

Challenges changes and opportunities. Using technology with kids and teens

Notes and links

This talk was based around research I carried out online. If you would like to add your opinions to the research go to: <http://urtak.com/u/1800>

You can use <http://urtak.com/> to create your own questionnaires. It's very easy to do and it's free.

Some suggestions to deal with the problems.

Use <http://adout.org/> to remove unsuitable advertisements from websites you want to use.

Use the <http://www.kidzui.com/> web browser to track which sites kids are browsing and introduce them to social networking in a safe way.

Use <http://blog.binaryswitch.com/2010/02/binaryswitch-eclipse.html> BinarySwitch to control specific sites that you don't want students to access.

Use <http://simplybox.com/public/> to limit the amount of authentic content students are exposed to and select a variety of appropriate texts for them to synergise.

Here's an example.

<http://simplybox.com/public/?id=141132>

Use <http://www.wallwisher.com/> to expose students to a restricted group of videos from assorted sources.

Here's an example

<http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/solarpower>

Use <http://www.safeshare.tv> to select specific points in YouTube videos and stop students wandering off.

Use <http://www.kideos.com/> to find videos that are safe and suitable for specific age groups.

Use <http://www.eslvideo.com/> to create interactive activities based around online video.

Download free computer games to base activities around.

This one <http://eu.spore.com/whatisspore/creaturecreator.cfm> is great for younger learners.

This one is great for secondary and teens <http://www.powerupthegame.org/> and can be used as a basis for teaching narrative and communication.

Mobile applications can help restrict access to unsuitable sources

This one can help develop pronunciation
<http://iphone.forvo.com/>

This one can make books speak
<http://www.meegenius.com/iphone>

Here is the work that I do online to help teachers.

All of these sites are free.

This site combines tutorials about how to use learning technology with pedagogical ideas for how to exploit those technologies in the ELT classroom and in teacher training and development.
<http://nikpeachey.blogspot.com/>

This site is a collection of what I feel are the most interesting articles and videos published on the internet. The site is updated most days, so you can always find links to new articles and research.
<http://technogogy.slinkset.com/>

This site has a collection of over 120 learning activities designed to help students work autonomously to develop their digital literacies and English language skills.
<http://daily-english-activities.blogspot.com/>

This site has a collection of short articles and tips about emerging technologies and how we can exploit them.
<http://quickshout.blogspot.com/>

Here you can find out a bit more about my one man company and the kinds of training and consultancy services I offer.
<http://technogogy.org.uk/>