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ANIMOTO

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Free website where you can **create**, download, and share your own **videos**. Log in for free vi Facebook account or a Google access.
You can **drag and drop** your *pictures* and *videos* into one ready-made template or just start from scratch.

👍 Simple to use.

👎 Short videos.

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Tutorial

COGGLE

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Mind-map creator / graphic organisers.
- ➲ brainstorm ideas
- ➲ pre-writing strategy
- ➲ summarise topics
- ➲ work on vocabulary

👍 Collaborative work. You may add text, images and links

👎 Short videos.

▶ YouTube
Tutorial

EDMODO

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Widely used website and app to **create virtual classrooms**.
- ✓ **No e-mail** required.
- ✓ Access classes via a class code
- ✓ **Parents may have access** to students' performance marks.
- ✓ Create **assignments**, **polls**, **posts**, **libraries**, etc.
- ✓ Create subgroups within your class.

👍 Safe environment. Private message section. Make libraries with your PC files or from your Google drive.

👎 You need to teach users how to use it and navigate the site.

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EDPUZLLE

edpuzzle

Website and **app**.
Create a class, upload a **video** and **design activities**. You may **add**:
- ➲ **voice notes**,
- ➲ **open question** and/or
- ➲ **True-False ones**.
Teachers can **correct on site** and provide **feedback**.

👍 You can use videos created by other users. You can crop videos and use shorter segments

👎 It may look difficult at first, but it is worth the while.

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EDUCAPLAY

educaplay

A **webpage** that allows to **create activities** and **assign** them to your students. There is space to **exchange ideas** and **dictation** for those who need it. Teacher can **correct some activities online**.

👍 Export results to spreadsheets.

👎

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ENGLISH MEDIA LAB

Past Simple Betting Game

Website that offers **free exercises**. You may find some based on **grammar topics**, **vocabulary** and/or **pronunciation**.
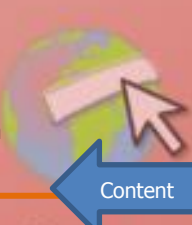
👍 Most exercises are presented as games, which is engaging for students.

👎 No interaction among students. Ask students to send you a screenshot with the answers.

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FLIPGRID

Website / App useful for students to upload students' **videos** with content and share them with the teacher & peers in a class. Teacher can **provide feedback** on their performance. Peers may react to videos as well. Focus on **Speaking** mainly. Access "teachers' guide".

👍 Add different activities in each group. Ss may blur their faces if shy.

👎 Time needed to familiarise with site but it's worth the while!

YouTube Tutorial

GENIAL.LY

An easy-to-use, **free** web tool to create **interactive visual content**, such as **presentations** and **infographics**. Teachers may be invited to edit the creation.

👍 Really engaging.

👎 You cannot download productions, always online.

YouTube Tutorial

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

A site to **create virtual classrooms**. It can be used as a space to interact with learners. It is connected to Google Drive and other features/apps related to Google. If an institution has an ".edu" account, it may apply for the G Suite pack for free.

👍 Assignments can be corrected on site and feedback sent on the spot.

👎 Participants need a Gmail account - a drawback with underaged students.

YouTube Tutorial

GOOGLE FORMS

You may be familiar with Google forms. Did you know you may create **activities** that **self-correct**? You may insert:
  ➲ images
  ➲ videos from YouTube
Possibilities may be endless depending on your creativity.
Teachers can see answers online.

👍 It may take time to create but it's helpful. You can re-use forms. You can analyse class results by means of the pie charts created.

👎 Students may need an e-mail address or share answers.

YouTube Tutorial

HANGOUTS

A component of the Google family that allows **conversations** and **video conferences** between 2 or more users.

👍 You only need to download the app.

👎 You need a Gmail account. Up to 10 participants.

YouTube Tutorial

KAHOOT!

Games for **revising vocabulary**, **multiple choice** questions. Create **polls**, **formative assessment** activities, **slides** to teach, **practise spelling**, etc. In the paid version, you can download and track results.

👍 Fun and engaging. Premium version free now. Online game or "**homework**" version with the **challenge** option.

👎 Spelling & slides are part of the features available in the paid version as some other information.

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LINO

Lino is an online web **sticky note service** that can be used to post **memos**, to-do **lists**, **ideas**, and **photos** anywhere on an online web canvas. Collaborative tool. You can create as many as you like.

👍 Easy to use and share. Log in is not necessary. Colourful. Video embedding allowed.

👎

YouTube Tutorial

LIVE WORK-SHEETS

Interactive worksheets. You may use those made by other users or design your own. **Comments** may be sent via email *if students have registered*. These handouts may be used to develop comprehension skills.

You can create
- ➲ Unlimited public worksheets.
- ➲ Up to 30 private worksheets
- ➲ Up to 10 workbooks to share with up to 100 students.

👍 You can share them externally and get answers tracked in different ways. Most worksheets can also be downloaded as PDF.

👎

YouTube Tutorial

MENTIMETER

A website that allows **interaction** to engage your students through **polls**, **quizzes**, **Q&A** sessions and much more.

You can **download** results as pdf.

👍 Engaging. A good way to gather/ exchange data and make presentations.

👎 The free version allows a maximum of 7 days to collect votes.

YouTube Tutorial

NEWSPAPER JAGUARPAW

It is a website to create your own **newspaper articles** where photos can be included.

👍

👎

NO Tutorial

ONLINE WORKSHEET GENERATOR

A website that allows users to create **handouts**. **Word Scramble, word search** and **minimal pairs** are **free**.

👍 Some variety. You may create communicative tasks where patterns become input.

👎 You need to pay to access premium worksheets. It may be worth doing so.

YouTube Tutorial (Click on "demo" on webpage)

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PADLET

Online **dashboard** to **share ideas**, **videos**, **images**. You can add **links** and **audios**, too. It allows **interaction** among participants. Great tool for **writing** (short) texts as well. Let your creativity soar! It may prove useful to collect assignments and get classmates to comment on other posts.

👍 Collaborative. User friendly

👎 In the free version, you can create up to 3 boards.

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PDF ESCAPE

This website allows you to **add fields** to a **pdf file** for **users to write in**. You just upload your pdf file and add text or areas to include information.
⚠ Do not forget to acknowledge the original author of the pdf you choose to adjust!

👍 Great alternative to adjust existing pdfs so that users may write on them.
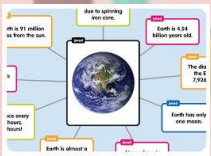
👎 Few users reported not to have found the information added after saving.

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POPPLET

Mind-map creator - **graphic organisers**. Users can **work collaboratively**. It may be used to, **brainstorm**, **summarise topics**, group **vocabulary** areas or any other way to **synthesise** content.

👍 Collaboratively. You can include text, images, links and drawings.

👎 The webpage does not work fine unless you have an update version of Java.

▶ YouTube — Tutorial

POWTOON

PowToon is an online tool that **creates dynamic videos**. There are many options and **templates** available for you to choose from. Your students can create one themselves to present some information to the class.

👍 Excellent visuals and tool to share ideas and give out a message.

👎 Free images are available for 1 day approx. Then, a lock appears next to them. You cannot download videos.

▶ YouTube — Tutorial

QUIZLET

A website & app to work with **vocabulary** mainly. You can include **images** (diagram) and **label** up to 8 items in it. You may **adopt** and **adapt** materials created by other users. You may **adjust creations** to **reading**, **grammar**, etc. using your creativity. 5 options to use **without** the **need** of the **teacher** with **self-correction**. **Test** option available.
⚠ "**Live**" feature (game) like **Kahoot**.

👍 Engaging. Ss can work alone – **autonomy**. Collaboratively creation of material. **Audio** available.

👎 There are interesting features in the paid version.

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SMALL PDF

It helps to **convert** and **edit files**. e.g., pages of a **pdf book** can be cut and **shared** with the students.

⚠ Suggestion: Do not use a whole unit, divide it in a couple of pages only

👍 You can continue using your textbook as in class.

👎 Free trial version for 14 days.

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THE TEACHER'S CORNER

Create **crosswords**, **word searches**, **word scramble activities**, **cloze** handouts, **match up makers**, printable **calendar**, "telling **time**" worksheets, free **Math** worksheets, **word clouds** and **many more**.

⚠ Great to combine with **Quizlet** & **Kahoot**!

👍 Variety. Download sheets. You can edit font, title, etc.

👎

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TOOLS FOR EDUCATORS

A website where you may design **word searches**, **dice makers**, printable **board games**, **crosswords** puzzle makers, **bingo** board makers, **maze** makers, **dominoes** makers, **spelling** worksheet makers, **tracing** worksheets, **certificate** templates, etc.

👍 Lots of variety. Download sheets. You may create communicative tasks where patterns become input.

👎

No Tutorial

VOCABULARY HANDOUT MAKER

It is an online worksheet **template** that allows you to make **handouts** for students with **images** and **custom text**. **Font** type and **size** may be **modified**.

👍 Customise to your needs using the alternatives the website provides.

👎 If a term you want to use is not included in the pre-set list, you cannot add it.

No Tutorial

VOCAROO

Audio recording tool.
Log in is not necessary.
Easy to share: a URL link, a QR code.
You can embed and/or download the recording.

👍 You can download files.

👎 Recordings disappear after some months. Inappropriate ads may appear while using the site.

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VOICE THREAD

Collaborative, **multimedia slide show** that holds images, documents, and videos and allows people to navigate slides and **leave comments** in 5 ways - **using voice** (with a mic or telephone), **text**, **audio file**, or **video** (via a webcam). All users have access to the answers.
Accessible from different devices such as cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc. Watch out with connectivity.

👍 Language skills are integrated.

👎 No interaction at the same time. Only five free Voicethreads.

YouTube — Tutorial

VOKI

Voki is an educational tool that allows the creation of an **avatar** to whom you can **add voice**. You can do so by writing a text or uploading a file with your voice, among other option. The avatar may be **customised** to look like an animated cartoon, a historical figure, animals or even students themselves.
Great for opportunities to practise **speaking**

👍 Great not to expose underaged learners.

👎 You cannot download the products unless you pay.

YouTube — Tutorial

WRITE & IMPROVE

Interactive platform to practise **writing** for Cambridge Exams. Students will need to photograph their work and send it to the teacher; sharing is only allowed in the paid version.

👍 The tool corrects and provides feedback.

👎 Teachers cannot monitor progress with the free version.

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ZOOM

Web and App tool for **videoconferences** and **webinars**. Its free version offers 2 possibilities: **1 to 1 unlimited** and meetings up to **100 participants** that may last up to **30/40 min**. There is a **chat** window, you may **share the screen** of your device. *Break out rooms* to make participants **work in groups**. Headset needed!

👍 No e-mail address required. Screen sharing. You can record session. All participants can see each other.

👎 Free version: 30-40 minutes. Security issues risen these last few days.

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