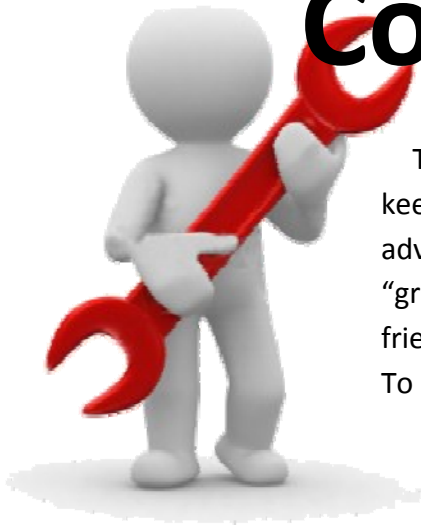


Cool Tools for Teaching



There are tons of **FREE** tools on the web that can be used for learning and teaching, but keep in mind that there is no such thing as a free lunch, so you may have to put up with some advertising, or some less-than-perfect directions. (Or sometimes, no directions!) Some of these are “grab-n-go” sites where you can use them and leave; other websites/tools require (or are more user-friendly) if you “register” to use them with an email account and password, even though they are free. To keep yourself safer and spam-free, here are some suggestions:

Have **one** email address, username, and password to use for any/all of these websites; it's easier to remember how you sign into your various accounts.

You might want to (create and) use a special email account just for this purpose. Gmail and Yahoo mail are free and you can create an email account for your teaching tools.

Once you've decided which email account you'll use, prepare three bits of information for use on any of these websites/tools:

- **Username:** (it can be an email address for some sites, others will not accept that)
- **Email:** be consistent, use the same address for each site's registration; it's easier to remember just one!
- **Password:** Create one, strong, unusual password that you will remember and use it for all of these registrations.

Choose a “privacy” setting when and where you can. May sites indicate that you will be “publishing” for everyone (in the world--literally) or “by invitation.” Some of these sites provide a code or URL (web address) that you will want to copy for future reference.

With all of that in mind, the next page has a list of Cool Tools for learning and teaching, and the web-addresses to get to each. **Rather than focusing on how you might use them, think about how your students could use them to demonstrate their learning!**

Those sites that have the ⇨ in the first column at the left are personal favorites!

	Name/Website	URL	What does this makes or do?
For use at home/on your personal computer			
	C Cleaner*	http://www.piriform.com/ccleaner	Cleans cookies, temp files, and other junk from your computer
	Finjan SecureBrowsing*	http://securebrowsing.finjan.com/index.html	Let's you know whether websites are safe for browsing or if there is some risk
	PDF Creator*	http://sourceforge.net/projects/pdfcreator/	This is a FREE application that creates Adobe Acrobat files from any original
	Jing*	www.jingproject.com/	Captures screen shots—or portions of a screen
Quick and Easy			
⇒	Google Translate	http://www.translate.google.com	"Guesses" and translates text from one language to another and pronounces the expression
⇒	Countdown Timer	http://classtools.net/education-games-php/timer/	
	Guess the Google	http://grant.robinson.name/projects/guess-the-google/	
	Online Stopwatch	http://www.online-stopwatch.com/full-screen-stopwatch/	
⇒	Random Name Picker	http://classtools.net/education-games-php/fruit_machine/	Literally does what it says; you add names and it will pick them—in varied, animated formats
⇒	VozMe	http://vozme.com	Translates text to voice
	Wallwisher	http://www.wallwisher.com/	An online bulletin board—and it looks very much like a real one
Just Can't Live Without			
⇒	Zamzar	www.zamzar.com	Converts file formats; especially helpful to download YouTube videos (at home) and bring them to school as stand-alone videos
Word Cloud Creators			
⇒	Wordle	www.wordle.net	Creates word clouds based on text entered; allows for some tweaking of graphics and colors
	WordItOut	http://worditout.com/	Similar to Wordle
	Tagxedo*	http://www.tagxedo.com/	Creates word clouds from URLs, Twitter feeds, RSS feeds, News, Search Results, or Del.icio.us; based on tags
	Tagul		Similar to Tagxedo

URL Changers			
	Bitly	http://bitly.com	Each of these sites can be used to take long URLs (web addresses) and shorten them; they all work in much the same way
	Moourl	http://moourl.com/	
⇒	Tiny URL	http://tinyurl.com	
Fun with Photos			
	Animoto	www.animoto.com http://tinyurl.com/4kjtpxb	Creates videos from photos and other media
	Blabberize (Sample/example included)	www.blabberize.com http://tinyurl.com/blabberize	Makes photos “talk” by animating the mouth
⇒	Go! Animate	http://goanimate.com/	Creates characters and cartoons
	Kizoa	http://www.kizoa.com/	Slideshow maker
	My Avatar Editor	http://www.myavatareditor.com/	Creates avatars (characters)
⇒	Piknik	www.piknik.com	Online photo editing application
	Photo Peach	http://photopeach.com/	Slideshow creator
	Prezi	www.prezi.com	
	Slide (Sample/example included)	http://www.slide.com/ http://tinyurl.com/slidesample	Slideshow creator
	Speechable	http://speechable.com/	Web app that allows you to upload and add speech bubbles to photos and share them
For More Traditional Learning			
	Bubbl	http://www.bubbl.us/	Web app for creating graphic organizers
	NoteStar	http://notestar.4teachers.org/	
	Paper Rater	http://www.paperrater.com/	
⇒	Post It Image Labeler (Sample/example included)	http://classtools.net/education-games-php/postIt/ http://tinyurl.com/makelabels	Allows you to add “post-it” notes to an image
	Rubistar (rubric maker)	http://rubistar.4teachers.org/index.php	Rubric maker
⇒	Spelling City	http://www.spellingcity.com/	Creates games from spelling words

	Teachnology Rubric Maker	http://www.teach-nology.com/web_tools/rubrics/	Rubric maker
	Timeline Maker	http://classtools.net/education-games-php/timeline/	Timeline maker tool; easy for kids to use
	Venn Diagram Maker	http://classtools.net/education-games-php/venn_intro/	Venn diagram maker; easy for kids to use
	Voicethread	http://voicethread.com/#home	
	Wordsift	http://www.wordsift.com/	A visual thesaurus that shows word relationships
	Worksheet Generator	http://www.educationalpress.org/#	Creates flashcards, game boards, and quizzes to print directly from your browser
	Xtranormal (Sample/example included)	www.xtranormal.com http://tinyurl.com/cartoomovie http://tinyurl.com/85qx4d4	Create mini-cartoon movies with voice, animation, and sound
Online Survey Creators			
	SurveyMonkey	http://www.surveymonkey.com/Default.aspx	Each of these sites allows you to create an online survey, distribute it, and get the results. There are limits for the free accounts, but it will probably be as much as you need for a class
	Zoomerang	http://www.zoomerang.com/	
<i>*software needs to be installed on your computer</i>			