

## 30 Practical ideas for using technology in ELT

### Handout

#### Ideas using IWB software

##### **Grammar**

1 Likely-unlikely language: drag expressions on an Interactive Whiteboard (IWB) to the following places on a cline: *correct / likely / unlikely / incorrect*

2 Grammar matrix

##### **Reading**

3 Heads-up – annotating an IWB / using the screen reveal tool – speed reading from an IWB

##### **Writing**

4 Handwriting recognition software on an IWB

#### Ideas which require the Internet

##### **Grammar**

5 Conditional conundrum

##### **Vocabulary**

6 Word frequency quizzes based on Macmillan English Dictionary star system:

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

7 Create word-clouds <http://www.wordle.net/>

##### **Listening**

8 Lesson Stream [www.lessonstream.org](http://www.lessonstream.org) Lesson plans based on clips from YouTube

##### **Reading**

9 Graded reader + website activities e.g. <https://www.helbling-ezone.com/>

##### **Speaking**

10 Using Web 2.0 e.g. brainstorming ideas-sharing tool such as: [www.popplet.com](http://www.popplet.com) / mind-mapping software; record video clips and send to teacher using screen recorder tools e.g. Jing / Voice recorder – MailVu / Create an avatar e.g. Voki

11 Voting tools e.g. Socrative app / Kahoot! Encourage discussion before voting

##### **Writing**

12 Online notice board / virtual wall e.g. Padlet [www.padlet.com](http://www.padlet.com)

<http://padlet.com/predipsharma/jjuk3yd4ezqi>

13 Creating a class blog / wiki for collaborative writing

##### **Pronunciation**

14 Using audio clips from an online dictionary in class e.g.

<http://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english-cobuild-learners>

#### Ideas which do not require the Internet

##### **Listening**

15 Course book audio: use pause / 'show transcript' features / Video podcasts

##### **Writing**

16 Note-taking software - Sonocent

## **Apps**

### **Grammar**

17 The Big Picture app (Richmond) – grammar practice based on the idea of ‘Where’s Wally?’

### **Vocabulary**

18 Store words in concept groups on the Oxford Advanced Learner’s Dictionary app (OUP)

19 Apps for reviewing vocabulary e.g. Quizlet / Oxford English Vocabulary Trainer

### **Listening**

20 TED app [www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com) Awesome presentations

21 In the news – podcasts / BBC iPlayer

### **Reading**

22 Encourage extensive reading using apps e.g. Flipboard app <https://flipboard.com/>  
Students choose their own interest areas in an online curated magazine / Newsmart (pay-for service) <https://www.getnewsmart.com/> Wall Street Journal

23 IELTS app (Macmillan) - skimming

### **Speaking**

24 [www.prezi.com](http://www.prezi.com) Presentation software

25 Use ScreenChomp, screen-recorder app, in conjunction with Google maps for asking for / giving directions

26 Speech to text software – e.g. Google Voice / Dragon Dictation app

### **Pronunciation**

27 Record yourself, compare with an original & re-record e.g. OALD app (OUP); Sounds app (Macmillan)

28 Games e.g. Phonics Stories – British Council app / Word Stress – ClearSpeech (CUP) app

### **Games and projects**

29 Escape from Pizza Palace app (Richmond) Learners read and work their way through a maze

30 Students create a movie in English with iMovie

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