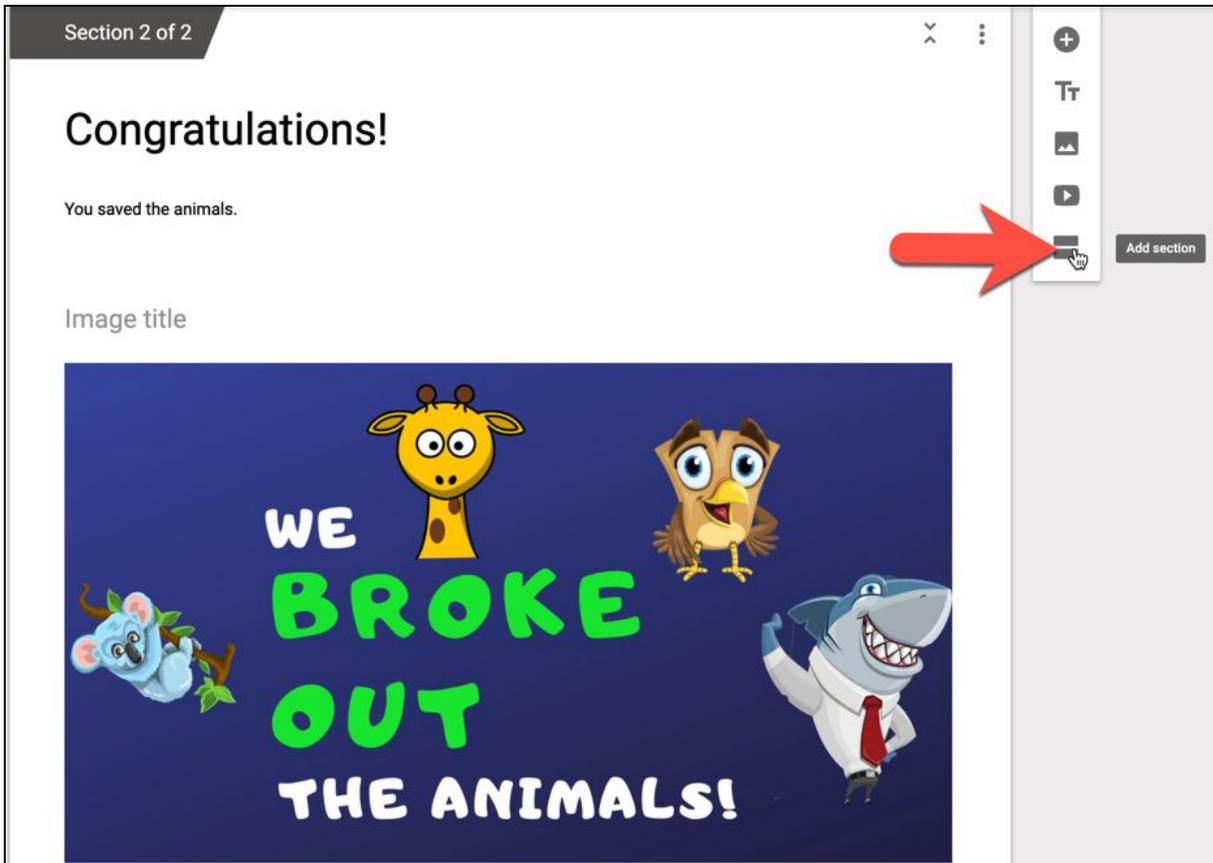
Lock Type	Directions
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Word Lock	ALL CAPS, NO SPACES
Directional Lock	U up, D down, L left, R Right (ALL CAPS, NO SPACES)

8. Select **Text** (Select **Number** if creating a number lock.)
9. Select **Contains** (Select **Equals** if creating a number lock.)
10. Type your chosen lock combination.
11. Change custom error text to a hint, or “Still Locked,” or “Try Again.”
12. Repeat all steps for your remaining locks.

Add a New Section

Add a new section for a congratulations message/image (it will not display until all locks have been successfully opened).

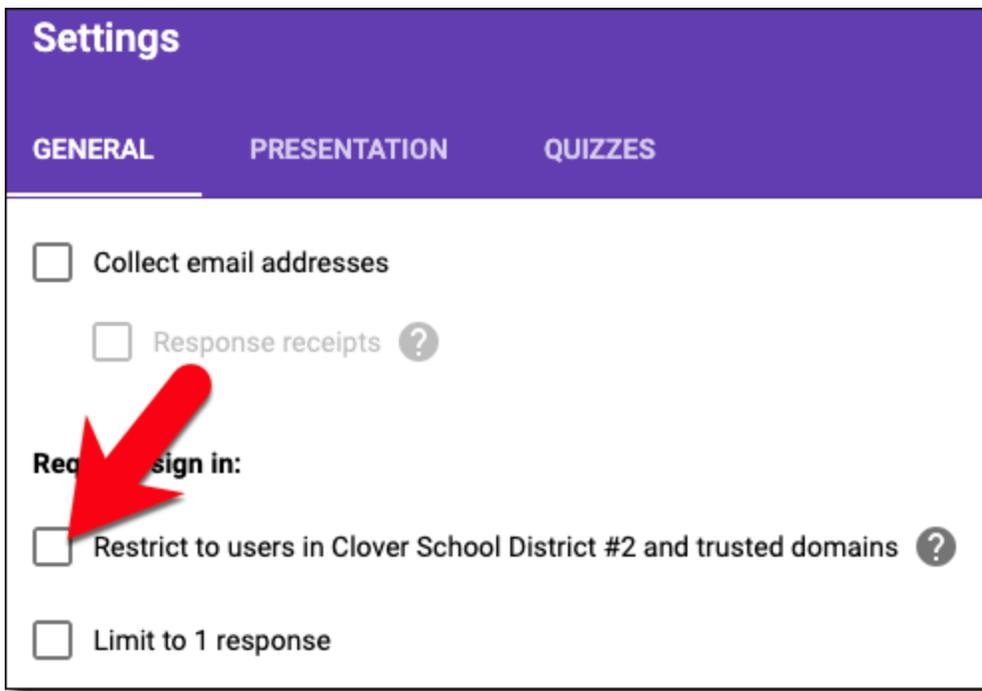


Change The Form Settings

Do the following after you finish creating your locks.



Click the settings wheel



Turn off restrictions so students do not have to sign in.

Digital Breakout - Hints and Clues

This is the fun part! Making clues is my favorite part of making a digital breakout.

Most of my clues consist of links to images or websites/challenges. I recommend the following for images and artifacts that I make:

- Create a [shared, view-only Google Folder](#) to host all of your images/artifacts.
- Students can access any files/images in this folder through their web link.
- Links can be shared directly within your Google Form, or a Google Site (with your form embedded), hidden within text, as a hyperlinked image, etc. My favorite way is to share the link as one of many hotspots within an image.
 - Method 1: [Create Hotspots in Google Drawings](#)
 - Method 2: [Use Thinglink](#)

[Resources for Creating Clues](#)

[How to Create a Google Site for Your Digital Breakout](#)

