Technology for ELLs

We can use technology to help support students in the following ways:

- > Model
- > Images
- > Graphic Organizers
- > Anchor Charts
- > Sentence Frames
- > Pair Students Together
- ➤ Bilingual/Visual Glossaries
- Cognates
- ➤ Modify Text
- > Realia
- ➤ Likert and Semantic Differential Scales



Here is a list of resources that you can use to support students' learning and communication:

Communication

Remind, Talking Points (apps) - allow you to send texts in your native language to parents/students. They respond in their native language, and you receive the text in your native language.

Skype Translate/Mystery Skype - The global guessing game that gets kids learning about geography, culture, and the similarities and differences of how children lived all over the world.

Interactive Questions

Answer Garden - Live word cloud poll https://answergarden.ch/
Kahoot! - Live quiz https://kahoot.com/
Mentimeter - Live quiz INSIDE a presentation https://vimeo.com/112264046
Plickers - Live quiz with paper https://www.plickers.com/

Simplifying text

Rewordify (website) - powerful, free, online software that improves reading learning and teaching by simplifying difficult English for faster comprehension and effectively teaching words for better vocabulary building. http://rewordify.com/

NewsELA - thousands of news articles available in English and Spanish and leveled by lexile. https://newsela.com/

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Times in Plain English (website) - recent news articles with reduced lexile levels. http://www.thetimesinplainenglish.com/

Breaking News English (website) - lessons including leveled activities, audio, etc. https://breakingnewsenglish.com/

Document Translation

Google Translate (App) - Translates text, digital handwriting, conversations, and use AR to translate written text

Free Online Doc Translator (website) - preserve the format of your document while translating into over 100 languages. https://www.onlinedoctranslator.com/en/

Chrome Extensions https://chrome.google.com/webstore/category/extensions

Ad Block Plus - removes ads and other distractions from web articles

Turn Off the Lights - removes ads and other distractions from YouTube videos

Reverso - translates websites

Storytelling

Toontastic 3D (app) - ELLs are introduced to the Story Arc wherein the voice-over explains the different parts of a story: Setting, Conflict, Challenge, Climax, and Resolution.

PuppetPals (app) - similar to Toontastic but with more PAID features

Virtual Reality Tools

Google Expeditions (app) - a virtual reality teaching tool where you can swim with sharks, visit outer space, walk through a museum, and more without leaving the classroom. There are close to 500 expeditions available and more in development.

Google Tour Creator (website) - enables students, teachers, and anyone with a story to tell to make a VR tour using imagery from Google Street View or their own 360 photos. The tool is designed to let you produce professional-level VR content without a steep learning curve. Very easy to share too!

Geoguessr & Spacehopper (websites) - Can be used to exercise recognition skills such as vegetation, architecture, vehicles, weather/climate, biology, and language.

https://geoguessr.com/ http://spacehopper.io/

Memrise (app) - allows you to scan objects and learn names or create a library in multiple languages