

# Links for L2 Learning Around the Web:



## Audio sharing

### [Audioboo](#)

*About:* Allows recording audio and then sharing it in a wide variety of ways; free  
*Application:* Record L2 speaking and share the audio with learners or teachers

### [Audiopal](#)

*About:* A site to create unlimited audio for a blog or site, or use text-to-speech; free  
*Application:* Create audio in an L2 and add it to an L2 blog or class website

### [SpeakPipe](#)

*About:* A tool to allow visitors to leave a voicemail on a site, Facebook, etc.; free  
*Application:* Leave an L2 audio message on a class website

### [Vocaroo](#)

*About:* Allows users to record their voice and send or embed the recording; free  
*Application:* Record L2 learner speech and send it for teacher evaluation

## Cloud conversation

### [VoiceThread](#)

*About:* For voice or text commenting on slideshows made up of images, docs, and videos; pricing varies  
*Application:* Create a slideshow for a class, and have classmembers leave L2 voice comments on it

## Podcast creation

### [PodBean](#)

*About:* Allows for the easy publishing and sharing of podcasts; basic version is free  
*Application:* Share and get feedback on an L2 podcast after creating one

### [podomatic](#)

*About:* A site for easily creating or browsing podcasts or minicasts; basic version is free  
*Application:* Practice L2 speaking by creating podcasts

## Screen recording and sharing

### [Camtasia](#)

*About:* Allows advanced screenshot and screencast editing, sharing, collaborating, etc.; free trial

*Application:* Create sophisticated L2 screencasts or screenshots

### [Jing](#)

*About:* A tool for capturing screenshots and 5-min long screencasts; free

*Application:* Guide learners through an L2 task using a screencast; share an L2 tool

### [join.me](#)

*About:* Allows for instant screen sharing among a large group of people; basic version is free

*Application:* Instantly share and discuss L2 resources with others

### [screenleap](#)

*About:* A tool for one-click instant screen sharing online; free

*Application:* Easily share screen activities in the L2 over the internet

### [Screenr](#)

*About:* Allows for creating and sharing screencasts of a computer screen with audio; free

*Application:* Practice L2 speaking by describing sites; present tools in an L2

### [Snagit](#)

*About:* Allows for creating, annotating and customizing screenshots and screencasts; free trial

*Application:* Create a screencast in an L2 and personalize it

## Speaking avatars

### [Blabberize](#)

*About:* Allows users to upload pictures, select the mouths, and make them talk; free

*Application:* Upload images of people or animals and add L2 voices to them

### [SitePal](#)

*About:* Allows for the creation of speaking avatars, based on uploaded photos; free trial

*Application:* Upload photographs and make these photos speak in an L2

### [voki](#)

*About:* Enables users to create avatars and make them speak using their input; free

*Application:* Record L2 speech or type messages for avatars to speak

## Tandem language learning

### [italki](#)

*About:* Offers a network of language learners to set up speaking exchanges, get tutoring, etc.; free

*Application:* Search for L2 speakers (often natives) with similar interests, and mutually learn

### [MyLanguageExchange](#)

*About:* Includes a large community looking for language exchanges, penpals, etc.; basic service is free

*Application:* Locate partners for L2 speaking practice, and connect with tools such as Skype

## Video creation

### [Animoto](#)

*About:* Allows for simple integration of images and audio into a video; basic version is free

*Application:* Create videos with L2 discussions about images

### [GoAnimate](#)

*About:* A site for creating videos with animation, characters, and effects; free

*Application:* Create videos around a L2 subject and make personalized voice-overs

### [muvee](#)

*About:* Software for the easy creation of movies in three steps; free trial

*Application:* Assign movies for students to put together individually or collaboratively

### [WeVideo](#)

*About:* A tool for collaborative online video editing; basic version is free

*Application:* Collectively work on editing L2 videos created by students

## Video emailing

### [eyejot](#)

*About:* A tool for recording video online and e-mailing it; free

*Application:* Request L2 videos from students for teacher assessment of speaking

### [mailVU](#)

*About:* Allows video to be recorded online and then e-mailed; free trial

*Application:* Record L2 videos and send them to students or teachers

## Virtual worlds

### [Second Life](#)

*About:* Presents a virtual world in which users can create avatars and interact with others; free

*Application:* Create avatars, describe places, and find L2 speakers to interact with

## Voice chat

### [Google+ Hangouts](#)

*About:* For video chats between up to 10 people; free

*Application:* Improve L2 speaking skills within groups and conduct spoken tasks remotely

### [Skype](#)

*About:* Enables video or audio communication, along with text chat and file sharing; basic tool is free

*Application:* Connect with L2 speakers around the world as individual students or classrooms



## Audio exchange

### [RhinoSpike](#)

*About:* A community for audio to be exchanged and pronounced by native speakers

*Application:* Hear L2 written language read aloud, and get help with problem areas

## Audio vocabulary

### [LanguageGuide](#)

*About:* This site contains themed visual dictionaries with audio, for several languages; free

*Application:* Learn vocabulary thematically with pronunciations

## Dictation practice

### [Listen and Write](#)

*About:* Allows users to listen to audio or video clips and transcribe them; free

*Application:* Hone L2 listening skills; create more resources for others

### [lyricstraining](#)

*About:* A site with L2 songs to listen to and transcribe, with three difficulty levels

*Application:* Practice L2 music listening skills through videos on this site

## Radio

### [Foreign Internet Radio and Online News Radio](#)

*About:* Allows for browsing and streaming internet radio stations; free

*Application:* Browse radio stations in several languages and practice listening in an L2

## Text-to-speech

### [iSpeech](#)

*About:* Convert text in multiple languages into speech; basic version is free

*Application:* Practice L2 listening and compare natural speech to TTS software

## Video

### [YouTube](#)

*About:* A site which allows users to upload and view videos; free

*Application:* Watch or share videos in various L2s

## Virtual worlds

### [Panwapa](#)

*About:* A virtual world for children in five languages, with several activities; free

*Application:* Navigate areas about food, countries, animals, etc. in an L2



## Clickable vocabulary

### [Dictionary Tooltip](#)

*About:* A Firefox add-on for learners to access online dictionaries directly as pop-ups; free

*Application:* Learn online L2 words within context and review look-up history

### [lingro](#)

*About:* Allows learners to click words on websites to view definitions, and review word lists; free

*Application:* Build L2 vocabulary while reading online, and compile word lists

## Crosswords and wordsearches

### [Create your own Word Search](#)

*About:* An advanced tool for creating word searches, with multiple options; free

*Application:* Create advanced word searches to practice L2 reading and vocabulary exposure

### [Crossword Maker](#)

*About:* Enables users to input words and clues to generate crossword puzzles; free

*Application:* Make crossword puzzles around L2 target vocabulary

### [The Ultimate Word Search Maker](#)

*About:* A tool for creating word searches, which can be embedded or linked to; free

*Application:* Create word searches to practice L2 reading

## E-book and newspaper collector

[calibre](#)

*About:* A tool to manage an e-books collection and download newspapers from the web; free

*Application:* Download L2 e-books and newspapers for organized reading

## Hypermedia creation

[RedHotWords](#)

*About:* An online program for the creation of hypermedia, or glossed words

*Application:* Make L2 texts easier by glossing words and concepts

## Offline web reading

[Pocket](#)

*About:* Allows users to save web pages and multimedia for offline viewing; free

*Application:* Save online materials in an L2 for use where there is no internet

## Online flashcards

[byki](#)

*About:* A flashcard interface for systematic review, and other resources; basic version is free

*Application:* Learn L2 vocabulary through making or browsing multimedia flashcards

[Cramberry](#)

*About:* A site for creating or browsing online flashcards, with a progress analyzer; free

*Application:* Create or use flashcards to study and refresh L2 vocabulary

[Flash Card Flash](#)

*About:* A tool that uses Google to search over 25 flashcard sites for keywords; free

*Application:* Look for existing L2 flashcards all at once across several sites

[Quizlet](#)

*About:* A site for creating or browsing online flashcards, with games, analytics, etc.; free

*Application:* Create flashcards for reviewing L2 vocabulary

## RSS feeds collection

[Google Reader](#)

*About:* This tool collects RSS feeds (usually summarized texts) from around the web; free

*Application:* Collect L2 newspaper articles and blog posts to read in one place

## Speed reading

[Eycerize](#)

*About:* Gives readers a place to practice speed reading, with sample texts or those they find; free

*Application:* Choose interesting texts at appropriate L2 levels to assess reading skills

## Vocabulary software

### [Interlex](#)

*About:* A downloadable tool for Windows for studying vocabulary and tracking progress; free

*Application:* Enter lists of L2 vocabulary into this software for deeper study

### [ProVoc](#)

*About:* A downloadable tool for Mac for studying vocabulary and tracking progress; free

*Application:* Add L2 vocabulary into this software for additional study



## Animated movie creation

### [xtranormal](#)

*About:* A site to make videos with actors and text-to-speech; basic version is free

*Application:* Write in an L2 alongside an animated scene, and create a video for it

### [Zimmer Twins](#)

*About:* Enables the creation of movies using select clips of animation and audio; free

*Application:* Create movies while practicing L2 writing

## Artistic writing

### [wondersay](#)

*About:* Allows users to type text online and produce exciting animated output; free

*Application:* Type in an L2 and post the artistic output to a blog

## Blogs and journals

### [edublogs](#)

*About:* Enables students to create blogs and portfolios; basic version is free

*Application:* Create L2 blogs as a class, which teachers can monitor

### [penzu](#)

*About:* A site with multiple tools for creating private journal entries; basic version is free

*Application:* Create student L2 journals for teachers to access and review

### [Posterous Spaces](#)

*About:* A site for creating and sharing private or public blogs or spaces; free

*Application:* Create L2 blogs and share them

## Chat client

### [Trillian](#)

*About:* This chat client allows users to access several chat programs in one place; free

*Application:* Facilitate L2 chat by combining several chat services into one window

## Choose your own adventure

### [inklewriter](#)

*About:* An online tool for creating interactive choose-your-own-adventure stories; free

*Application:* Practice different writing structures in an L2, such as cause and effect

## Collaborative documents

### [Google Docs](#)

*About:* A varied tool to collaboratively create documents, presentations, spreadsheets, etc.; free

*Application:* Work on L2 projects and tasks as classrooms, with mutual feedback and help

### [Type With Me](#)

*About:* A simple site for users to write collaboratively, differentiated by different colors; free

*Application:* Collaboratively write stories or answer questions in an L2

## Collaborative sticky notes

### [PrimaryWall](#)

*About:* Creates a wall for students and teachers to post sticky notes in real-time; pricing varies

*Application:* Use these walls instead of forums for quick discussions about an L2 topic or lesson

### [Stixy](#)

*About:* Allows users to collaborate on a wall with notes, photos, docs, checklists, etc.; free

*Application:* Plan, share, and create L2 content while working in groups

### [wallwisher](#)

*About:* Allows for collaborative walls of sticky notes, with videos, links, etc.; free

*Application:* Assign topics for student responses; practice an L2 through stickies

## Comic strip creation

### [Bitstrips](#)

*About:* A site for online creation of animated comics using templates; pricing varies

*Application:* Create comics for class or to practice target L2 structures



### [Bubblr](#)

*About:* A tool for creating comic strips using photos from flickr.com; free

*Application:* Assemble comics in an L2 using a vast range of pictures

### [Chogger](#)

*About:* A site for creating online comics using photos, uploaded drawings, or templates; free

*Application:* Upload photos and write an L2 comic dialogue with them

### [ToonDoo](#)

*About:* Allows for simple online creation of animated comics using templates; free

*Application:* Create motivating or humorous comics for L2 practice

## Mind map creation

### [Mindomo](#)

*About:* Allows for the creation of collaborative mind maps; limited version is free

*Application:* Work collaboratively to organize currently-studied L2 concepts

### [SpicyNodes](#)

*About:* Enables the creation of mind maps made up of a hierarchy of nodes; basic account is free

*Application:* Organize L2 concepts as groups or individually, and share the mind maps

### [Text 2 Mind Map](#)

*About:* Enables simple creation of mind maps by typing tabbed rows of texts; free

*Application:* Quickly organize hierarchical information from their L2 class

## Photo annotation

### [BeFunky](#)

*About:* Enables sophisticated editing of photos, with frames, text, effects, etc.; basic version is free

*Application:* Edit photos and use L2 text or speech bubbles to write about them

## Story creation

### [FlipSnack](#)

*About:* Allows users to upload PDFs and turn them into books with flipping pages; basic version is free

*Application:* Type L2 stories, convert them into PDFs, and then turn them into books

### [Storybird](#)

*About:* A tool for creating a story using free artwork, or browsing existing stories; free

*Application:* Create and share L2 stories, and use artwork as a visual idea generator

### [storyjumper](#)

*About:* Allows users to write children's stories and browse or upload images for them; free

*Application:* Practice L2 writing while creating innovative stories

## Typing in Foreign Characters

[typeit](#)

*About:* An online keyboard for typing foreign letters in several languages; free

*Application:* Use this keyboard to type several L2 letters not found on regular keyboards

## Website creator

[Wix](#)

*About:* This site has all of the tools for website creation and hosting; basic version is free

*Application:* Create a site to show L2 creations or design a portfolio

## Wiki creation

[PBworks](#)

*About:* A site for creating collaborative wikis and workspaces; basic version is free

*Application:* Assign L2 group projects and tasks that students can construct

[Wikispaces](#)

*About:* A tool to create advanced online wikis and collaborate; basic version is free

*Application:* Create collaborative L2 group projects, and participate in forums

## Writing feedback

[Lang-8](#)

*About:* Tool for receiving native feedback on L2 writing, and correcting natives' writing; free

*Application:* Receive feedback on novel L2 sentences and learn from correction



## Class platform websites

[edmodo](#)

*About:* A site to facilitate classroom communication, post homework, grades, etc; free

*Application:* Create a site to direct L2 classroom efforts

[moodle](#)

*About:* A tool for teachers to manage an online Learning Management System (LMS); free

*Application:* Support hybrid learning through forums, file submission, etc.

### [Nicenet](#)

*About:* Enables the management of classrooms through a large number of tools; free

*Application:* Create classroom sites for grades, link sharing, discussions, etc.

## Clipart for teaching

### [Free ESL Flashcards](#)

*About:* This site has over two thousand image flashcards for any language; free

*Application:* Create flashcards using L2 vocabulary and this site's images

### [UVic's Language Teaching Clipart Library](#)

*About:* Enables users to browse images arranged by topic for language teaching; free

*Application:* Create L2 flashcards or worksheets based on these pictures

## File sharing

### [Dropbox](#)

*About:* A tool that enables online file storage and sharing; basic version is free

*Application:* Access files anywhere; share student files with an L2 class

### [Scribd](#)

*About:* A vast online library for reading, sharing, and publishing documents; basic version free

*Application:* Post powerpoints; post student L2 writings or read L2 documents

## Media sharing

### [Learnist](#)

*About:* A site similar to Pinterest for educators and students, to share resources; free

*Application:* Post resources and notes about an L2 for students or teachers

### [VUVOX](#)

*About:* Allows users to produce, personalize, and share multiple types of media; free

*Application:* Find or create useful L2 media and discuss it with classmates

## Mobile app to create games

### [ARIS](#)

*About:* A platform for creating and playing mobile games, tours, quests, etc.; free

*Application:* Create a quest that will require students to speak or use an L2

## Multimedia posters

### [Glogster](#)

*About:* A site to create education-related online multimedia posters; basic version is free

*Application:* Display multimedia on an L2 topic in one place

## Online whiteboard

### [Scribblar](#)

*About:* An online whiteboard allowing free draw, text, audio, images, etc.; basic version is free

*Application:* Instruct students outside of class, with student collaboration

## Presentation sharing

### [Present.me](#)

*About:* Allows users to present slides with accompanying audio or video; basic version is free

*Application:* Create content and then make an L2 video or audio to present it

### [Prezi](#)

*About:* A virtual whiteboard for creating and sharing dynamic presentations; basic version is free

*Application:* Create L2 powerpoints; allow students to practice L2 writing and speaking

### [Slideshare](#)

*About:* Post L2 presentations and search an existing collection; free

*Application:* Post an L2 presentation, or view an existing one

## Quiz and activity creator

### [Hot Potatoes](#)

*About:* Contains six types of applications, such as for games and quizzes; free

*Application:* Create activities and quizzes for use in an L2 classroom

### [ProProfs Quiz Maker](#)

*About:* A tool with templates for easy quiz creation; basic version is free

*Application:* Create various quizzes in an L2 for students to take

### [Quia Web](#)

*About:* A tool with many templates for activities, quizzes, surveys, etc.; free trial

*Application:* Create quizzes, games, etc. for use in an L2 classroom

### [Teacher's Pet](#)

*About:* A downloadable tool for creating crosswords, word searches, flashcards, etc.; free

*Application:* Create multiple worksheets in an L2 for classroom use

## Social bookmarking

### [Delicious](#)

*About:* A tool to collect and share the web through social networking; free

*Application:* Save and present L2 web pages with student comments

### [Diigo](#)

*About:* A personal information management tool for bookmarking online pages; basic version is free

*Application:* Save and share online discoveries and annotations

## **Videos about technology for teachers**

### [Teacher Training Videos](#)

*About:* A site with numerous screencasts for learning how to use online teacher tools; free

*Application:* View these screencasts and learn how to use tools for an L2 classroom

## **Webquests**

### [Zunal Webquest Maker](#)

*About:* Allows teachers to create webquests, or inquiry-oriented online tools; basic version is free

*Application:* Create webquests that explore aspects of an L2 or culture