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Top Technology Tools

1. **Explain Everything** (<http://explaineverything.com>)- a design tool for annotating, animating, and creating narrative explanations and presentations. It serves as an interactive whiteboard and enables students to import documents, videos, and presentations. Students can use the recording function to record their writing and their voices about a key concept they are learning.
2. **Rev** (www.rev.com)-an app designed for both the iPhone and iPad as well as Android devices. Rev provides students with a way of communicating and sharing their thinking. It serves as a voice recorder that allows users to download and save recordings as well as to organize and edit speech-to-text transcriptions.
3. **Browsealoud** (www.texchelp.com/en-us/products/browsealoud)-software that reads and translates information aloud from places like websites and other online sources. Browsealoud facilitates access and participation for those who have visual or auditory impairments, engaging users with natural voices and in multiple languages.
4. **Evernote** (<https://evernote.com>)- an app for Apple and Windows products that provides a single workspace where users can write, collect thoughts, hold discussions, and present ideas. It gives students a means for organizing information as well as taking notes, annotating text, completing assignments, and creating school projects. In addition, Evernote syncs information to almost any device, enabling students to share their work.
5. **Padlet** (<https://padlet.com>)-a flexible app designed for the iPhone and iPad that functions as an open canvas for blogging and creating multimedia products. It enables users to attach videos, add audio recordings, insert photos, compose passages, or upload documents. The app lets students easily customize their Padlet creations, sharing and editing them among various contributors.
6. **Do it (Tomorrow)** (www.tomorrow.do)-an organizational app for Apple and Android devices which allows users to set reminders for daily tasks (but also makes it easy to push tasks off to tomorrow). The simple interface of Do it (Tomorrow) lets users view past tasks, delete tasks, delay tasks to another day, sync to-do lists to other devices, and backup information to the cloud. This app is handy for setting and maintaining short- and long-term goals.
7. **GoAnimate** (<https://goanimate4schools.com>)- an online resource that engages students in a safe environment and in a fun and interactive manner. The app enables students to produce videos, creating characters, scenes, and plots that illustrate their learning of content. In addition, it provides students with language skill practice and incorporates text-to-speech technology. Teachers can use the app to introduce lessons, create presentations, and check for understanding. The app is also a useful tool for educators using a "flipped classroom" model for delivering instruction online. With GoAnimate, they can produce animated videos, lectures, lessons, and assessments to enhance learning outside the classroom, reserving class time for collaborative work, concept mastery exercises, and experiments.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. | <p>WordQ/Speak.Q (www.goqsofuvare.com/wordQspeakQphp)- software resources that can be used together to provide students with help communicating their thinking and fixing writing mistakes. WordQ suggests word choices and also provides constructive feedback. SpeakQ allows students to dictate words into documents. When used in combination, the two apps have text-to-speech capabilities and help students with writing skills such as spelling, proofreading, and grammar.</p> <p>Annuncify (http://gdriv.es/annuncify)-a text-to-speech app that reads out loud a variety of information, including calendar events, text messages, websites, or even whole documents. Students can customize it to their liking.</p> <p>Blabberize (http://blabberize.com)-a website resource that allows students to animate any image to make it speak. The user just specifies the part of the image that should speak and then uploads the audio recording. This tool provides a great opportunity for students to both be creative and develop their language skills.</p> <p>Livescribe Pen (www.livescribe.com)-an actual pen that captures everything the user hears and writes, and then transcribes it into a format suitable for Android and Apple devices. This organizational tool can help students keep track of assignments in a way that fits their learning style. A variety of Livescribe pens are available, including the Echo Smartpen, which transfers recordings into a PDF or audio file, and the Sky Smartpen, which transfers data into Evernote files.</p> <p>EDpuzzle (https://edpuzzle.com)-an online tool that helps teachers and students share videos and audio files. The intention is to make learning more accessible and multisensory. EDpuzzle allows users to edit video and audio files, create quizzes, and share products through multiple social media outlets. In addition, it enables teachers to monitor the content experienced by students.</p> |
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