

# ***Differentiating Instruction for ELLs through Technology***

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# Wiki Link for This Presentation

[http://njtesol-njbe-tech-  
presentation.wikispaces.com](http://njtesol-njbe-tech-presentation.wikispaces.com)

handout, links, screenshot samples, and  
technical instructions

## Rationale for Using Technology with ELLs

- To engage and motivate students
- To provide comprehensible input to ELLs
- To differentiate instruction for ELLs

# Rationale for Using Technology with ELLs

- To build ELLs' background knowledge
- To provide additional vocabulary practice for ELLs
- To help ELLs learn to become active learners in your classroom

# Exploring Websites and Web 2.0 Applications

# WEB 2.0 Technologies

**Question:** What is WEB 2.0?

**Answer:** WEB 2.0 is

- used to describe a new generation of Web applications
- an increased emphasis on collaboration.
- a move away from the static web page to a more interactive information sharing.

# Websites, Blogs & Wikis

- **Website** is a collection of web pages that are related.
- **Wiki** is an open website that anyone or a select group of people can edit, add to, or update.
- **Blog** is an electronic journal that other people can comment on.

# Blogs

- Student blogs are a great way to maintain interest in writing.
- Blogs written by educators are an excellent way for teachers to share information.

# Features of a Good Class Blog

- Class homepage to communicate with students
- Independent yet inter-connected blog accounts for students
- Upload images or insert videos
- Make all or selected students' writings private

# Features of Good Class Blogs

- Central console to manage students accounts with control over accounts and content.
- Review capabilities of student entries.
- <http://www.21classes.com>

# Student Blogs

- Blogs by 7th grade students -  
<http://mrsaubertin.21classes.com/>
- Blogs by 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students -  
<http://kidblog.org/MrsPeters2ndGrade/author/IndiaW2/>

# Class Blogs

- [https://docs.google.com/present/view?id=0AclS3lrIFkCIZGhuMnZjdjVfNzQ5ZnpiczlxYzM&hl=en\\_GB](https://docs.google.com/present/view?id=0AclS3lrIFkCIZGhuMnZjdjVfNzQ5ZnpiczlxYzM&hl=en_GB)
- Top 10 List (p. 19)
- Embed Author's websites (p. 24)

# Web 2.0 Tools & Class Blogs

- [https://docs.google.com/present/view?id=0AclS3lrIFkClZGhuMnZjdjVfNzQ5ZnpiczlxYzM&hl=en\\_GB](https://docs.google.com/present/view?id=0AclS3lrIFkClZGhuMnZjdjVfNzQ5ZnpiczlxYzM&hl=en_GB)
- Vocaroo recordings (p. 45) <http://vocaroo.com/>
- AnswerGarden (p. 46)  
<http://answergarden.ch/about-AnswerGarden/>
- Cartoon (p. 49)
- Quizbox (51) <http://www.quizbox.com/builder/>

# Blogs for Teachers

- Shelly Terrell's Teacher Boot Camp:  
<http://tinyurl.com/2dtqu7e>
- Larry Ferlazzo's – Blog on the best websites:  
<http://tinyurl.com/n4cdf6>
- Tom Barrett's blog – ways to use technology in the classroom: [http://edte.ch/blog/?page\\_id=424](http://edte.ch/blog/?page_id=424)
- Here is a blog that Judie writes for teachers about ELLs: <http://everythingesl-everythingesl.blogspot.com/>

# Twitter for Teachers

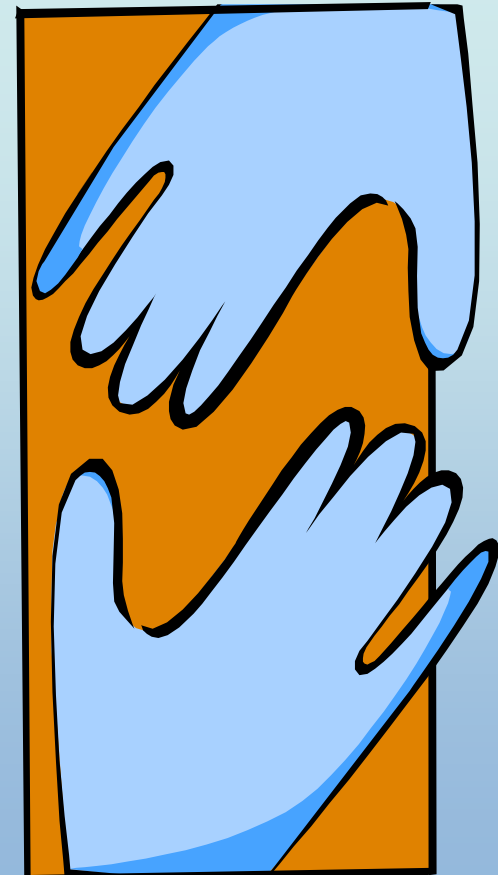
- Twitter hashtags allow teachers to hold discussions on Twitter with educators from all over the world.  
<http://twitter.com/#!/judiehaynes/favorites>
- #ellchat – is a Twitter discussion group dedicated to discuss ELL education issues.
- #edchat - #edtech #elemchat #ptchat, #educationnation #spedchat

# What's a Wiki?

It's a website for collaborative work that anyone with access can edit.

- **Wiki Instructions:**

<http://educationalsoftware.wikispaces.com/Wikispaces+Tutorial>



**PBworks**

# Wikis for Education



<http://www.wikispaces.com/>

<http://wikisineducation.wetpaint.com>

<http://pbworks.com/>

# Wiki Uses

- Communicating with students and parents -  
<http://mrtromp.wikispaces.com/Letter+to+Parents>
- Students' projects -  
<http://technotigersanimals.wikispaces.com/Mammals>
- Discussion -  
<http://desbuffalo.wikispaces.com/Wikis+vs.+Face-To-Face+Discussions>

## Wiki Uses cont.

- Develop a student wiki to encourage student writing <http://space213.wikispaces.com/>
- Story response to create and describe pictures using VoiceThread [http://andtothink.wikispaces.com/AL\\_2-4\\_BSmith](http://andtothink.wikispaces.com/AL_2-4_BSmith)

# Differentiating Instruction Options:

- See what 1,000 looks like - could include where people are from: continents, countries, states, and cities

<http://1000names.wikispaces.com/>

- Data for a graph of favorite foods, for example, healthy and unhealthy food

<http://favouritesgraph.wikispaces.com/>

# Differentiating Instruction Options

cont.

- Online posters - <http://room2-wiki6.wikispaces.com/>
- Students tell about themselves - <http://weewebwonders.pbworks.com/How-to-Use-the-Computer-Project>

# Cloud Computing

- When creating documents use services or applications online, instead of using programs installed on your computer.
- Many in the tech field believe that technology is moving away from programs like iTunes and Microsoft Word to a world where everything you need to do will be done online, or in the "cloud".

# Cloud Computing

- Delicious – This is a place where I store all of the articles that I want to keep and share with others.

<http://www.delicious.com/judie1834>

- Dropbox Create documents, presentations, and spreadsheets. Share and store them online, not on your computer.

<https://www.dropbox.com/share>

- Evernote – Capture information (web page, snapshot and then access it from multiple computers.

[https://www.evernote.com/Home.action?login=true&targetUrl=%2FHome.action#n=b2a24527-ba15-4105\\_a3bf-6ad428eb1267&b=7d66e603-9330-44ec-967f-973751da19fb](https://www.evernote.com/Home.action?login=true&targetUrl=%2FHome.action#n=b2a24527-ba15-4105_a3bf-6ad428eb1267&b=7d66e603-9330-44ec-967f-973751da19fb)

# Wallwisher

- Use Wallwisher to brainstorm ideas, vocabulary or opinions with class.
- NJTESOL/NJBE brainstorm: Use an adjective to describe a good ESL teacher <http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/NJTESOL-NJBE>
- 31 ideas for using Wallwisher in the Classroom.
- <http://www.ideastoinspire.co.uk/wallwisher.htm>

# Voicethread

- Voicethread is a great tool for adding speech to your lessons. <http://voicethread.com/>
- Voicethread can be used with very young children. <http://eslschnee.weebly.com/kinder-polar-bear-voicethread.html>

# Student Podcasts

- Practice reading writing and speaking with student podcasts using <http://elschnee.weebly.com/1st-haiku-podcast.html>
- Livescribe: <http://livewithlivescribe.edublogs.org/2010/09/12/ell-learning-sentences/>
- Voki: <http://www.voki.com> Sample Link

# Wordle

- [https://docs.google.com/present/view?id=dhn2vcv5\\_157dpbsg9c5](https://docs.google.com/present/view?id=dhn2vcv5_157dpbsg9c5)
- “Wordle Walk” (p. 28)
- Writing Prompts (p. 33)
- Wordle Word Wall (p. 36)
- Icebreaker (p. 45)

## Other Free Sites for Differentiated Instruction

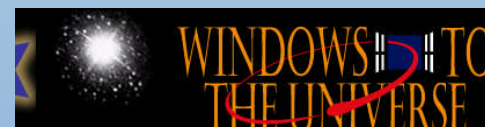
- Have students practice language and content area info with BrainPopESL at [http://www.brainpopesl.com/free\\_lessons/](http://www.brainpopesl.com/free_lessons/)
- Have ELLs practice reading and listening skills independently with Raz-Kids.com. <http://www.raz-kids.com/main/ViewPage/name/sample>

# Other Free Sites for Differentiated Instruction cont.

- Simple English Wikipedia  
[http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Simple\\_English\\_Wikipedia](http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Simple_English_Wikipedia)
- Wordsift <http://wordsift.com/>
- Science and social studies lessons  
<http://urbanext.illinois.edu/kids/index.html>
- My Story Maker  
<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/kids/storymaker/embed.cfm>

## Other Free Sites for Differentiated Instruction cont.

- Thinkfinity - free lesson plans, resources, and online activities - <http://www.thinkfinity.org/>
- Science lessons on three English levels and in Spanish - <http://www.windows2universe.org/>
- Switcheroo Zoo - <http://www.switcheroozoo.com/zoo.htm>



# Other Free Sites for Differentiated Instruction cont.

- Quizlet – create text flash cards and play games to reinforce vocabulary - <http://quizlet.com/>
- Read, Write, Think - Lesson plans [www.readwritethink.org](http://www.readwritethink.org) -
  - Sample lesson: Q is for Duck:  
<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/duck-using-alphabet-books-412.html>

Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_



**Word List**

polar bear  
cub  
seals  
protect  
fur  
ice  
claws

Handwriting practice lines consisting of multiple sets of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line for letter height guidance.

- <http://www.storyit.com/Starters/picstart.htm>  
Pictures to print for stories – complete with instructions

# Some Other Free Sites for Differentiated Instruction cont.

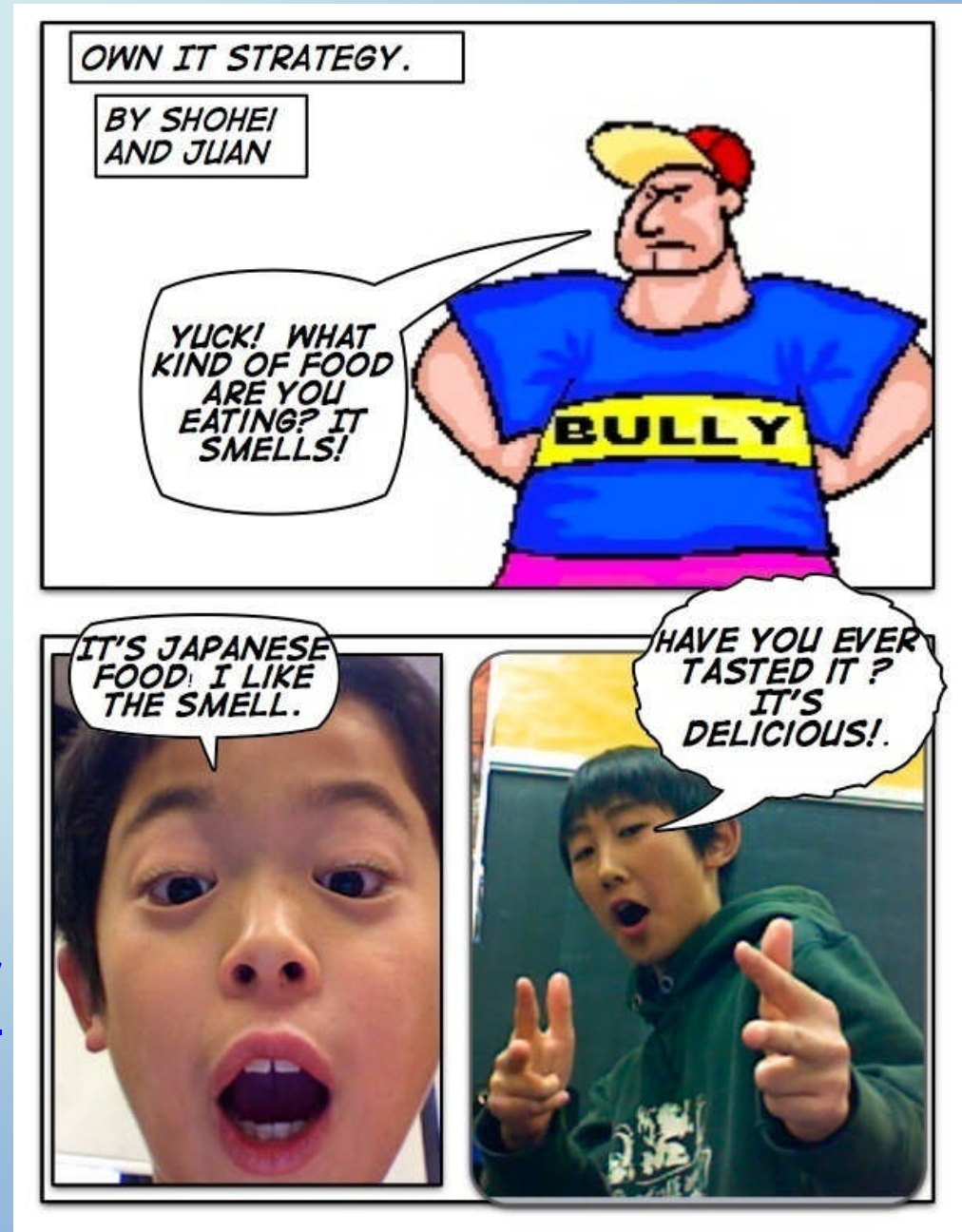
- Make comics - easy and fast

<http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/>



# Other Sites for Differentiated Instruction

- Comic Life – free 30-day trial, \$19.95 per computer - <http://comiclife.com/>



## Other Sites for Differentiated Instruction

- ESL Kids Stuff - \$25 for a one-year subscription for an extensive quantity of flashcards and worksheets. Game and lesson ideas are free. - <http://www.eslkidstuff.com/>
- Comic creator – the program controls content and has a teacher control option, too. All of the comics are private. \$9.95 per month - <http://www.bitstripsforschools.com/>

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