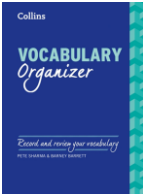
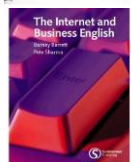
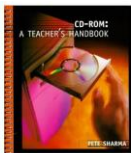




Author



I have.....

- a Smartphone
- a tablet pc
- an eBook reader
- a Facebook account
- a Twitter account
- a password to the Richmond learning platform



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Plenary aim

- To describe how educational technology can **empower** students



Overview

- Empowerment in the digital age
- Educational Technologies
- Practical ideas

[www.psa.eu.com](http://www.psa.eu.com)

## Empowerment

...giving learners the **power** to make their own decisions about learning rather than the teacher having all the control. This opportunity to make decisions is part of what can make a learner more independent, or **autonomous**.

## The good language learner....

thinks about how they are learning  
 is willing to experiment and take risks  
*is independent. "She does not expect to learn English just by sitting in the classroom"*  
 is organised and active  
 Knows their preferred learning modality [VAK]



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## SLA theory - technology

Exposure - **yes**  
 Opportunities for **[guided]** output  
 Motivation - **yes**  
 Time (+ **[limited]** instruction)



(Jane Willis)

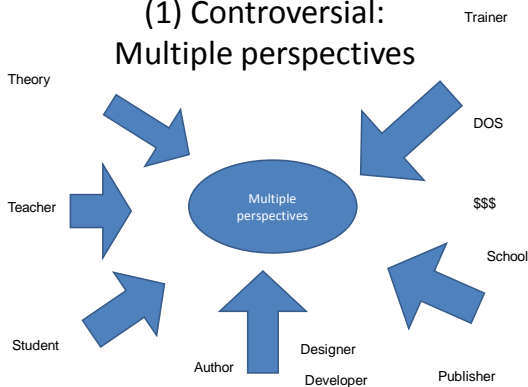
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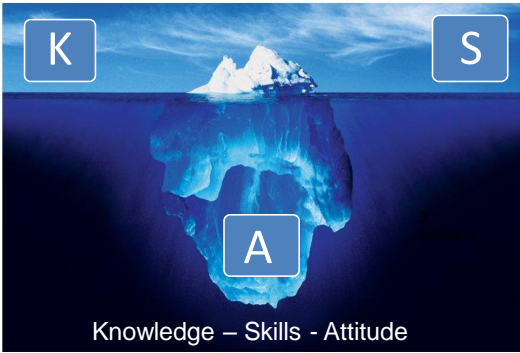
## Three statements about the digital age



### (1) Controversial: Multiple perspectives



### (2) Importance of attitude



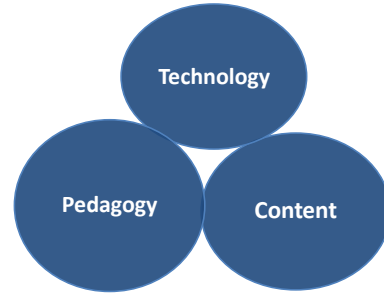
### (3) Importance of pedagogy

What?  
So what?  
How?



Macmillan Books for Teachers

Technology-led  
Pedagogy plays  
'catch-up'



TPaCk model

**Background**

Controversial  
Importance of attitude  
Importance of pedagogy



## Educational technologies

IWBs	podcasts
Blogs	vodcasts
Wikis	websites
VLEs	CD-ROMs
M-learning	E-book readers

### Interactive whiteboards



### IWBs and empowerment

- ▶ It's just a tool - "it's not what it is, it's what you do with it" (Jones)
- ▶ Student brings in work on a memory stick

### Blogs (Web + log)

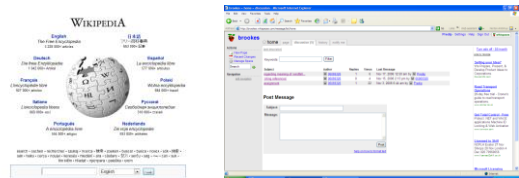


Teacher  
Student  
Class

### Blogs and empowerment

- ▶ Encourage global audience for learner work
- ▶ Wash-back on accuracy

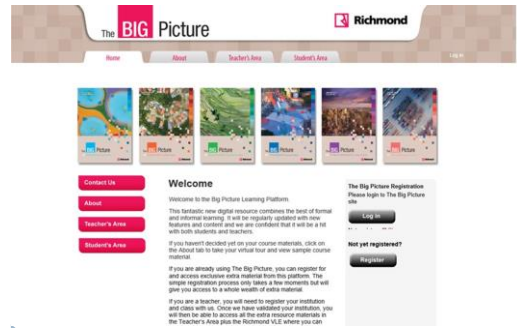
### Wikis



Wikis and empowerment

- ▶ Collaborative – team building skills
- ▶ Peer correction
- ▶ Can facilitate work at a distance

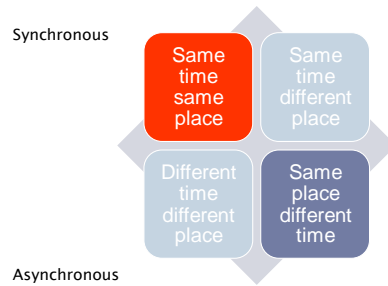
Big Picture Learning Environments



School to university

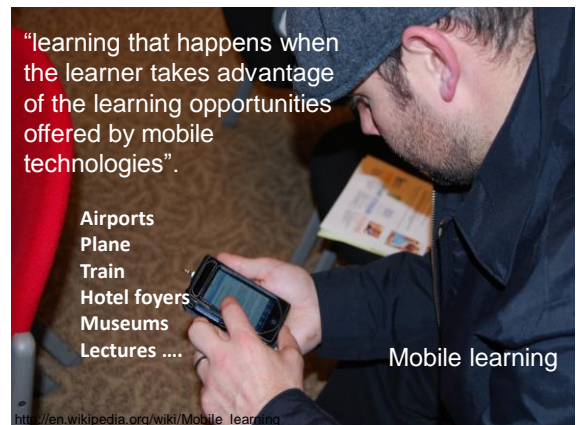


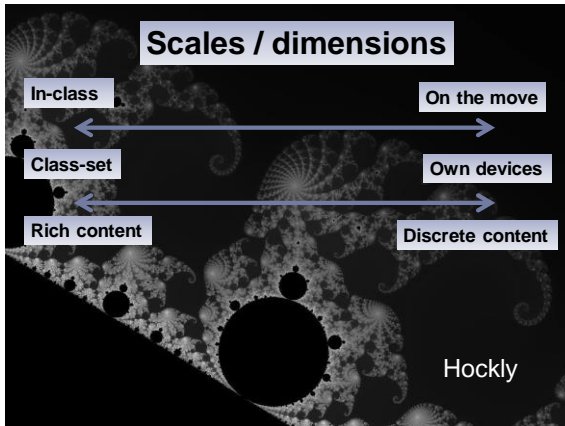
Focus on appropriacy



VLEs and empowerment

- ▶ Meaning on demand
- ▶ ‘appropriacy’ – critical thinking
- ▶ Chat – students negotiate meaning
- ▶ ‘community’
- ▶ Links





M-learning and empowerment

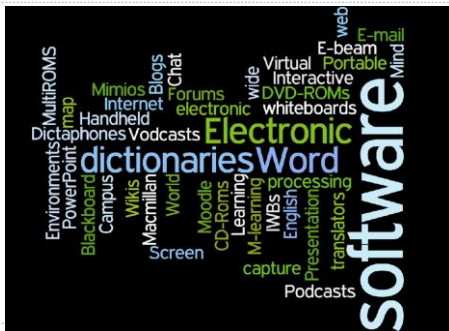
- ▶ U-learning – ubiquitous learning
- ▶ Dictionaries
- ▶ Language learning apps



Video podcasts



Websites and empowerment



CD-ROMs and empowerment

- ▶ Digi-books /courseware / DVD-Roms /Eworkbooks



## E-book readers



Sony E-book readers

Amazon Kindle

Nook



## E-book readers and empowerment

### ▶ Extensive reading



Practical teaching ideas

# Grammar & vocabulary

Listening & reading  
Speaking & writing

# Phonology & games

VISUAL GRAMMAR Elementary

Present simple **be** • **It's** + adjective  
Complete the descriptions.

It's wet • It's old • It's fast • It's young • It's slow • It's round

a) The sun: It's hot and \_\_\_\_\_

b) A kitten: It's small and \_\_\_\_\_

c) The sea: It's deep and \_\_\_\_\_

d) An elephant: It's heavy and \_\_\_\_\_

e) The Taj Mahal: It's beautiful and \_\_\_\_\_

f) A sports car: It's expensive and \_\_\_\_\_

Submit Try again

VISUAL GRAMMAR Elementary

Present simple **be** • **It's** + adjective  
Complete the descriptions.

Submitted

Correct: 2 of 6  
Score: 33%  
Your first score has been submitted to the markbook.  
You have 1 attempt left.

Close

a) The sun: It's hot and  ✓

b) A kitten: It's small and  ✓

c) The sea: It's deep and  ✓

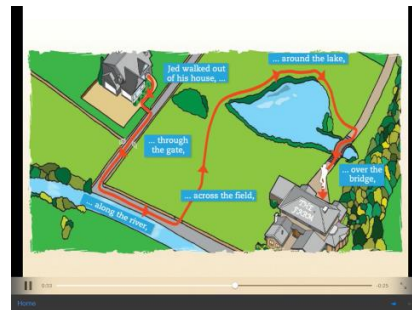
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## Visual grammar app





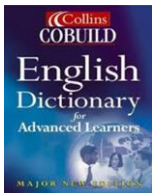
## Digital storytelling



Angie Quintanilla  
Chile  
IATEFL Learning Technologies scholarship winner  
2014

## “Word frequency quiz”

A ‘frequency system’



- ◇ ◇ ◇ Just over 700
- ◇ ◇ Just over 1,000
- ◇ Just over 1,500

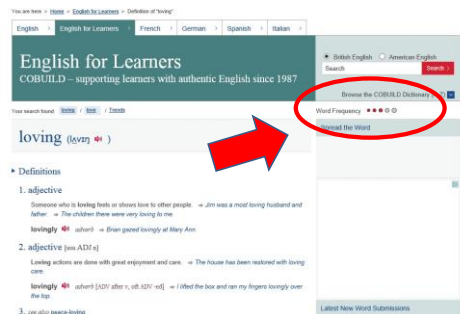
Decide the frequency of these words

lunch month lovely  
help abandoned bomb  
lucky action card

Answer

◇◇◇	◇◇	◇
help	lunch	abandoned
action	card	lovely
month	bomb	lucky

Collins online dictionary






**TED** Ideas worth spreading

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Translations	new		

Talks Evan Williams on listening to Twitter users

Filed Feb 2009, Posted Feb 2009



**Interactive Transcript**

English

Click on any phrase to play the video from that point.

Four years ago, on the TED stage, I announced a company I was working with at the time called Odeo. And because of that announcement, we got a big article in the New York Times, which led to more press, which led to more attention, and me deciding to become CEO of that company—whereas I was just a designer and raising a round of venture capital and ramping up hiring.

One of the guys I hired was an engineer named Jack Dorsey, and a year later we were trying to decide which way to go with Odeo, and Jack presented an idea he'd been tinkering around with for a number of years that was based around sending simple status updates to friends. We were also playing with SMS at the time at Odeo, so




Banksy



Blogs

**Student's Area** The Big Picture - Picture Blog

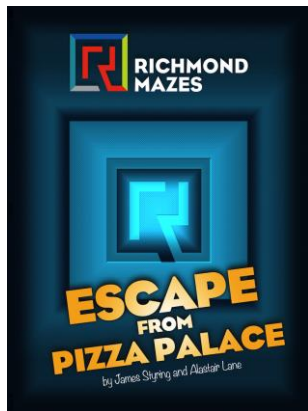
Barcelona Football Club



2012 (6)  
2011 (5)

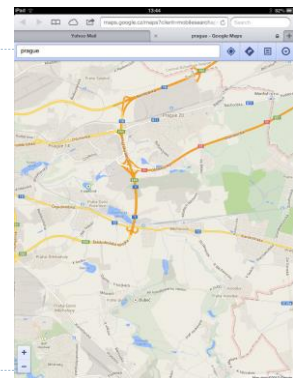
This picture shows the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona. Barca are my favourite team because I've lived in Barcelona all my life. In 2010, I saw them play against Real Madrid in El Clásico. The stadium is huge and the crowd was so noisy! Barcelona fans are very proud of their team and their city. We had great fun and we were sitting really near the pitch. The match was incredible because the players were so skillful and they scored some fantastic goals. In the end, Barca won 5-0! I think they're the best team in the world. The tickets for the stadium are expensive, but if I have enough money, I'll go and watch them again this year.

Which sports team or sportsperson do you most admire? Why?



Speaking

Personalisation



# Voice recognition

- ▶ Siri
- ▶ Google
- ▶ Voice to text



## Learner response devices

"Do you believe in God"



Vote now:  
 1 – Yes  
 2 – No  
 3 – Unsure

## Phonology



## Games



## In conclusion

Educational technology can provide many opportunities for language learning



Thank you!

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