

Web Sites

Avatar Creators

Voki

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

Voki is a free service that allows you to create personalized speaking avatars and use them on your blog, profile, and in email messages.

Hero factory

<http://cpbherofactory.com/>

Marvel

<http://marvel.com/games/cyos>

This site allows users to create their own superhero with Marvel's Superhero Avatar creator. Students can select, mix and match costumes and features of well-known Marvel characters, including Spider-Man, Iron Man and Wolverine.

Digital Images

Clipartdigitalimages.fw

<http://www.wpclipart.com/browse.html>

School discovery

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/clipart/>

Christmas graphics plus

<http://www.christmas-graphics-plus.com/free/kids-halloween-clip-art.html>

School Clipart

<http://www.school-clip-art.com/>

Avery

http://www.avery.com/avery/en_us/Projects-%26-Ideas/Image-Library

Classroom clipart

<http://classroomclipart.com/>

Teacher files

http://www.teacherfiles.com/clip_art.htm

Great for teachers to use in posters, awards, class signs etc too

C-ij.com

<http://cp.c-ij.com/en/contents/1005/>

Photographs

Kids turn central

<http://www.kidsturncentral.com/clipart.htm>

Commons Wikimedia

http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

Freedigital photos

<http://www.freedigitalphotos.net/images/terms.php>

If you use a free version of a photo you must acknowledge the photographer and FreeDigitalPhotos.net. It is a fair way of rewarding the photographer who has kindly offered their work to you at no charge”

Image after

<http://www.imageafter.com/index.php>

Photo Fun

Photo Fun Shape College

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

Program can also be downloaded

Glass giant

http://www.glassgiant.com/make_pictures.php

Funtastic Face

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

Great fun for realistic and fun changes to your face.

TIP: Take a screenshot rather than publish (Finish)

Face in Hole

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

Can bookmark the kids section to avoid inappropriate pictures. iPhone app also available

Drumpr

<http://www.dumpr.net/>

Loonapix

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

Bighugelabs

<http://bighugelabs.com/>

Search Engines

When we are looking for something on the World Wide Web, we tend to say 'let's Google it.' But there are many more search engines available to us and some are more appropriate for student use, particularly primary age students. Below is a compilation of our favourite search engines – most of which are considered child-friendly.

Search Engines for Early Childhood

(These search engines are very suitable for Early Childhood)

DuckDuckGo

<https://duckduckgo.com/>

Great search engine for young students.

Quinturakids

<http://quinturakids.com/>

Dibdabdo

<http://dibdabdo.com/>

Primary Age Search Engines

Kid Grid

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

Kids Click

<http://www.kidsclick.org/>

Our Favourites

Search-Cube

<http://www.search-cube.com/>

This search engines is a visual search engine that builds up a visual cube of search results with simple annotations that tell the user what type of resource a particular find is. Not recommended for whole class use however, as the visualisation could prove to be slow in a lab situation.

Famhoo

<http://famhoo.com/?reqp=1&reqr=>

Famhoo is another option for kid friendly searches. Famhoo draws on the collective results of the major search mainstream search engines like Google, AOL, and Yahoo. Famhoo simply provides a stricter family filter than the filters available on mainstream search engines.

Sweet Search

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

Sweet Search is a search engine that searches only the sites that have been reviewed and approved by a team of librarians, teachers, and research experts. In all there are 35,000 websites that have been reviewed and approved by Sweet Search. In addition to the general search engine, Sweet Search offers five niche search engines. The niche search engines are for Social Studies, Biographies, Sweet Sites (organized by grade and subject area), School Librarians, and Sweet Search 4 Me (for elementary school students).

Graphic Organisers

Diigo

<https://www.diigo.com/list/elearnfnq/graphicorganisers>

Graphic Organizers, Mind Maps and Concept Maps are pictorial or graphical ways to organize information and thoughts for understanding, remembering, or writing about. Graphic organizers, mind maps and concept maps are powerful tools that can be used to enhance learning and create a foundation for learning.

Ncrel.org

<http://www.ncrel.org/sdrs/areas/issues/students/learning/lr1grorg.htm>

A graphic organizer is an instructional tool used to illustrate a student or class's prior knowledge about a topic or section of text;

Eduplace

<http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/>

“Help your students children classify ideas and communicate more effectively. Use graphic organizers to structure writing projects, to help in problem solving, decision making, studying, planning research and brainstorming.

Information Literacy

Graphic Organisers

<http://olc.spsd.sk.ca/DE/PD/instr/strats/graphicorganizers/index.html>

What is a graphic organiser and how do we use them?

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My Webspiration

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

Gliffy

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

Text 2 Mind Map

<https://www.text2mindmap.com/>

Mindmeister

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

Bigger Plate

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

Visualisers-Word Clouds

Wordle

<http://www.wordle.net/>

Tagcrowd

<http://tagcrowd.com/>

Tagul

<http://tagul.com/>

Tagxedo

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

Mind Mapping

Bubblus

<https://bubbl.us/>

Gliffy

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

Text 2 Mind Map

<https://www.text2mindmap.com/> (requires login)

Bigger Plate

<http://www.biggerplate.com/> (requires login)

Online Thinking Tools

Online Thinking Intel

<http://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/education/k12/thinking-tools/visual-ranking.htmlbbc.co.uk>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/pinball/>

Pinball contains a variety of thinking and mindmapping tools. Most of these tools can be used without logon.

Simulations

Crayon Physics

<http://crayonphysics.com/>

A 2D physics puzzle/snadbox game.

Phet

<http://phet.colorado.edu/>

Learner

<http://www.learner.org/interactives/parkphysics/coaster/>

Techtrekers

<http://www.techtrekers.com/sim.htm>

Shambles

<http://www.shambles.net/pages/students/simulation/>

Eduplace

<http://www.eduplace.com/kids/hmsc/content/simulation/>

Fantastic Contraption

<http://fantasticcontraption.com/index.php?sess=cd0b2b2a03e78d822134cb163815199f>

Physics Games

http://www.physicsgames.net/game/Castle_Destroyer.html

Physics Games

http://www.physicsgames.net/game/Rocket_Science.html

Stories Online

Meegenius

<http://www.meegenius.com/store/books/free>

MeeGenius offers free and paid ebooks for students. Words are highlighted as the story is read

BBC UK

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/laac/story/sbi.shtmlh>

Andersen Fairy Tales

<http://www.andersenfairytale.com/en/mainhttp://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/laac/story/sbi.shtmlh>

Grimm Fairy Tales

<http://www.grimmfairytales.com/en/main>

Mighty Book

http://www.mightybook.com/MightyBook_free/Free_Stories_and_Songs.html

Primary Games

<http://www.primarygames.com/storybooks/bookshelf.htmhttp://www.meddybemps.com/5.1.html>

Story Place

<http://www.storyplace.org/preschool/other.asp>

Lil-Fingers

<http://www.lil-fingers.com/storybooks/index.php>

Teacher Scholastic

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/clifford1/>

Little Animals Activity Centre

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/tikkabilla/stories/>

Magic Keys

<http://www.magickeys.com/books/>

Stories to Grow By

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

Bedtime Stories

Sleepopolis

<http://sleepopolis.com/education/bedtime-stories-for-kids/>