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Digital stories—Elementary

Let's discuss

A   Read the text and answer the questions.

- Ask students to read the text and discuss the questions in pairs. Elicit some answers and discuss as a class.

What are digital stories?
Extra information

Stories are the oldest form of education. Throughout history, people of all cultures have always felt compelled to tell stories. **Digital stories** are no different and could be the modern equivalent of pre-historic wall paintings.

Digital stories use online tools to animate or illustrate ideas. As the name implies, digital stories usually contain a mixture of images, text, recorded audio narration, video clips and/or music.

Most digital stories last between two and ten minutes and are told in an informal manner. A digital story is meant to communicate personal ideas about a topic or person.

Key

1   *They can contain images, text, recorded audio narration, video clips and music.*
2   *They normally last between two and ten minutes.*

Let's analyse

B   Look at the digital story about Taylor Swift. Answer the questions in groups.

- Ask students to look at the digital story and discuss the questions in groups of three or four. Elicit some answers and discuss as a class.

Key

1   *Taylor Swift is an American singer and TV personality.*
2   *Students' own answers.*
3   *The digital story will tell us about Taylor Swift's childhood and life.*
4   *Students' own answers.*

- Go online and type keywords to find websites for making digital stories. Show students how to find safe sites.
- Try making a group digital story using suggestions from the class. Ask students who they would like to make a story about and what information to include. Make the changes on screen.

Let's do it!

- This can be completed in class or as homework.
- Ask students to make a digital story about someone they admire the most.
- Once you have all the links to the digital stories, use one lesson to view them all as a class. Students can vote for their favourites and choose the best three.

Teacher's notes