

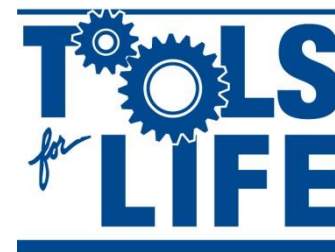
Free for All! Resources for Students and Teachers!

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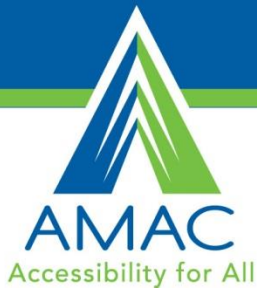
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Free Resources for Teachers and Students

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Free Resources

- E-Text
- Text Readers
- Downloadable Books
- Audio Books
- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Multiple Needs
- Windows 7 Accessibility
- Resources

Free E-Text

Any text-based information that is available in a digital format and read by electronic means.

Arthur's Classic Novels

www.arthursclassicnovels.com

This site has a collection of 4000 children's books, novels, classics, history, educational books and many more all in an HTML format. This site has a link to LibriVox. LibriVox provides free audio books from the public domain. There are several options for listening with directions included.

Children's Story

<http://www.childrenstory.com/tales/index.html>

All types of fairy tales are available on this site.

Digital Book Index

www.digitalbookindex.org



This site provided links to more than 133,000 titles from more than 1800 commercial and non-commercial publishers, universities, and various private sites. Most of these books are free, while others are a nominal fee. There is support for iPad, Kindle and Nook. This site also has magazines, such as Rolling Stone, Harpers and Popular Science.

Giggle Poetry

<http://www.gigglepoetry.com>

This site provides eleven poetry categories and hundreds of poems to read. Students can grade all the poems and see what others think of them, too. Many poems include comments from the author.

International Children's Digital Library

<http://www.icdlbooks.org>

This site is full of children's books available in many languages. New books are frequently added to the collection.

The Internet Public Library

<http://www.ipl.org>

A wide variety of free, full-text sources
for literature on the web.

The Online Books Page

<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/>

This website facilitates access to books that are readable over the Internet. It also aims to encourage the development of such books, for the benefit and edification of all.

Project Gutenberg

www.gutenberg.org



One of the most recognized sites for digital text. Thousands of digital text available, but all are books that are out of copyright. Also has a QR code for book access.

Free Text Readers

A variety of free text to speech software that can be downloaded and used to read digital or e-text.

Natural Reader

www.naturalreaders.com

This is a full functioning text to speech software program. It has an easy to use interface that easily converts any written text to speech. This program can also read web pages and email. It has a tool bar option, which allows the reading function to be available at any time. The bar floats above any document or website and can be easily assessed when needed. The paid version supports Natural voices, while the free version contains only Microsoft voices.

WordTalk

www.wordtalk.org.uk

This is a free program developed for use with all versions of Microsoft Word (from Word 97 upwards). It will speak the text of the document and will highlight it as it goes. It contains a talking dictionary to help decide which word spelling is most appropriate. It sits neatly in your toolbar and is highly configurable, allowing you to adjust the highlight colors, the voice and the speed of the speech. This program is easy to use, available right in your word processing document with no need to open a separate window.

Read the Words

www.readthewords.com/



This is a free text to speech program that converts text, documents, websites and RSS files into speech.

The site uses an Avatar, which you can customize, to read the text.

You can also create pod casts or send the file via email.

YAKiToMe!

www.yakitome.com/



YAKiToMe! is a free website that automatically turns any electronic text into an audio book podcast. Users have access to high-quality male and female voices in multiple languages and can control reading speed and pronunciation. YAKiToMe! reads PDF, MS Word, RSS feeds, email, and more. Have to register, but use is free.

Free Downloadable Books

Book Pals/Storyline

www.bookpals.net/storyline



This is a collection of popular books read by members of the Screen Actors Guild. It asks questions and has PDF files that teachers can download. Lesson plans are also provided for each book.

Book-Pop

www.bookpop.com

This website contains many stories that students can listen to and follow along. Book-Pop contains both visual and auditory outputs, Story-Pop downloads animated auditory stories. Lots of fun!!

Story Place

www.storyplace.org

Online stories in both English and Spanish. Students can listen to the story and then follow up with activities (Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County).

Magic Keys

www.magickeys.com/books

This site has several online books available for all ages and includes a variety of activities to compliment each book.

Tarheel Reader

<http://tarheelreader.org/>



Tarheel Reader is a collection of free, easy-to-read, and accessible books on a wide range of topics.

- The books may be downloaded as slide shows in PowerPoint, Impress, or Flash format.
- Each book can be speech enabled and accessed using multiple interfaces, including touch screens, the IntelliKeys with custom overlays, and 1 to 3 switches.
- Write your own books using your own pictures and text.

Very Emergent Reader

<http://www.marcias-lesson-links.com/VeryEmergentReaders.html>

This site was created to help beginning readers. The author includes tips and booklets as free downloads and several pre-made thematic books for emerging readers.

READ TO ME



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

- Watch on-line streaming videos of children's books read aloud by celebrities.
- Children storybooks read aloud by celebrities and storytellers. This online reading program to develop literacy in children is fun! Watch books and download lesson plans for learning. And best of all, READ TO ME is 100% FREE!

Between the Lions

<http://pbskids.org/lions/stories/>



Animated Folk and Fairy tales

Created by PBS

Free Audio Books

Audio Books for Free

www.audiobooksforfree.com

This site allows you to download novels as mp3 files. There is a catch; those who use the site will have to suffer advertising between chapters. Children's books do not have advertisers. You do have to register to use this site.

Books Aloud, Inc.

www.booksaloud.org



This site offers a wide variety of free audio books with certification of disability (blind, visually impaired, learning disabled or physically disabled individuals who cannot hold a book or turn pages). Ships CDs or tapes and does not require special devices to use.

Free Classic Audio Books

<http://www.freeclassicaudiobooks.com>

Downloaded books are available in mp3 and in m4b audio format for iTunes and the iPod.

LibriVox

<http://librivox.org/>



LibriVox provides free audiobooks from the public domain. There are several options for listening. LibriVox volunteers record chapters of books in the public domain and release the audio files back onto the net. The goal is to make all public domain books available as free audio books

Click on the “How to Listen” Link for more info on using this site.

Free Reading Resources

60 Second Recap Video Notes

www.60secondrecap.com/



60second Recap is an educational video project that provides 60-second video summaries and analysis of classic literature, including plot, themes, characters, symbols, motifs and other aspects.

Spark Notes

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



Website resource for study guides for literature, poetry, history, film, and philosophy. Also provides study guides for math, health, physics, biology, chemistry, economics, sociology and SAT/ACT test prep.

Reading A-Z

<http://www.readinga-z.com/samples/preview.html>

Free Reading A-Z samples when you sign up. It is a free subscription site that has samples for free to get you interested in joining.

The Children's Literature Web Guide

<http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/%7Edkbrrown/rteacher.html>

This is a collection of literature resources and includes lesson plans and activities..

Wiki Summarizer

Wikisummarizer.com/Pages/Default.aspx



WikiSummarizer is a Web-based application specializing in automatic summarization of Wikipedia articles. It highlights the major points from the much longer article. The purpose is to help the reader to quickly get the essential points in a short period of time.

WordWeb

www.wordweb.info/

WordWeb is a quick and powerful international English thesaurus and dictionary for Windows. It is a free download..It can be used to look up words from almost any program, showing definitions, synonyms and related words. It includes pronunciations and usage examples and has helpful spelling and sounds-like links. It can be accessed quickly from your toolbar.

Free Writing Resources

Donna Young

www.donnayoung.org

Handwriting lessons and paper
templates to download and print.

EdHelper

www.edhelper.com/teachers/graphic_organizers.htm

This site is an introduction to graphic organizers and how to use them. It also includes examples of filled-in graphic organizers (PDF file). There are a variety of free templates to print and use.

English Grammar Connection

www.englishgrammarconnection.com

This site can customize grammar lessons based upon individual student needs. There is a free download section with various writing activities.

Freeology

www.freeology.com

This site provides free graphic organizers, journal topics, forms for teachers, and links to free teaching resources.

Ginger Software

www.gingersoftware.com



This site offers a grammar checker and a spell checker. It also provides a feature called the learning center, where you can see personally-tailored detailed reports on mistakes, and can track progress.

Handwriting Fonts for Teachers

<http://desktoppub.about.com/od/fonts/p/schoolfree.htm>

This site has free handwriting fonts used to teach print and cursive. They download into your font menu and you choose them from the font selection of your word processing program. This site has links to lesson plans, teaching tips and other font sources.

MW Visual Dictionary



<http://visual.merriam-webster.com/index.php>

An online dictionary with 20,000 terms with contextual definitions and 6,000 full-color images of a wide variety of objects from all aspects of life.

Illustrations are labeled with accurate terminology in up to six languages.

Also provides audio support for vocabulary words.

The Writing Site

www.thewritingsite.org

This site is loaded with ideas for technology tips, writing across the curriculum, free downloadable activities and more resources.

VocabAhead

<http://vocabahead.com/Default.aspx>



VocabAhead offers videos that give an active demonstration of vocabulary words with audio of the pronunciation, definition, various uses, and synonyms. Students can also go through flash cards, which give a written definition and visual representation of the word.

You can sign up for a daily vocabulary word delivered to your email account!

Wordle

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

Wordle is an online tool for generating "word clouds" from text that you provide. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the source text. You can tweak your clouds with different fonts, layouts, and color schemes. The images you create with Wordle are yours to use however you like. You can print them out, or save them to the Wordle gallery to share.

Tagxedo

www.tagxedo.com



Another site for generating "word clouds" from text that you provide. Very similar to Wordle, but with a few more features.

Free Keyboarding Resources

AI Bunny's Typing Class

<http://www.sunmoonusa.com/TryAI.htm>

Letters appear in a flower pot for you to type. It is color coded to indicate which finger should be used. You are timed and receive a score for accuracy. Data is collected.

Click-N-Type: Onscreen Keyboard

<http://cnt.lakefolks.com/>

This is a software download and is an on-screen virtual keyboard designed for anyone with a disability that prevents him or her from typing on a physical computer keyboard. As long as the person can control a mouse, trackball or other pointing device, he or she can send keystrokes to virtually any Windows application or DOS application that can run within a window. Click-N-Type is a 32-bit application that requires Windows 95 or later.

Super Hyper Spider Typer

<http://resources.kaboose.com/games/super-hyper-spider-typer.html>

Hungry lizards with words on their backs are after Berry the hairy spider. Save Berry from these colorful wacky creatures by typing words quickly as they appear on their backs and help her from becoming someone's lunch!

Typing Web

www.typingweb.com



This offers typing tests and tutoring at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Mistakes are tracked and progress can be charted. Printable certificates are offered when the user has completed the Typing Test 5 or more times.



Free Math Resources

Thinking Blocks

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



Thinking Blocks is a suite of online learning tools designed to help students solve math word problems accurately and efficiently

Graph Mole

<http://funbasedlearning.com/algebra/graphing/points/>

This is a game that teaches and practices graphing. There are 3 levels (easy, medium , hard). The first level has an introduction that teaches graphing with x and y axis. Very engaging!

ToonUniversity

www.toonuniversity.com

This site has math games from Pre-K level to 3rd grade level. Some games are free; some are not. Some games have a Spanish version. In addition to math, this site has games for Language Arts, Social Studies, Science.

Fling the Teacher

<http://star.spsk12.net/math/4/word%20problem/4thWordProbMa>



Features math word problems. Each game consists of 15 questions. The student picks features to create his own teacher to fling. Word problems are relevant. Very entertaining!

Mr. Nussbaum

www.mrnussbaum.com



Has fun games for grades K-8.

Also has games for Language Arts,
History, Geography and Science.

Khan Academy

www.khanacademy.org/

This site offers instructional videos (over 3,200 at last count!) in Math, Science, Finance & Economics, Humanities and Test Prep. You must have Windows 7 to view the videos.

Mathway

www.mathway.com

This is a free math problem solver that answers pre-algebra, trigonometry, calculus and statistics questions. If you want step-by-step explanations, you have to upgrade to a Premium Account. You can also create worksheets.

Free Math Help

www.freemathhelp.com

This site offers a collection of algebra and geometry lessons you can view in text or video. You have to subscribe. There is also a message board where you can explain what you have tried to do, where you are stuck and a volunteer will assist.

Free Resources for Multiple Needs

AbilityHub

<http://www.abilityhub.com/index.htm>

This web site will direct you to adaptive equipment and alternative methods available for accessing computers

GFC Learn Free

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



This site, hosted by the Goodwill Community Foundation, offers a collection of free online interactive tutorials on a variety of topics including computers, math, reading, and daily living.

A great site for students who need practice with practical living skills.

HelpKidzLearn

<http://www.helpkidzlearn.com/index.html>

Free online games and learning activities (many are switch-accessible) in categories such as: early years; games; stories; creative; and “find out”. There is also a section just for parents containing resources and technology tips relating to computer switch access.

Free Resources for Computer Skills

Mouse Skills

HorsePlay

http://svt.se/hogafflahage/hogafflaHage_site/Kor/hestekor.swf

A fun exercise for developing a click. Students can click on a horse and listen to them sing and create music.

Priory Woods

<http://www.priorywoods.middlesbrough.sch.uk/>

This site has a ton of free downloadable switch activities for a variety of ages. This is one of my favorite sites! Cutest activities ever!

Reflex

<http://www.intelore.com/reflex>

A free download game that will improve speed and accuracy when working with a computer mouse. The rules are very simple: hit as many targets as possible!

Teaching Children with Multiple Needs

<http://teachinglearnerswithmultipleneeds.blogspot.com/2007/05/adding-choice-making-to-priory-woods.html>

Resources and ideas for teachers of learners with severe, profound, intensive, significant, complex or multiple special needs

Free Fun Learning Resources

Blabberize

<http://blabberize.com/>



Free website to upload a picture, record your voice and have the mouth move in sync with your speech. Can be used to have students record information about a topic or biography and present it in an entertaining way.

Blabberize Sample

<http://www.engagingeducators.com/blog/2012/02/01/from-the-classroom-bringing-books-to-life-with-a-dash-of-fun/>

Students used pictures of characters from a book and relayed factual information about the character and book.

GoAnimate



<http://goanimate.com/>

This website provides free tools for creating and sharing real animated cartoons. Everything, including characters, backgrounds, props, voices, motions and actions that are needed is available at the site. Students learn how to apply special effects, such as zoom and pan, and are able to create original characters. Finished products can be posted to other sites and emailed.

What a great way to tell a story or to submit a report!

Make Beliefs Comics

MakeBeliefsComix.com

This site allows students to create their own comic by choosing characters and scenes and adding their own words.

Teachers and SLPs are finding this site to be a useful resource in helping their students express themselves and communicate. In the Special Needs section, there are tips and ideas for students who have a wide array of disabilities.

WatchKnow

<http://www.watchknow.org/default.aspx>

WatchKnow has indexed over 15,000 online educational videos for children, putting them into a directory of over 3,000 categories. The videos are available without any registration or fees to teachers in the classroom and to students at home 24/7. You can dive into our innovative directory or search by subject and age level. Video titles, descriptions, age level information, and ratings are all edited for usefulness.

Free Windows 7 Accessibility

Windows 7 Accessibility

Windows 7 offers:

- a Speech Recognition program
- a Magnifier
- an On-Screen Keyboard
- a Text Reader

To access these features, click on the Windows icon on your toolbar, click on “All Programs”, then click on “Accessories”, then “Ease of Access.”

There are on-line videos demonstrating how to use each feature.

Magnifier

This option enlarges portions of the screen and now includes full-screen mode, lens mode, and docked mode. The magnification level can be set up to 16 times the original size.

On-Screen Keyboard

This option displays a visual keyboard with all the standard keys. Keys can be selected by a mouse or other pointing devices. It can be resized and customized to make it easier to see and use. It now includes word prediction.

Narrator

This option reads text on the screen aloud. It will also describe some actions, such as error messages that appear as you are typing.

Speech Recognition

This option allows you to command your PC with your voice and dictate into almost any application, including documents and email. You will need a plug-in microphone.

Free Website Resources

AAC Intervention

www.aacintervention.com

This website is presented by Dr. Caroline Musselwhite and Julie Maro. This site has tips, activities, how-to's and tons of information about using Boardmaker and Augmentative Communication. Fabulous site!

Symbol Support

Adapted Learning

www.adaptedlearning.com

This site is a Boardmaker exchange site where teachers, parents, etc. can create activities using Boardmaker and post them to share. There is also a section where you can post questions and problems and hear from other members. This is free, but you do need to register.

CAST (Center for Applied Special Technology)

<http://www.cast.org/learningtools/>

CAST is a nonprofit research and development organization that works to expand learning opportunities for all individuals, especially those with disabilities, through Universal Design for Learning. UDL free multimedia learning tools are designed for students, teachers, and parents.

Center for Autism and Related Disabilities

<http://card.ufl.edu/visual.htm>

This is a good resource for explaining how to effectively use visual supports.

Cindy's Autistic Support

<http://www.angelfire.com/pa5/as/asteachersites.html>

This site provides printable Boardmaker templates and Writing with Symbols activities from Cindy's classroom. It includes both academic and communication templates.

Autism Resources

Do2Learn

www.do2learn.com

This is a great site with information and resources as well as free printable picture symbols and charts to use for visual schedules and steps within tasks. This site was originally designed for children on the Autism spectrum and children with learning disabilities, but has wide application to any children who might benefit from the use of visual supports for learning.

Accessible Resources

Montgomery Public Schools Website
Rockville, Md.

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/hiat/resources/>

School system website with tons of resources and
Links to support teacher and student learning.

PEC Symbols

<http://trainland.tripod.com/pecs.htm>

Scroll down to the bottom of this site and you will find pages of pre-made pecs symbols available in categories.

Speaking of Speech

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

This is a wonderful resource for speech language pathologists. There are a variety of premade symbol activities and communication boards easily downloaded from the materials exchange section.

Symbol World

<http://www.symbolworld.org>

This site has many On-line stories, some recipes, poetry, news stories, etc., written and supported with picture icons.

SERGE

(Special Education Resources for General Educators)

<http://serge.ccsso.org/>

Designed by the Council of Chief State School Officers and sponsored by the MetLife Foundation, SERGE was created to give general classroom educators quick access to information and professional development about addressing the special-ed needs of students who have disabilities.

SETT BC

<http://www.setbc.org/pictureset>

This is a collection of visual supports that can be used by students for expressive and receptive language.

Technology in Special Education

<http://techinspecial.com/>

This is a website to collect and share tools, hardware, and applications available for the enhancement of technology in education with an emphasis on special education. The site has been collecting material over the last seven years and compiled all information in a categorized format so parents, educators, and other professionals who work with kids with special needs can benefit from the knowledge acquired. The reviews are thorough and the site organizes events where developers offer special deals to their readers.

Other Topics

The Perpetual Preschool


www.perpetualpreschool.com

This site has over 6,000 free songs, crafts, games, snack ideas and learning activities for preschool and kindergarten educators to use in the classroom.

WYNSUM

www.wynsumarts.com

i.AM Search™ from Wynsum Arts® creates a custom profile to help parents and educators sort through the thousands of possible apps for the one that's right for a child's specific needs. Developers can't buy a place in i.AM Search™. Every app that turns up in a custom profile search has been carefully evaluated by the Wynsum Arts board of certified reviewers.

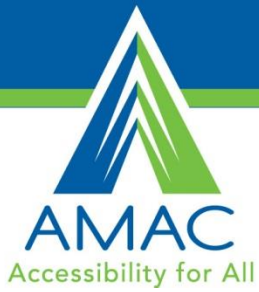


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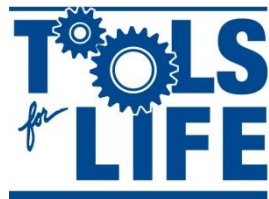
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<https://www.research.net/s/TFLwebinar>



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