Tech Tools for Teachers

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Digital Narrative

Creating a digital storybook

Level:	Pre-intermediate +
	(can be adapted for different levels)
Age:	teenagers / adults
Time needed:	approx. 90 minutes
Aim:	to create a digital storybook using the
	web-based tool, Storybird
Skills:	reading, speaking, writing, web skills
Materials:	Storybird printable how-to guide,
	downloaded from onestopenglish; pre
	prepared Storybird book without text

1. Choose some stories from the Featured Storybirds section (storybird.com/read) and let your students read them. You could also let your students browse through the featured Storybirds in the Popular this week section to find a story that they like and then get them to share or retell the stories in groups.

2. If you only have one computer in your class, just choose a story and read it to your students as you show the images.

3. Next, show the students the sequence of images you have already created. Ask the students to think of names for the characters and think about what their relationships might be. Ask them to think about which characters might be good and which might be bad. Ask them to think about where the characters are and why they are there.

4. Tell the students that the images are all part of a story and put them into groups to try to invent a story that will fit the sequence of images. They can do this verbally or write it down.

5. Regroup the students and put them into new pairs to compare the stories they created in their groups.

6. Now give them the 'invitation link' to the story and ask them to write the story to match the images. They could do this at home if you don't have access to enough computers in class, or you could do it as a group if you have one computer in your classroom.

7. If your students enjoy this activity, you could follow it up by letting them create and share their own stories on Storybird. We have created printable how-to guide on how to use Storybird which you can download from onestopenglish which demonstrate how to use the software.

