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ZooBurst

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

ZooBurst is a digital storytelling tool that lets anyone easily create his or her own 3D pop-up books. ZooBurst includes a built-in database of over 10,000 free images and materials. Authors can choose to make items "clickable," allowing readers to learn more about individual characters within a story. Each character can have its own "chat bubble" that pops up when that character is clicked. In addition, authors can also record their own voices using the ZooBurst audio recorder to have their characters really "speak" when clicked!

Tube Chop

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

TubeChop allows you to easily chop a funny or interesting section from any YouTube video and share it.

Ookaboo

<http://ookaboo.com/o/pictures/>

Free Pictures of Everything on Earth. Ookaboo = photos. Most pictures on Ookaboo are available free under public domain or Creative Commons and can be used on web sites and for classwork and other creative projects. Searchable.

GCF Learn Free

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

The EDL project (Everyday Life) uses interactive, situation-based lessons to teach functional literacy skills. Each activity provides learners with the opportunity to test their knowledge of real-world situations and to develop the confidence and skills necessary to be successful in everyday life.

Google Scribe

<http://scribe.googlelabs.com/>

A free web-based word prediction utility that enables a writer to receive autocomplete suggestions while typing. By using the Google Scribe Bookmarklet, one can write on any text field on any webpage, including Gmail.

*Note: Google has removed Scribe from its Lab section and it is now tied to their Blogger application

Snappy Words

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

It's an online interactive English dictionary and thesaurus that helps you find the meanings of words and draw connections to associated words. You can easily see the meaning of each by simply placing the mouse cursor over it.

Very similar to Visual Thesaurus, but a free resource.

A Maths Dictionary for Kids

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

A Math Dictionary for Kids is an animated, interactive online math dictionary for students which explains over 600 common mathematical terms and math words in simple language.

Help Kidz Learn

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

HelpKidzLearn is a collection of free software for young children and those with learning difficulties to play online. The software is split into five sections:

- Early Years
- Games and Quizzes
- Stories and Songs
- Creative Play
- Find Out About

As the authors state, "You will get the most out of these activities if you play them together with your child. Use them as a focus for chatting. "

SEN Teacher

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

SEN Teacher provides teaching & learning resources for students with special needs and learning disabilities. All the resources listed are free for use in schools, colleges and at home. Printables has a selection of printable worksheets, handouts and teaching aids most of which can be customized to suit a range of learners. Web Links lists websites which have been carefully selected for the quality of their information or because they provide further excellent sources of cost-free learning resources and software. Downloads lists cost-free educational software from several sources known to be useful to teachers and parents of special needs students. Search Tools are custom Google search engines which make it easier to locate free resources related to special needs teaching.

Head Magnet

<http://headmagnet.com/>

Headmagnet creates a model of what's going on in your head. It predicts what memories have faded away, and what memories are still inside, allowing you to quickly get things in your head and keep them there.

Tagxedo

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

Tagxedo turns words -- famous speeches, news articles, slogans and themes, even your love letters -- into a visually stunning tag cloud, words individually sized appropriately to highlight the frequencies of occurrence within the body of text.

HearWho.com

<http://www.hearwho.com/default.aspx>

HearWho.com is an online web application that turns any text into speech so you can listen to it. It will work with your internet browser. There is no software to download. You simply type or paste your text into the text area, then click "MAKE MP3 FILE". Up to 400 characters are free. A subscription is required to work with longer text.

HearWho.com converts text to speech and saves it as an MP3 file so that you can listen to it on any device capable of playing MP3 files, such as Ipods, I pads, PDAs, mobile phones, MP3 players, etc.

PIC•LITS

http://www.piclits.com/compose_dragdrop.aspx

PicLits.com is a creative writing site that matches beautiful images with carefully selected keywords in order to inspire you. The object is to put the right words in the right place and the right order to capture the essence, story, and meaning of the picture.

Twurdy

<http://twurdy.com/>

The name "Twurdy" comes from a play on words with the question "Too Wordy?".

The philosophy - Everyone has different reading abilities. Some people searching the web are university professors and others are 5 year old children. Twurdy has been created to provide people with access to search results that suit their own readability level.

Twurdy uses text analysis software to "read" each page before it is displayed in the results. Then Twurdy gives each page a readability level. Twurdy then shows the readability level of the page along with a color-coded system to help users determine how easy the page will be to understand.

XMind

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

This is the download site for "XMind, the world's coolest brainstorming and mind mapping software and the best way to share ideas." Easily create graphic organizers. Add annotations and pictures.

E-Trade Baby Mail

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

Send a spoken message using a baby pic and text-to-speech or recorded voice and email to friends or annoy colleagues.