

Creating and Using Foreign Language Materials: Online Resources

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Web Tools for Language Learning & Teaching

*http://betsylavolette.com/?page_id=280

<https://groups.diigo.com/group/calicotools>

A resource for web tools and other language learning and teaching resources. Includes a wide range of free and premium tools that can be searched and browsed by skill.

BBC in your language

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/languages/index.shtml>

News and analysis in multiple languages.

LangMedia

<http://langmedia.fivecolleges.edu/culturetalk.html>

Video clips of interviews and discussions with people from many different countries and of many different ages and walks of life. Clips are transcribed and have English translation.

LanguagesOnline

<http://www.languagesonline.org.uk/>

Series of well-organized lessons, games, songs and other teaching/learning materials for Chinese, French, Italian, German, Indonesian, and beginning ESL.

Foreign Service Institute (FSI) Language Course Materials

<http://fsi-languages.yojik.eu/>

A large array of recordings and reading texts for multiple languages, including a lot less commonly taught languages.

AllYouCanRead

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

Media directory of 22,800 local and international magazines and newspapers from all over the world.

CARLA Materials

<http://www.carla.umn.edu/lctl/materials/mbl.html>

Various materials for less commonly taught languages.

Webgerman Languages

<http://webgerman.com/languages/>

Links of websites with various materials for less commonly taught languages.

Africa Remix

http://www.tv5.org/TV5Site/publication/publi-16-Africa_Remix.htm

Video clips of African artists answering questions about l'art, la multiplicité des pratiques, l'africanité, la mondialisation, l'héritage; transcripts are provided for each interview.

MIMEA

<http://mimea.clear.msu.edu/>

Series of interactive multimedia modules for language learning, practice, and assessment. The modules are based on video clips that show native speakers and nonnative speakers interacting in natural, unscripted situations.

Center for Open Educational Materials and Language Learning

<http://coerll.utexas.edu/coerll/materials>

UCLA Language Materials Project

<http://www.lmp.ucla.edu/>

Tea with BVP

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

A weekly call-in show that talks about topics related to second language learning. Includes a list of recommended readings.

American English

<https://americanenglish.state.gov/>

Website for English Language Teachers – ideas and resources could be applied to foreign language teaching.

Syllabus Template

<https://teachingcenter.wustl.edu/resources/course-design/syllabus-template/>

A website with ideas for course planning, developing course policies, preparing a syllabus, and more!

And don't forget one of the best online resources of all: <http://www.youtube.com/> ☺