

The digital eLearning Tools ESL teachers need their life



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Digital tools for language teaching and learning

Through digital tools, learners can practice their language skills at their own pace and level, communicate and collaborate, and work creatively with language.



There are many digital resources and tools available today that allow you to evaluate your skill level, track your development, obtain feedback, and improve your abilities.

I have chosen some tools and resources that add exceptional value to language teaching and learning.

So where do you start?



A great place to start is with tools like [Quizlet](#) that you can use to make simple online quizzes for homework. Activate your students' prior knowledge with a vocabulary revision quiz on [Kahoot!](#) or [Socrative](#).

Experiment with 'Flipping' your classroom

Get your students to watch a video on [YouTube](#) movie, and finish comprehension exercises as homework rather than wasting important class time on listening exercises. I like to follow up with in-class discussions, role play, or games.

If you're teaching online, learners can share their timelines in a digital portfolio like [Bulb](#) or [Padlet](#).

Bookmarking sites like [Symbaloo](#), [Wakelet](#), or [Padlet](#) are essential for keeping collections of online texts, games, and videos that look useful. This makes it easy to find resources to match each lesson's aim when planning and creating your eLearning courses.



[Google Translate](#)

Responding to learners



[Google Docs](#) is a great tool to write with. It maintains version control, tracks feedback and comments from team members, and allows you to choose between editing, reading, or commenting which is FANTASTIC for ALL stakeholders. ie. teachers, tutors, students, and parents.

The 'Track changes' and 'Comments' tools in [Google Docs](#) and [Microsoft Word](#) have been total game changers for me! I also love the 'Suggesting mode' when providing writing feedback.

Check out these education templates on [Piktochart](#).

Organising, researching & collaborating



ReadCube and two 🙌 of my favourites (*I use both with Chrome extensions*) **Diigo** and **Google KEEP** are super useful assistants to easily and quickly:

- collect
- organise
- highlight
- add sticky notes
- annotate
- cite
- share

Diigo has a few extras that I think are crucial for education research

- social bookmarking technology
- collaborative research
- web annotation
- comment and reflect on shared resources and research

Memonic AND **Pockt**

Brilliant assistance tools when working within larger groups. All team members can access all the curated and collated research easily and painlessly.

Miro helps groups/ teams visually brainstorm and bring complex ideas and perspectives to life.

Apps like **BibMe** and **EndNote** make sourcing and citing research much easier.

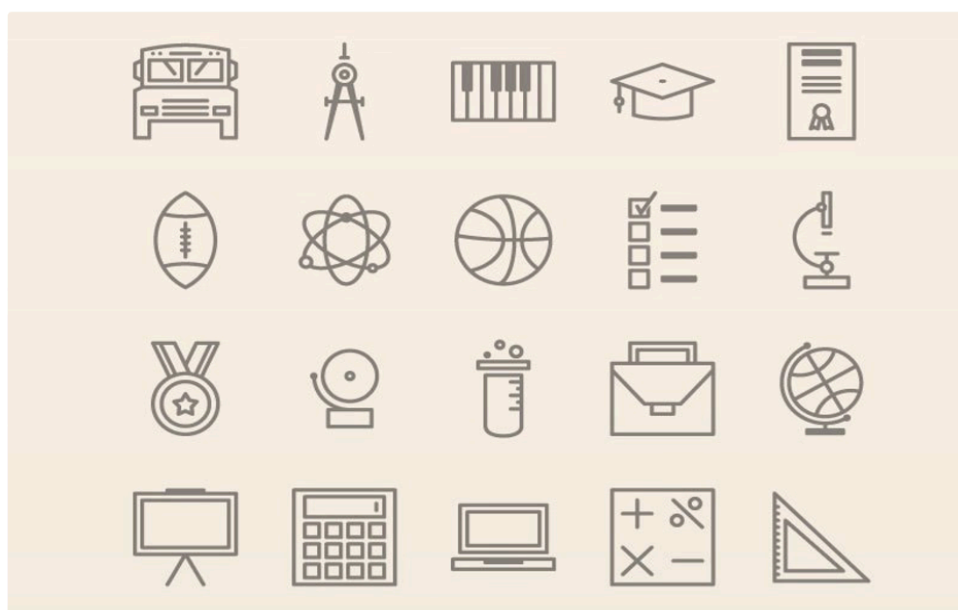
Editing



Get students started with:

Grammarly and **Canva**.

Seriously! Where would I be without them?





My young learners absolutely LOVED experimenting with this set of more than 100 education themed icons from [Graphics Fuel](#). Whereas, I love the ease of [icons8](#) and Flaticons extensions integrated into my Google Workspace. 📄

Icons8

To use the free version all you they ask is you link to their website. However, the educator and student discount will allow you to unlock all the wonderful assets in this extensive and always growing library.

Fontjoy

Generate Font Combinations

[Freepik](#) is a search engine that tracks and locate free graphic resources from more than 200 webs and displays the results in an orderly layout for easy access. More than 1,4 mill vectors, images, icons and psd at your disposal.



Let's Enhance

Edit Images online! This automatic AI editor increase image resolution without losing quality, and enhances your photos in one click.

Piktochart

Book Creator, and Storybird- add links

Collections

[Wakelet](#) and [Padlet](#). LOVE, LOVE both of these for preparing and delivery engaging content.

Follow me on Miss_DEE on Padlet today!



LOVE THIS



Put your portfolio, however, limited, on either a **blog or webpage or one of the free platforms such as Fivrr or Contently**, which are really job exchanges but handily double up as a place to showcase your content.