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ONLINE TOOLS TO EXPLORE

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Here are online tools with loads of potential for teaching. Try one that strikes your fancy!

MANAGE YOUR COURSE

Posterous	https://posterous.com/	Posterous lets you blog by email. Ideal: a class blog & individual student blogs linked through a blog roll
Twitter Lwitter	http://twitter.com/	Social networking lets you share updates. Twitter is known for the concept of the PLN (Personal Learning Network). Use an agreed hashtag to alert your group to news
Doodle	http://doodle.com/	Easy scheduling; make suggestions & send invitation to the members of your group by entering their emails

Webnotes	http://www.webnotes.net/	Personal feedback tool for student blogs: Create sticky notes that you share only with that particular student. Tutorial by Ann S. Michaelsen: http://webnotes.net/?fygho1
Jing	http://techsmith.com/jing.html	Screen capture films up to 5 minutes (to give feedback, create tutorials, give assignments, or capture ppt presentations)
Вох	http://www.box.com/files	Online file storage site to upload & share materials with your students

GROUP FEEDBACK AND BRAINSTORMING

Wallwisher	http://www.wallwisher.com /	Online notice board. Take this caption challenge by Ian James: http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/BZLNs2dRju	
Вох	http://www.box.com/files	Online file storage site to upload & share materials with your students	
Answer Garden	http://answergarden.ch/	A minimal tool for maximum anonymous feedback (individual responses from group members)	

Bubbl.us	https://bubbl.us	In class or assynchronous brainstorming made simple (whole class f2f and distance collaboration)
Tricider	http://tricider.com/	Brainstorming & voting (individual responses from group members, with developing lines of argument)

PICTURES

eltpics	http://www.flickr.com/photos /eltpics/sets/	By teachers, for teachers! Creative Commons free use!

Tag Galaxy	http://taggalaxy.de/	Search tool using Flickr & tags
		Blog: http://takeaphotoand.wordpress.com/



Google Image	http://www.google.de/advanc ed_image_search?hl=eng	Check "Only images labeled for reuse"
Google Street View	http://maps.google.com/	Picture the world at the street level

MapCrunch	http://www.mapcrunch.com/	Random Google Street View "teleporter". Sample lesson plan "Landscape Stories" by Ian James
Fotobabble	http://www.fotobabble.com/	http://takeaphotoand.wordpress.com/2011/ 11/18/guest-poster-2-ian-james-aka-ij64/ Show a picture and record your story to share a "talking picture"
		Sample: http://askauntieweb.blogspot.com/2011/11 /fotobabble.html
Animoto	http://animoto.com/	Create video slideshows with music or upload mp3
Tuxpi	http://www.tuxpi.com/	Edit pictures online

PREPARE EXERCISES

Lesson Writer	http://lessonwriter.com/defaul t.aspx	Create lessons using your own texts and Bloom's Taxonomy prompts
ProProfs	http://www.proprofs.com/	Create quizzes - or have students create them. Sample quiz: http://www.teachingvillage.org/tag/quiz/
Quizlet	http://quizlet.com/	Revision questions
Puzzle maker	http://puzzle-maker.com/	Create quizzes to print out
Teacher's pet	http://teachers- pet.org/index_de.html	Teacher's Pet uses macros in Microsoft Word and OpenOffice to transform text into classroom exercises

PHONOLOGY

Phonetizer Phonemic Chart	http://www.phonetizer.com/ http://www.phonemicchart.co	Translate text into phonetic script. Tutorial by Nik Peachey: http://tinyurl.com/cnzd4k6 Edit your text in the box and then copy it to
Keyboard	m/	your document.
The Sounds of Spoken Language	http://www.uiowa.edu/~acadt ech/phonetics/	Animated libraries of spoken (American) English, German and Spanish

LEXIS

Blogpost: Exploring collocations online with Linguee, Google Fight, Ngram, Netspeak, Just the Word --http://askauntieweb.blogspot.com/2011/11/exploring-collocations-online.html

Compleat lexical tutor	http://www.lextutor.ca/concor dancers/concord_e.html	Corpus Concordance English (lexical reference and research)
VocabGrabber	http://www.visualthesaurus.co m/vocabgrabber/Netspeak	Analyzes text according to type of corpus
Graphwords	http://graphwords.com/	A visual thesaurus that lets you save graphs; based on http://wordnet.princeton.edu/
Corpus of contemporary	http://corpus.byu.edu/coca/	425 million words, 1990-2011

Amer. English

Google Ngram Viewer	http://books.google.com/ngra ms/	Word frequency search and visualization tool based on Google Books published since 1800
Just the word	http://www.just-the- word.com/	A collocation thesaurus concordancer that produces word clouds. Tutorial by Nik Peachey: http://tinyurl.com/dxvhjqm
Netspeak	http://www.netspeak.org/	Online word search with multiple functions - brilliant! Caution: Internet = database

WORD CLOUDS - e.g. before and after reading

Wordle	http://www.wordle.net	Word clouds to link to or download as a .pdf
Tagxedo	http://www.tagxedo.com/	Shapely tag clouds from websites/ texts to download as a .jpg

VISUALIZE GRAMMAR

Language garden http://www.languagegarden.co A graphic sentence maker. Samples: m/PlantMaker2/index.html http://languagegarden.wordpress.com/2011 /10/23/strolling-round-the-gallery/

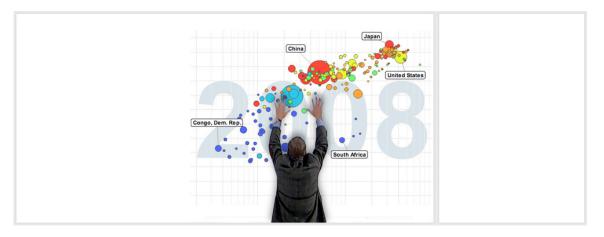
EXPLORE PRAGMATICS

ESLFast chatbot	http://www.eslfast.com/robot	Very worthwhile to explore communication
	1	breakdown to see what makes conversation
		work. See: http://www.spotlight-
		online.de/language/grammar/the-chatbot-

and-i-grammar-and-pragmatics

SKILLS/ ONLINE SPEAKING - Audio & video

Audioboo	http://audioboo.fm/	easy podcasting: share link or embed player
Voki	http://www.voki.com/	Create speaking avatars! My samples: http://askauntieweb.blogspot.com/2010/11 /voki.html
Voicethread	http://voicethread.com/	Sample Voicethread by Ian James http://onlinespeaking.tumblr.com/
Vimeo	http://vimeo.com/	Video site. Record your students using a little video camera (Flip Mino) or a webcam and share the video: High quality of videos; You can allow downloads; Create channel; mark student videos as private & make them password protected/share with the people you choose
Youtube	http://www.youtube.com/	Create channel, make student videos unlisted, share link or embed code only via class blog or email
Audacity	http://audacity.sourceforge.ne t/download/	First install program on your computer. Then record to your computer and create an mp3
Skype	http://www.skype.com/intl/en /get-skype/	To have a remote conference: Download and instal Skype on your computer; then skype in audio, video, text



SPEAKING IN CLASS e.g. presentation training:

Gapminder	http://www.gapminder.org/	For a fact-based world view. Practice presentation skills, discuss development (content)
Google Search Stories	http://www.youtube.com/sear chstories	Students create their own Search Story à la Parisian Love http://youtu.be/nnsSUqgkDwU
WRITING		
iWise	http://www.iwise.com/	Students use quotes as prompts - "Wisdom on demand"
Bitstrips	http://bitstrips.com/	Create comic strips starring you and friends! (Social networking site) My example http://bitstrips.com/r/G30WL
Make beliefs comix	http://www.makebeliefscomix. com/Comix/	Simple comic strips. Student example from Janet Bianchini: http://twitter.com/#!/janetbianchini/status/137245099095629825/photo/1

Xtranormal	http://www.xtranormal.com/	Text to speech software to create a cartoon; explore differences written/ spoken English		
READING OUT LOUD				
Cue prompter	http://cueprompter.com/	Online teleprompter		
LISTENING				
Manager Tools	http://manager-tools.com/	Real skills for real managers		
iTunes	http://itupos	Manage student and own recordings and		
nunes	http://itunes	Manage student and own recordings and podcasts		
English Club Dictation	http://www.englishclub.com/li stening/dictation.htm			
English Central	http://www.englishcentral.co m/videos#/			
Elllo	http://www.elllo.org/			
TED Talks	http://www.ted.com			
Lyrics Training	http://www.lyricstraining.com /index.php			
Phrase Mix	http://www.phrasemix.com/	A phrase a day		
Word stash	http://wordstash.com/	Flashcard app with automated quizzes and games		

TECH TEACHER BLOGS:

Ian James: TEFL Techer http://tefltecher.wordpress.com/ Integrated lesson plans for educated adults Nik Peachey: Nik's Learning technology Blog http://nikpeachey.blogspot.com/ Creative and cutting edge use of tools Russell Stannard: Teacher Training Videos http://www.teachertrainingvideos.com/ Prize-winning, simple explanations Nicky Hockly: e-moderation station http://www.emoderationskills.com/ Tips for online moderators

My blog for newbie techers contains explorative tasks for teachers: Ask Auntie Web http://askauntieweb.blogspot.com/

HAVE FUN :-))

Best wishes,

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