

Creating Materials Online with Free Teacher Tools

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Introduction

There is no doubt that nowadays the Internet is being used in many ways for teaching and learning. According to Felix (2000), its impact in language teaching has been considerable because the technology of the Web “ has advantages over the previous generation of CALL by being cheaper and easier to develop and often cheaper and easier to run and by offering real possibilities for authentic interaction” . If we analyse the current use of the Internet, we will see that it has mainly been utilised as a source of information and communication, but it is also being used more and more as a source of instrumental tools. This article focuses on this utility of the Internet. Some sites are presented where teachers can easily design activities and exercises online, such as quizzes, tests, puzzles or surveys, which require no advanced computer skills. Included are only those tools that are free for educational use for obvious reasons. However, it is worth pointing out that there are also commercial authoring tools that are similar in many ways to the ones presented in this article.

As will be seen in the article, we can make use of teacher tools to manage a classroom or to prepare activities that can be carried out either online or offline, depending on