

The Teachers' Travel Guide to the Web

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Teachya.com

www.teachya.com

Tom's website, with links to around 3,000 free web pages, organised by topic and level.

[A1 - Elementary](#)

[A2 - Lower Intermediate](#)

[B1 - Intermediate](#)

[B2 - Upper Intermediate](#)

[C1 - Advanced](#)



Itinerary I - Projector

Video – British Council

<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/songs/over-the-mountains> - animated video and song for younger learners practising transport vocabulary and present continuous

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/uk-now/video-uk/british-weather> - videos about the UK - from British Council Learn English Teens

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/britain-great/literature-great-part-1> - cultural videos about the UK - for adults - from British Council Learn English



Video – BBC

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/language/wordsinthenews/> - News lessons (audio and video, advanced level)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/language/theteacher/> - funny idioms lessons

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/language/theteacher/201/07/110719_teacher_transport_mile_page.shtml - Example from session: "It sticks out a mile"

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/grammar/pron/> - pronunciation videos

Video – More Resources

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=soywKZ4bm4U> – pronunciation on video assimilation – from the YouTube Channel [Podcasts in English](#)

<http://lessonstream.org> - many ideas for video lessons

<http://lessonstream.org/2007/11/09/mexican-doodles/> - Mexican Doodles

<http://www.yourlocalcinema.com/subtitledtrailers.html> - subtitled trailers of the latest films

Downloading Video

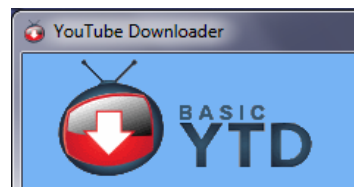
1. From BBC (The Teacher and Pronunciation Videos)

Right-click on 'Download video' and select 'Save target as...'

2. From YouTube

Download and install the YouTube Downloader. This is free software available from:

http://download.cnet.com/Free-YouTube-Downloader/3000-2071_4-75219434.html?tag=rb_content;contentMain – click the green button next to 'Download now'



Once installed, open the program and paste the URL of the YouTube video and click 'download'

3. Some of the websites do not allow downloads

In this case, simply open the windows in advance of your lesson, letting the video load up (play it through once). This avoids any problems with slow internet or a broken connection during your lesson.

Games

<http://teens-leaders.wikispaces.com/file/view/CatsMX+prepositions.swf/144440695/CatsMX%20prepositions.swf>

- Where is the mouse? Furniture / Prepositions of place

https://www.learnenglish.org.uk/facebook/picyourwits/index_animals_drupal.php - Pic Your Wits – animals vocabulary

<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/fun-games/teddy-dresser> - Teddy Dresser - clothes vocabulary game for kids

<http://genkienglish.net/milliondollars.htm> - song and quiz (2nd conditional and superlatives)

See also :

www.teachya.com/listening/songs.php

www.teachya.com/fun/

www.lyrics-training.com

Genki Hip Hop Quiz: "If you had a million dollars"

I'd drive the fastest car.

I'd buy the biggest boat.

I'd wear the brightest diamonds.

www.GenkiEnglish.com

Listen to the song above, click the answers and see what score you get!

Itinerary 2 - Projects

Dvolver

www.dfilm.com/live/moviemaker.html

Dvolver is a simple tool that lets you create an animated movie. Choose characters, a background and sky, and music; type in the dialogue; give it a title and then your movie is created automatically. Students can email you with their creations.



Animoto

www.animoto.com/education – requires registration

A wonderful tool that lets you create video slideshows using images (or short video clips), text and music, with some great special effects. Already popular in education across all subject areas.

www.fresh-approach-to-learning.com/animoto.mp4 - example movie on the topic of likes and dislikes.



Voicethread

www.voicethread.com – requires registration

Students can upload a series of photos or a video and then add their comments, using either a microphone or a webcam. They can also invite other to comment in the same way, making it ideal for group work on a particular topic. It's also a great way for students to do speaking for homework!



Time Toast

www.timetoast.com – requires registration

An easy-to-use tool which lets students create a timeline using images and text. You can add an event (a point in time) or a timespan (a period of time). It's useful for practising past tenses. There is a similar website at www.tikitoki.com.



Prezi

Tom's presentation was made using Prezi (www.prezi.com), which is a fantastic free online tool and an interesting alternative to PowerPoint. It's great for creating teaching materials and for students' project work too.



And Finally...



Songify

<http://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/songify/id438735719?mt=8>

This is an iPhone app that can be used to create a song from speech (NB – no longer free!)

If you are you looking for any particular websites not covered in this session, I may be able to help. Feel free to email me at tom@teachya.com or tom@lewis-school.co.uk

Have fun exploring! It's all free!
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