

Empowering Language Learners with Tools from the Web

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Web 2.0 (for more information, visit: www.classroom20.com)

- a term often applied to an ongoing transition of the World Wide Web from a collection of websites to a full-fledged computing platform serving web applications to end users. It refers to a second-generation of Internet-based services—such as social networking sites, wikis, communication tools, and folksonomies—that emphasize online collaboration and sharing among users.



Blog (www.blogger.com and www.classchatter.com)

- an online journal with frequent, chronological publication of personal thoughts and Web links
- the term BLOG comes from web + log
- a website where entries are made in journal style; it is often updated daily and contains all information that the person maintaining the BLOG (Blogger) wishes to share with the world.



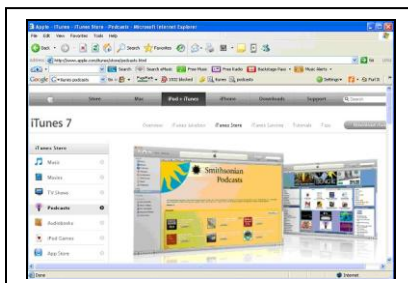
Social Networking (www.facebook.com)

- social networking sites that offer interactive, user-submitted network of friends, personal profiles, blogs, groups, photos, music and videos and other applications
- users can select to join one or more participating networks, such as a school, hobbies, interests, college or university, place of employment, geographic region, or social group



PhotoStory (search "Google" for Photo Story 3 for a free download)

- a free application that allows users to create a show and tell presentation from their digital photos. The software uses the Ken Burns Effect on digital photos and allows adding narration, effects, transitions and background music to create a Windows Media Video (.wmv) movie file with pan and zoom effects.



Podcasts (www.podbean.com)

- a collection of digital media files which is distributed over the Internet, often using syndication feeds, for playback on portable media players and personal computers.
- despite its name, a podcast may be played through a variety of digital audio software and hardware and is not limited to the iPod brand products developed by Apple



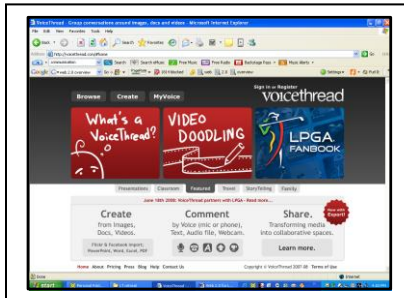
Voki (www.voki.com)

- an avatar creating site where students can design an online persona and speak through this persona in the target language
- students can produce short bits of spoken language using a dial-up/telephone, a microphone connected to the computer, or via a built-in microphone
- great for short speaking assignments and for teacher webpages



Social Bookmarking (www.delicious.com)

- web based collaborative repository of Internet bookmarks (URLs or links) with annotations and tags for organization
- the ability to save and categorize a personal collection of bookmarks and share them with others. Users may also take bookmarks saved by others and add them to their own collection, as well as to subscribe to the lists of others.



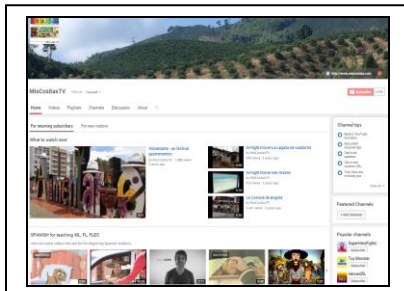
VoiceThread (www.voicethread.com)

- an online media album that can hold many types of media (images, documents, videos) and allows people to make and share comments using voice, text, audio file, or video
- allows group conversations to be collected and shared in one place, from anywhere in the world



Wikis (www.wikispaces.com)

- a wiki is a website that includes the collaboration of work from many different authors.
- a wiki site allows anyone to edit, delete, or modify the content on the web; it may serve as an easy-to-edit webpage
- the word wiki comes from the Hawaiian word for "quick"!



YouTube (www.youtube.com) and TeacherTube (www.teachertube.com)

- video sharing websites where users can upload, view and share video clips
- unregistered users can watch videos on the site, while registered users are permitted to upload an unlimited number of videos
- Teacher Tube is monitored and screened for inappropriate materials, while YouTube is not