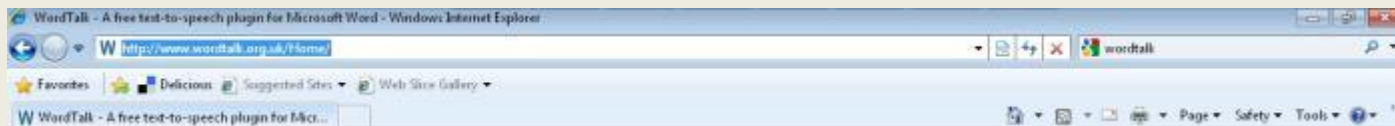


Weally Wonderful Websites

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Numerous web sites that accommodate students who have different learning styles and needs exist and are used daily in classrooms throughout Australia. It is often difficult to locate and remember the links for useful sites for VELs, as well as for access, communication, use with Interactive Whiteboards, switches and other devices. Remembering and storing favourites and keeping track of them are also difficult if educators move from one classroom to another or from one location (e.g. home) to school.



Programs such as Delicious (<http://www.delicious.com/>) provide opportunities for users to store and keep favourite and important web URLs (an abbreviation of *Uniform Resource Locator*). Delicious uses a non-hierarchical classification system in which users can tag each of their bookmarks with freely chosen index terms. A combined view of everyone's bookmarks with a given tag is available; for instance, the URL "<http://delicious.com/tag/maths>" displays all of the most recent links tagged "maths". Its collective nature makes it possible to view bookmarks added by other users.

Delicious has a "hotlist" on its home page and "popular" and "recent" pages, which help to make the website a barometer of Internet trends. Users can access it on *any internet connected* PC or Notebook so that users can reference their own links, and that of thousands of others who have stored and tagged similar content. It is a free service and is protected by password access.







Design Principles Employed in this Document








1. To make it easier and faster to locate sites, especially when working with students for greater autonomy and independence, I have chosen to record URLs in an MS Word Document, with the data arranged in a table format.
2. The document can then be stored on school servers or classroom computers or saved to external hard or USB thumb drives for quick and easy access at school or at home.
3. The MS Word file format can also be converted to a PDF, or in large print or sections can be converted into MP3 format (using free TTS and text-to-audio software such as *Balabolka* (<http://balabolka.download.httpt.com/>) or *Wordtalk* (see below).
4. Each web site has a thumbnail representation to CTRL-click on (hyperlinked to the corresponding web home page or relevant start page of a site). This provides a visual cue for students who are very young, and also caters to non-readers or those with dyslexia and other learning difficulties.
5. To navigate to the site required, simply CTRL-Left click onto the graphic of the site in the left hand column.
6. The sites are grouped according to KLA and a brief description and blurb is provided so that teachers, support staff and students can quickly identify sites that might cater to their needs more quickly before randomly navigating to them.
7. To assist students who require Text-to-Speech technology so that they can listen to the text being voiced as they read, download and install a free copy of *Wordtalk V4.2* (<http://www.wordtalk.org.uk/Home/>). It will appear as an 'add-in' in *MS Word 2007/2010* or as a new toolbar in *MS Word 2003*.
8. Another handy free program is *Orato* (<http://www.fxc.binternet.co.uk/oratosetup.exe>) and it will voice any text that is copied to the clipboard (i.e. highlight or select text in any application, website or CD and press **Ctrl-C** keys).
9. Sections are separated and the headings coloured for easier referencing.
10. Categories are all listed for easy location and navigation throughout the document. To navigate quickly to a page, press **Ctrl-G** and type in the desired page number and then press **Enter** or click on the **Go To** button.

Please email or contact me and *share other sites that you have discovered or use in your classrooms* with students so that this document can become an ongoing resource, to be updated every six months and then republished and shared. This is just *Version 1* and I hope to expand it to many more pages in 2011. Please also report lost, missing or dead links to me at: specmelb@bigpond.net.au. Please feel free to distribute this document and post this document to other sites "as is".

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Research & Data Collection	Description and Suitability
	<p>http://www.parkfieldict.co.uk/infant/ : A picture based interface encyclopedia for students in primary of for students who have different learning needs. Navigation is easy and the topics cater to younger students. An ideal resource to be used online in classrooms as content is relevant and safe.</p> <p>Suitable for: Very young children and those with different abilities.</p>
	<p>http://www.encyclopedia.com/ : Encyclopedia.com is an online library and research Web site. <i>Encyclopedia.com</i> puts millions of articles from some of the world's most authoritative and highly respected publications at a student's fingertips. It is a free online encyclopedia and features premier titles like <i>The Columbia Encyclopedia</i>, <i>Oxford's World Encyclopedia</i>, and the <i>Encyclopedia of World Biography</i>.</p> <p>Suitable for: Upper primary and secondary students.</p>
	<p>http://kids.britannica.com/ : <i>Britannica Online For Kids</i> is an essential online homework helper for children aged 6-14 years. It covers core subjects - Mathematics, English and Science as well as History, Geography, the Arts and many more subject areas. Britannica Online For Kids provides access to curriculum relevant encyclopedia articles, learning activities, games and videos for Years 3 through 10 in Australia and New Zealand.</p> <p>Suitable for: Lower and upper primary and junior secondary students.</p>
	<p>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Children's_Encyclop%C3%A6dia: <i>The Children's Encyclopædia</i> was an encyclopædia originated by Arthur Mee and published by the Educational Book Company, a subsidiary of Amalgamated Press of London. It was published from 1908 to 1964. Walter M. Jackson's company Grolier acquired the rights to publish it in the U.S. under the name 'The Book of Knowledge' (1910). Each search will also generate appropriate images, photographs, drawings, maps and other pertinent illustrations.</p> <p>Suitable for: Lower and upper primary and junior secondary students.</p>
	<p>http://www.factmonster.com/ : <i>The Fact Monster</i> provides students with an Encyclopedia Search that has access to more than 57,000 articles from the Columbia Encyclopedia, Sixth Edition. It offers an inviting uncluttered interface and the information is appropriate for most students in primary and secondary schools.</p> <p>Suitable for: Lower and upper primary and junior secondary students.</p>
	<p>http://www.rudimentsofwisdom.com/ : An interesting concept, with the rudimentary topics of an encyclopedia represented in cartoon descriptors. This will appeal to students who enjoy cartoons and require simplified content for research in an amendable format.</p> <p>Suitable for: Lower and upper primary and junior secondary students.</p>

Dictionary and Thesaurus	Description and Suitability
	<p>http://encarta.msn.com/encnet/features/dictionary/dictionaryhome.aspx : This is a very clear and uncluttered web site. The word definitions appear quickly and in a large clear font. All dictionary words and definitions are sourced from Encarta © World English Dictionary and 2009 Microsoft Corporation. The site content was developed for Microsoft by Bloomsbury Publishing Plc.</p> <p>Suitable for: Lower and upper primary and junior secondary students.</p>
	<p>http://dictionary.reference.com/ : Provides meaning and definitions for millions of words. It also has a Flash Card game across word puzzles and links to other sites for thesaurus and word game activities. A free app for iPhones, iPads, Androids and other mobile devices is freely downloadable for portable access to this very flexible dictionary.</p> <p>Suitable for: Upper primary, secondary and tertiary students.</p>
	<p>http://dictionary.babylon.com/ : Babylon online dictionary provides meanings for words in numerous categories. More than 1400 dictionaries and 75 languages are available. Users can search myriads of terms, expressions and phrases and it covers a wide range of fields such as Law, Science, Medicine, Music, Business and many more.</p> <p>Suitable for: Upper primary, secondary and tertiary students.</p>
	<p>http://www.thefreedictionary.com/ : An extremely comprehensive and powerful online resource. It is 'busy' and quite cluttered in design but it offers a great deal of flexibility with many options. It provides some online activities such as a <i>Spelling Bee</i>, <i>Hangman</i> game and word of the day. Multiple language support caters to LOTE students and those who wish to work in languages other than English. Note: A free toolbar add-in is available for Mozilla Firefox browsers and has a great deal to offer more capable students.</p> <p>Suitable for: Upper primary, secondary and tertiary students.</p>
	<p>http://www.dicts.info/ : Dicts.info is an extensive free Dictionary Project. It represents an extremely comprehensive resource site that lists every conceivable resource to do with meanings, derivations and contexts of words as well as free downloadable dictionaries, portable apps and other related resources.</p> <p>Suitable for: Upper primary, secondary and tertiary students.</p>
	<p>http://www.lingoes.net/ : Lingoes is an easy and intuitive dictionary and text translation software. It offers lookup dictionaries, full text translation, capture word on screen, translate selected text and pronunciation of words in over 80 languages. These language are English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Greek, Swedish, Turkish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Arabic, Hebrew, Vietnamese, Thai and more...</p> <p>Suitable: Upper Primary and Secondary through Tertiary and ESL students</p>
	<p>http://www.sequencepublishing.com/thesage.html : The Sage's English Dictionary and Thesaurus is a professional software package that integrates a complete dictionary and multifaceted thesaurus of the English language into a single and powerful language reference system. The Sage can look up words directly from almost any program (Internet Explorer, MS Word, Mozilla Firefox, MS Outlook) and is also 100% portable. Due to popular demand, The Sage's dictionary is online.</p> <p><i>Note: Only the definition database is consulted.</i></p> <p>Suitable for: More capable Upper Primary and all Secondary and Tertiary students</p>









eBooks & Free Books Online	Description and Suitability
	http://www.bartleby.com/ : Bartleby is an internet publisher of literature, reference and verse providing students, researchers and curious readers with unlimited access to books and information on the web at no cost. Suitable for: Upper primary and junior secondary students.
	http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page : Gutenberg.org is one of the most useful web sites for locating and obtaining free eBooks that are out of copyright (i.e. published over 50 years). Texts can be acquired in a number of text, HTML and PDF formats as well as in popular eBook formats including ePub and Plucker. Students can download over 33,000 free eBooks to read on a PC, iPad, Kindle, Nook, Sony Reader, iPhone, iPod Touch, Android or other mobile phone. They provide high quality books. Their free books were previously published by bona fide publishers and digitized with the help of thousands of volunteers. Suitable for: Primary and Secondary and Tertiary students as well as all educators.
	http://www.booksshouldbefree.com/ : 'All Books Should Be Free' is a source of free audio books. Books Should Be Free hosts hundreds of free audio books in a wide range of categories and offers titles for readers of all ages. The audio books can be downloaded from Books Should Be Free website and or via iTunes software. All of the audio books in the collection are either public domain or Creative Commons works. Books are illustrated with a cover page for easier identification. Suitable: Readers of all ages.
	http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books/index.html : The Online Books Page is a website that facilitates access to books that are freely readable over the Internet and aims to encourage the development of online books, for the benefit and edification of all. Major parts of the site include: An index of hundreds of thousands of online books freely readable on the Internet ; Pointers to significant directories and archives of online texts ; Special exhibits of particularly interesting classes of online books ; Information on how readers can help support their growth Suitable: Readers of all ages
	http://www.e-book.com.au/freebooks.htm : A listing of sites that provide access to eBooks in the public domain that may be freely accessed, as well as some other books under specified conditions. This website lists links to free digital libraries in Australia and New Zealand as well as free eBook websites. Suitable: For readers of all ages
	http://www.bookshare.org/ :Bookshare offers accessible books to people all over the world with qualifying print disabilities. Thousands of accessible books are available for download to International Members, based on copyright permissions granted by publishers and authors. Currently Bookshare has over 90,000 books available to their members in over 30 countries. Suitable: For readers of all ages
	http://www.techsupportalert.com/content/50-places-free-books-online.htm : Gizmo's Free Listings: This is a listing of 260 sites that legally offer free books (eBooks) for download or for online viewing. The author discovered these sites, all or most of which should offer free eBooks as a reference. They should be authentic but some have not been thoroughly checked. Suitable for: Readers of all ages
	http://worldlibrary.net/ : World Public Library is a subscriber service. The <i>World Public Library Association Collection</i> boasts more than 500,000 eBooks all published in the PDF format and are available in over 90 languages. Suitable for: Upper Primary through to adults. Subscription required.
	http://bookbuilder.cast.org/ - UDL Book Reader Share publish and read books online or offline Students can use Book Builder site to create, share, publish, and read digital books that engage and support diverse learners according to their individual needs, interests, and skills. Suitable for: Readers of all ages.
	http://ebooks.adelaide.edu.au/meta/titles/A.html - University of Adelaide - The purpose of this site is to provide access to the "classic" works of civilisation and to promote reading of the same. There are many sites offering classic works in one form or another. Putting them into a format which readers might actually enjoy using them is their aim. Suitable for: Readers of all ages.





Talking Books	Description and Suitability
	<p>http://www.priorywoods.middlesbrough.sch.uk/page_viewer.asp?page=Talking+Story+Books&pid=75</p> <p>These are the very popular talking books from Priory Woods in the UK. Simple talking storybooks can be created with commonly available presentation software such as MS PowerPoint enabling and motivating children with poor literacy skills to produce meaningful, high quality work. All of the stories featured on this site were created together with pupils from as young as Year 1. They give educators and students some ideas for talking story books and what can be achieved.</p> <p>Suitable for: Primary and Secondary students with special learning and/or reading needs.</p>
	<p>http://www.speakaboos.com/corporate/about : Speakaboos provides a range of stories online for retelling of a wide range of books including fairy tales, fables, folk tales, nursery rhymes and songs. Most of the content is free. The high quality production provides animation, music and books retold using actor's voices.</p> <p>Suitable: Junior Primary to Junior Secondary and especially children with different abilities.</p>
	<p>http://www.aesopfables.com/aesop1.html : Online collection of Aesop's Fables includes a total of 638 Fables, indexed in table format, with the associated morals listed. Many of the books are narrated using children's voices. It is a very austere site with few tricks and graphics. It caters to students who are familiar and comfortable with reading text, or listening to text.</p> <p>Suitable for: All students who are studying or enjoy Fables.</p>
	<p>http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/: Lit2Go is a free online collection of stories and poems in Mp3 (audio book) format. You can -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Download the files to your Mp3 player and listen on the go; listen to the Mp3 files on your computer or view the text on a webpage and read along as you listen or print out the stories and poems to make your own book. <p>Suitable for: Primary through Secondary</p>
	<p>http://www.magickeys.com/books/ : Illustrated children's stories for children of all ages. The titles are categorized for very young, young and older students. Each title has an associated graphic representing the story. There are also links to games, colouring-in books and other relevant activities.</p> <p>Suitable for: Readers of all ages who require illustrated books.</p>
	<p>http://tarheelreader.org/ : Tar Heel Reader is a collection of free, easy-to-read, and accessible books on a wide range of topics. The books may be downloaded as slide shows in PowerPoint, Impress, or in Flash format. Each book can be speech enabled (online) and accessed using multiple interfaces, including touch screens, the IntelliKeys with custom overlays, and 1 to 3 switches. Books can be read in PowerPoint on a PC using PowerTalk freeware (http://fullmeasure.co.uk/powertalk/)</p> <p>Suitable: Junior Primary through Secondary, especially reluctant readers.</p>
	<p>http://librivox.org/ : LibriVox provides free audio books all taken from the public domain. There are several options for listening. The first step is to get the mp3 or Ogg Vorbis (i.e. a sound/music format) files into your own computer. There are over 4000 projects available.</p> <p>Suitable for: Upper Primary and Secondary students</p>
	<p>http://en.childrenslibrary.org/ : These are not talking books but a treasure trove of stories from all genres, catering to younger children and those that require illustrated texts. The books can be read online. This site is very suitable for children using Interactive Whiteboards in classrooms and equally at home with mouse or trackball or touch window/screen.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary to Junior Secondary.</p>




Talking Books	Description and Suitability
	<p>http://www.esl-storybooks.com - ESL Storybooks : Appropriate storybooks for beginner students, interest level 6 to 12 years. Storybooks and ESL Textbooks for English as a Second Language Students This website is for ESL Teachers who need ESL Instructional material for ESL Kids. Their storybooks feature exciting adventure stories to encourage children reading and comprehension of English as a second language.</p> <p>Suitable for: Year 6 - 12</p>
	<p>http://www.riverdeep.net/language_arts/edmark_lang_arts/MakeAStory/MakeAStory.html - Make a Story - from Edmark. Use of simple yet effective animation with words closed out. Children click on objects to complete simple questions. Engaging graphics and clear use of a child actor's voice.</p> <p>Suitable for: P – 2 and children with different abilities.</p>
	<p>http://www.storylineonline.net/ - Storyline Online provides children with a number of books that are read aloud by actors. Well known actors' voices are used. The animation and colour is very engaging and there are a number of stories from which to choose. There are follow-up activities online as well as downloadable activities for each story. All of the stories are captioned.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary to Junior Secondary.</p>
	<p>http://www.oddcast.com/home/demos/tts/tts_example.php?sitepal : Children can type their own sentence or short story and an online avatar (or character) will voice it back immediately. It lists a very large range of text-to-speech voices and is ideal for 'testing' TTS voices with children, before buying other programs. In addition, it's just fun.</p> <p>Suitable for: P – 2 and children with different abilities.</p>




Literacy Activities/Games	Description and Suitability
	<p>http://www.starfall.com : Starfall.com opened in September of 2002 as a free public service to motivate children to read with phonics. Their systematic phonics approach, in conjunction with phonemic awareness practice is perfect for preschool, kindergarten, first year, second year, special education, home school, and English language development (i.e. ESL). Starfall is an educational alternative to other entertainment choices for children.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary and especially children with different abilities</p>
	<p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/literacy.shtml : This website has many different games for children to develop literacy skills. There are multiple games under each category to keep children interested. Each game is challenging in multiple ways. A number of different sites are provided to cater to different needs.</p> <p>Suitable for: For Junior Primary through to Junior Secondary</p>
	<p>http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bl/ : The Scholastic Language and Literacy site has some wonderful activities. This website focuses on rhyming, naming, and letters. Three different animals encourage students to work with them to build vocabulary, identify letters, and match rhyming words.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary through Year 1 and children with different abilities.</p>
	<p>http://pages.cms.k12.nc.us/tiffanyclarke/onlineliteracyactivities.html : Mrs. Clarke's Welcome to Year 1: A comprehensive list of online interactive websites. Students can practice correct sentence structure using keyboard and mouse with this vast assortment of sites. Many are ideal for use with an Interactive Whiteboard in the classroom with one or more students in pairs or in small groups.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary to Year 2 or students with different abilities.</p>
	<p>http://www.pbs.org/parents/lions/activities/view-read-do.html : A useful website, full of view-read-do activities that connect to children and their imagination with clever use of video, online books and other learning activities. It is based on the PBS show 'Between the Lions'. There are games, stories and video clips to watch.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary to Year 4.</p>
	<p>http://www.pbs.org/parents/lions/activities/view-read-do.html : This website features the Junie B. Jones, the character from the Chapter Book series. It is a creative resource for further reading about this popular character and has activities and games. There are a variety of spelling games to learn new words.</p> <p>Suitable for: Year 2 to Year 5</p>
	<p>http://www.funbrain.com : This website offers games from different subject areas. These games will help strengthen writing, reading skills and acquisition of vocabulary. The website has multiple activities to encourage students to read and includes web books, word games, grammar and spelling activities and word confusion. Navigate by selecting a year level or by using the "reading" link.</p> <p>Note: Incorporates some sign language.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary to Year 7</p>
	<p>http://www.learningplanet.com/index.asp : This is an interactive website that allows students to play online learning games. It lists categories by Year level. The website extends activities up to Year 8. It also offers other curriculum content (including Maths activities).</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary to past Year 8</p>







Literacy Activities/Games	Description and Suitability
	<p>http://www.tooter4kids.com/classroom/just4kids.htm : Tooter4Kids - This website offers numerous links that take the user to other websites. Each link is for a different interactive activity. Each activity focuses on improving literacy skills.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary to Year 3</p>
	<p>http://www.literacycenter.net/ : Literacy Centre.net - This is an interactive website for student use. It has activities to assist children in learning the alphabet, write letters and words, as well as learn colors, shapes and numbers. It also provides activities for keyboard practice and developing skills.</p> <p>Suitable for: Kindergarten to Year 1</p>
	<p>http://pbskids.org/games/index.html : PBS Kids: PBS Kids is a website where children can play interactive games online. They concentrate on some of the popular shows that they watch on television, such as "Arthur." It is bright and colorful and very interactive. A great deal of content is offered. There are video channels as well.</p> <p>Suitable for: Kindergarten to Year 3</p>
	<p>http://www.nickjr.com : Nick Junior: Noggin is part of Nick Jr. The website allows children to play a variety of games featuring characters from television shows. Children learn literacy skills as they play. There are printable pages of suitable activities for the children to complete after they have finished the online games.</p> <p>Suitable for: Kindergarten to Year 2</p>
	<p>http://www.readwritethink.org : Read Write Think: This website has many games that have multiple difficulty levels. It allows students to progress in their literacy development through the interactive games. It guides students in the learning of the alphabet, rhyming, singular and plural words, phonemes and capital letters.</p> <p>Suitable for: Kindergarten to Year 8</p>
	<p>http://pbskids.org/superwhy/# : PBS SuperWhy: This is an exciting website for children with wonderful use of colour and animation. In Story Book Village, you can play games, read, complete activities and explore the environment. Words pop up as the content in the site talks to the students. This site offers Letter Bingo and the Super Readers' Challenge.</p> <p>Suitable for: Kindergarten to Year 2</p>
	<p>http://pbskids.org/wordworld/index_flash.html : PBS WonderWorld: This site offers many educational games as well as activities to do. All of the animals and objects on this site are made up of their written letters. For example, the Bear visual has the letters: <i>b e a r</i>. This reinforces the print component of reading, as well as the sounds that are heard in the words.</p> <p>Suitable for: Kindergarten to Year 2</p>
	<p>http://pbskids.org/sesame/ : This website has many ABC and letter games, rhyming and bilingual games, videos and activities that enhance children's literacy development. Children learn with their favorite Sesame Street characters (Rhyme with Grover, Abby's Adventure, Rosita's Fiesta, and Cookie Monster's Alphabet Soup). Learning with the Sesame Street Muppets is engaging and motivating for younger students.</p> <p>Suitable for: Kindergarten to Year 2</p>
	<p>http://www.scholastic.com/magicschoolbus/ : The Magic School Bus: This website has a wide variety of things to do. There are learning games (I SPY, bingo and puzzles). There are games, various activities, stories, printables and videos. There are science connections in many of the stories.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary to Year 4</p>








Spelling and Phonics	Description and Suitability
	<p>www.kidsspell.com : Kids Spell is an interactive website that teaches young children spelling words. There are games to play that help them learn new words to increase their vocabulary as well as spelling. There are different games such as letter drop and 'spelloons'. Over 6,600 words are provided in an assortment of activities.</p> <p>Suitable for Junior Primary to Year 3</p>
	<p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/clusters/blender/index.shtml : This is a good website for learning phonics, especially blending sounds. It is interactive. The 'blender' provides the word and asks the child for the beginning sound, and then the ending sound. It offers phonics, CVC words, consonant clusters, long vowel sounds and high frequency words.</p> <p>Suitable for: Kindergarten to Year 1</p>
	<p>http://www.progressivephonics.com/ : This website offers many different things to learn about phonics and reading. There are different levels from beginner to advanced level. In each level there are many different types of books to read and things to learn. It is easy to navigate and find what students need. It is appropriate great for children to use alone, or with a teacher, parent, or tutor.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary to Year 4</p>
	<p>http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy.html : The Literacy Zone; Interactive The English Games and Activities site is a vast collection of spelling activities and exercises. It is extremely comprehensive and offers hundreds of games and activities, all represented graphically.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary to Junior Secondary</p>
	<p>http://www.efdlrs.com/~sunrise/parentsreading1/ : This website is a course that provides participants with an overview of phonological awareness. There are handy and useful tips for helping children to participate in their own learning. It is very austere but has some good advice and activities.</p> <p>Suitable for: Kindergarten to Year 3 and a great resource for parents</p>
	<p>http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/Games/educational/literacy.html : This Woodland's School site offers a great range of literacy activities for students, including Word Work (26 activities), Sentence Work (8) and Text Work (12). It is a colourful and engaging site that is comprehensive in its approach.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary to Grade 4</p>
	<p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/bitesize/ : BBC Bitesize: Offers Reading, Writing Spelling and grammar with games and activities and an area for teachers. Another comprehensive site that offers numerous activities across different genres.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary to Junior Secondary</p>
	<p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/spellits/home_flash.shtml : This site requires Flash software. It is a thoroughly engaging online resource that will motivate students to practice their spelling skills.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary to Junior Secondary</p>

Brainstorming/Mind Mapping	Description and Suitability
	<p>https://bubbl.us/ : A very simple yet powerful online mind-mapping tool. Users can work online, print their work and/or save the image as a JPG or PNG file as an HTML outline. Easy to master and learn and has useful online Help files.</p> <p>Suitable for: Years 2 to Secondary</p>
	<p>http://www.mapul.com/ : MAPMYself is a free Web-based online mind mapping tool. MAPMYself is unique web based software that allows users to create completely organic looking mind maps. Use your own ideas to accelerate learning, improve memory, increase productivity and save time. The intuitive interface is easy to learn and use.</p> <p>Suitable for: Years 2 to Secondary</p>
	<p>https://www.mindmeister.com/users/signup : Users can sign up freely (with limited numbers of maps). It will also import other mind mapping files from Freemind and Mindjet Mindmanager software.</p> <p>Suitable for: Years 4 to Secondary</p>
	<p>http://freemind.sourceforge.net/ : Freemind is a free app that can be downloaded onto a Windows computer or downloaded as a portable App.</p> <p>Suitable for: Years 4 to Secondary</p>
	<p>http://www.edrawsoft.com/freemind.php : A free download for EDraw mind mapping software. Users can create mind maps (graphical representations of thought processes) for brainstorming, problem solving, rational analysis, and decision making. EDraw Mind Map is a freeware vector-based application with rich examples and templates. Mind Map makes it easy to create basic flow charts, mind maps, brain-storming diagrams and sketch maps.</p> <p>Suitable for: Years 4 to Secondary</p>
	<p>www.xmind.net/ : A very intuitive yet powerful mind mapping program that can be downloaded freely and installed onto a computer. It has numerous functions and features and is very visual.</p> <p>Suitable for: Years 4 to Secondary</p>






Organisation/Planning	Description and Suitability
	<p>www.evernote.com : Capture, store, save and retrieve any facts and data from any source and access them anywhere at any time on a computer, iPhone or PDA. Data is kept safe and secure. Users can search by keyword, tag or even printed and handwritten text inside images. Download and install and it is free. Students are able to save their ideas, things they like, things they hear, and things they see.</p> <p>Suitable: Year 6-12 and adults</p>
	<p>www.dropbox.com : Dropbox is an online storage service that's free to use. Users can save files on their computers and retrieve it from any other computer, once logged in. It saves using USB devices and is safe and secure. Data can also be made 'public' and shared between users, colleagues and friends. It's a great way to keep your favourite or important files stored for flexible access.</p> <p>Suitable: Year 8-12 and adults</p>
	<p>http://www.google.com/intl/en-GB/googlecalendar/about.html : Google calendar is a free online calendar. Students and educators can organize their schedules quickly and easily and access them anywhere online, at home, work or school. With Google Calendar, it's easy to keep track of important events as they are all stored and accessible from all one place.</p> <p>Suitable: Year 8-12 and adults</p>

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	<p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/numbers/wholenumbers/ : BBC Skill wise – Numbers: Whole Numbers. Sections include the Time Tables, addition and subtraction, multiplication, division, negative numbers, and comparing numbers as well as multiples and factors, learning about place value (10s, 100s and 1000s), writing big numbers, rounding and estimating, ratio and proportion and a video guide.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-school to Secondary</p>
	<p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/numbers/measuring/ : BBC Skill wise: Numbers – Measures, shape and space. Sections include 2D shapes, money (in pounds and pence, though), reading times and dates, calculation of time, temperature, volume, perimeter, area of rectangles, distances, timetables, length, weight and capacity and a video guide discussing weighing ingredients in metric.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-school to Secondary</p>
	<p>http://www.coolmath-games.com/ An extremely comprehensive site for maths activities including lessons, games, puzzles, word games, jigsaw puzzles and quizzes. The games section includes: Strategy, skill, numbers, shape/colours, pictures, logic, memory, and board games. It offers arithmetic, pre-algebra, algebra, pre-calculus and other math lessons for older students.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-school to Secondary</p>
	<p>www.funbrain.com : Funbrain was created for students aged preschool through to Year 8. It offers more than 100 fun, interactive games that develop skills in math, reading, and literacy. Teachers and librarians can confidently encourage students to use Funbrain during their free time in class, assured that students will enjoy an educational, safe online learning experience. Funbrain's games help students build on what they have learned in class and acquire new skills in reading, math, and problem solving. This is the maths section.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-school to Year 8</p>
	<p>www.mathplayground.com : 'The primary goals of Math Playground are to help students feel more confident about their math skills and to help them form more positive attitudes toward the subject of math. I try to accomplish these goals by providing engaging games and activities that students find meaningful and fun.' Colleen King created Math Playground in 2002 for students in her class who needed a fun way to practice math facts. Since then, Math Playground has grown to include a wide variety of math topics, from problem solving and mathematical art to real world math. Suitable for: Pre-school to Upper Primary levels.</p>
	<p>http://www.dreambox.com/kindergarten-math-lessons : Aimed at teaching maths from K-3. Online activities and games include high quality spoken instructions and directions and engaging graphics. The differentiated learning content caters to all ability levels and the activities are clearly labeled and described.</p> <p>Suitable for: K to Year 3</p>
	<p>http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/ : Maths Dictionary for Kids. A useful resource for students to investigate the terms used in mathematics. A Maths Dictionary for Kids is an animated, interactive online math dictionary for students, which explains over 600 common mathematical terms and math words in simple language with animated and interactive definitions, examples, activities, practice and calculators.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to older students.</p>
	<p>http://www.easymaths.com/ Easy Maths. The aim of Easymaths is to reveal the secrets of maths in a way that is easy to understand and to make maths a challenge rather than a chore. It offers tutorials, an exam bank, a list of useful books and resources, a practise room and a section devoted to curious maths games and puzzles. It caters to students up to 16 years of age and includes areas of number, shape, space and measures, algebra and handling data.</p> <p>Suitable for: Primary and especially secondary students to age 16.</p>









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	<p>www.mathsisfun.com : This site started in 2000. It was originally aimed at assisting students (and their parents) with their maths homework. The idea behind the site was to offer mathematics as well as some fun bits, and to combine the two wherever possible. MathsIsFun.com is developed and maintained by Rod Pierce, who loves mathematics and fun. The main content of the site is aimed at Kinder to Year 12. However you will find some more complex activities. Sections range from data to geometry, measure, algebra, numbers, money and offers games and puzzles. Suitable for: K through to Year 12</p>
	<p>www.mathscats.com : An extremely comprehensive, award winning site with 'cats' as the theme. The site map shows the breadth and depth of this wonderful maths site. It offers a great deal of content. The author, Wendy Petti, wants to help students to thrive on the joys of math. She is a parent of three children and a teacher for over 20 years. She created Math Cats for children to promote open-ended and playful explorations of important math concepts. Suitable for: Primary through to Secondary (ideal for problem solving and extension activities)</p>
	<p>http://www.mathletics.com.au/ : Subscription based site (per student). It is very popular in many schools and comprehensively covers the maths curriculum. It is used in all states and territories in Australia and is popular overseas as well. The cost is approximately \$2 per week per student. It covers maths topics from Kindergarten through to Year 12 maths.</p> <p>Suitable for: K through to Year 12</p>
	<p>www.rainforestmaths.com : The Rainforest Maths activities are available as part of a <i>Mathletics</i> subscription. Using Rainforest Maths is a way to begin integrating ICT into your Maths curriculum. To explore all the possibilities, you can organise a free trial of Mathletics in your school by contacting customerservice@3plearning.com. Suitable for: K through to Year 6</p>
	<p>http://www.studyladder.com.au/about/mathematics : Study Ladder (formerly known as <i>Smart Kiddies</i>) is a subscription based site with user access via an \$88 yearly subscription. There are different membership types and associated costs. It boasts over 4000 activities.</p> <p>Suitable for: K through to Year 12</p>
	<p>http://www.agrademath.com/math_games.htm : A series of online maths games. The site also offers worksheets and printable lesson plans. It offers flash card games, the four operations, speed math challenges and other maths activities.</p> <p>Suitable for: K through to Year 8</p>



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	<p>www.cut-the-knot.org/index.shtml : A vast array of activities with up to 800 maths puzzles and games exploring maths logic, fractals, chaos, fallacies, visual illusions, calculus and other varied maths topics.</p> <p>Suitable for: Upper primary to secondary and ideal for extension work.</p>
	<p>http://illuminations.nctm.org : Early years to VCE maths resources featuring 106 online activities as well as 600 lessons for maths educators ranging from K-Year 12. There are web links to hundreds of exemplary online resources.</p> <p>Suitable for: K through to Year 12</p>
	<p>www.mathforum.org/alejandre : A series of NCTM lessons and examples for secondary aged students. The site is dated but the maths principles are still useful and pertinent. Covers a range of topics for secondary maths. Topics covered include: measure, number and operations, algebra, data analysis and probability, geometry and links to other related maths resources.</p> <p>Suitable for: Years 6-12</p>
	<p>www.shodor.org/interactive : This site caters to middle years students and offers maths and science lesson plans, activities, tools, a dictionary and a useful teachers' forum.</p> <p>Suitable for: Middle Years students</p>
	<p>http://mathworld.wolfram.com: MathWorld™ is the web's most extensive mathematical resource, provided as a free service to the world's mathematics and internet communities as part of a commitment to education and educational outreach by Wolfram Research, makers of <i>Mathematica</i>. Since its contents first appeared online in 1995, MathWorld has emerged as a nexus of mathematical information in both the mathematics and educational communities. Its entries are extensively referenced in journals and books spanning all educational levels, including those read by researchers, elementary school students and teachers, engineers, and hobbyists.</p> <p>Suitable: Secondary to Tertiary</p>
	<p>www.conceptuamath.com: Conceptua™ Fractions helps math teachers and students work together to master fractions. By combining interactive tools with scaffolded activities, students use visual models to build conceptual understanding and procedural fluency.</p> <p>Suitable for: Years 3 - 8</p>
	<p>www.subtangent.com/maths/index.php: This site offers quite a number of different activities, games and resources. It has teacher resources and links and maths investigations. The graphics are a bit dated as the site was created about 4 years ago in 2007.</p> <p>Suitable for: Years 1-Year 3</p>








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	<p>www.primarygames.com : This site was created by Susan Shuey Beasley. Prior to working for PrimaryGames.com full time, she was a Technology Support Specialist at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. She graduated from Virginia Tech in 1995 with a B.S. in Family and Child Development and in 1997 with a M.A.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction. She originally designed the educational games in this site for her own students. However, once she saw their growing popularity among children around the world, she decided to expand this site and create games for students everywhere.</p> <p>Suitable for: K through to Year 7</p>
	<p>www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/maths : Topics include algebra, data handling, number, shape, space and measure, and printable 'mock' exams. There are also links to other maths sites as well as to KS3 Maths: http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks3bitesize/maths/.</p> <p>Suitable for: P-Year 6</p>
	<p>http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html : The National Library of Virtual Manipulatives (NLVM) is an NSF supported project that began in 1999 at Utah State University to develop a library of uniquely interactive, web-based virtual manipulatives or concept tutorials, mostly in the form of Java applets, for mathematics instruction (K-12 emphasis). The project includes dissemination and extensive internal and external evaluation.</p> <p>Suitable for : K- Year 12</p>
	<p>www.abc.net.au/countusin : A site to help students with basic number concepts. It is graphically appealing and easy to navigate. It is an Australian ABC resource site. The activities and games can be played online or all 14 games can be downloaded freely for Windows or MAC OS computers - http://www.abc.net.au/countusin/games/download.htm.</p> <p>Suitable for: K through to Year 2 or students with different abilities</p>
	<p>www.bbc.co.uk/education/mathsfile/gameswheel.html : This site caters to younger students to Year 3. It includes a series of links to activities, Number Time (P-Year 2), Little Animals Activity Centre (P-Year 3 with magic letters and number game), Learning Zone Broadband - Maths, School Radio – Maths, KS1 Bitesize Mathematics, Starship (Year 2 activities), Dynamo Numeracy (designed for home use with parents), Digger and The Gang – Numeracy (number work for Years 1-2), Ks2 Bitesize Maths (number, shape, space, measure and data handling Years 2-3)</p> <p>Suitable for: Early Years P-Year 3</p>
	<p>www.playkidsgames.com/mathgames.htm : Play Kids Games.com is a site designed by parents of young kids. It is their intention is to provide a web site that parents and students can use to learn basic skills while having fun. It is their goal to provide a safe place to learn computer skills, math skills, reading skills and problem solving skills in a context that is fun to use. A variety of different activities and games are available.</p> <p>Suitable for: P-Year 3</p>









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	<p>http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/Homework/scidex.html : The Woodlands School in the UK have teaching and learning resources to help primary aged children. The links on the left are interactive science games and activities. The links lead to pages with information and facts on to help with homework topics.</p> <p>Suitable for: Years 1 - Year 6</p>
	<p>http://games.pppst.com/index.html - Greta's Game Station: Hundreds of useful PowerPoint files based on game formats and activities. All science topics are covered. The resources would be particularly useful in early and middle years.</p> <p>Suitable for: Early primary and junior secondary students.</p>
	<p>http://sciencezine.net/ : ScienceZine is a concise Illustrated Encyclopedia dealing with science terms, themes and topics. It has high quality photos and illustrations with brief but interesting facts and figures.</p> <p>Suitable for: Upper primary and junior secondary students.</p>
	<p>http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/ : A New Zealand site for science activities for children. Science Kids is the home of science & technology on the Internet for children around the world. Students can learn more about the world of science by enjoying their fun science experiments, cool facts, online games, free activities, ideas, lesson plans, photos, quizzes, videos & science fair projects.</p> <p>Suitable for: Primary and junior secondary students.</p>
	<p>http://www.erl.vic.gov.au/kids/science.htm : The science section of the Victorian Government web site for kids. Contains many activities and links to other sites relating to science education.</p> <p>Suitable for: Primary and junior secondary students.</p>

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	<p>www.shinylearning.co.uk : A selection of online switch games to play with switch, mouse, spacebar, return key, touch window or other pointing devices. Each game has a menu with choice of foreground and background colour, speeds and response times. The games are presented clearly and are uncluttered. Ideal for introducing a switch device or for practice. They can also be downloaded freely. There are numerous other playable demos of different games as well.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-School to older students who use a switch/touch window</p>
	<p>www.sarahgreenland.com : Inspirational games and multimedia for different abilities education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Designed for those with complex combinations of disabilities - physical, visual and learning ■ A wide age range of skills are covered ■ Includes both single switch access and two switch access <p>A number of free games can be downloaded</p> <p>Note: Online games require Java software on your computer.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-School to older students who use a switch/touch window</p>
	<p>http://www.northerngrid.org/ngflwebsite/sen/NetSwitch/index.htm: SENSwitcher is a suite of programs designed to help teach early ICT skills to people with profound and multiple learning difficulties, those who need to develop skills with assistive input devices and very young children new to computers. Offers cause and effect, switch building, timed activation, targeting and row scanning. Very elementary graphics are used. The program can be run directly from this web site or downloaded for use on stand-alone PC or Macintosh computers. Programmed by Inclusive Technology, it uses the latest Macromedia Flash technology to deliver 132 high quality animated activities which can be operated by a wide range of input devices.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-School to older students who use a switch/touch window</p>
	<p>http://www.switchmusic.org.uk/ : Switch accessible video and music clips, arranged in a 6 x 6 matrix. Users can independently access and listen to popular groups and artists and navigate forward and back using one or two switches.</p> <p>Note: Uses links to YouTube. If YouTube is blocked, try alternate site – http://www.rsc-northwest.ac.uk/acl/eMagArchive/RSCeMag0910/May10menu/switch_music.html</p> <p>Suitable for: Primary and particularly older students and adults who use a switch/touch window</p>
	<p>www.helpkidzlearn.com : It has some very elementary but engaging activities for students - this page caters to early years but there are other activities for older/more capable students on other links to stories, puzzles and games as well as creative tasks including jigsaws. The activities are very well designed and vary in topic and theme. Games are accessed by mouse, keyboard, touch window, IWB or switch. This free site was created by Inclusive Technologies in the UK.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-School to older students who use a switch/touch window</p>
	<p>www.oneswitch.org.uk/2/switch-downloads.htm : A resource site in the UK with fun ideas and 'assistive technology' aimed at moderate to severely learning/physically disabled people. The OneSwitch games include games and activities that have been modified for people with limited access. Genres include Arcade; Shoot 'Em Up; Race Games; Adventure; Puzzle & Skill Games; Platformers and Sport. All are free to download. Approximately 100 games are available.</p> <p>Suitable for: Primary and particularly older students and adults who use a switch/touch window</p>
	<p>http://studentswithdifference.wikispaces.com/Priory+Woods+Videos+Revamped Priory Woods has developed a range of motivating programs to help students develop the skills needed to use these devices in a meaningful way. Switch 'videos' are simple slideshows animations set to music which can be operated by switch or touch-screen. They feature sounds and images from popular music and TV shows and can be used with pupils of all ages. These resources have been modified by Lynne Ryan (Tasmania) and are wonderful activities for many students.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to older students.</p>







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	<p>http://www.redbackdesign.com.au/switchmusic1/index.htm : Switch music from Redbackdesign includes video clips from YouTube that feature Australian artists. It is fully switch accessible via scanning (users can also press the Space Bar) to select a scanned selection choice.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to most particularly senior students who use a switch.</p>
	<p>http://www.setbc.org/curriculumset/default.aspx : CurriculumSET is a collection of resources that facilitate the sharing of customized technology-based content among educators working with students who use assistive technology. This searchable database enables educators to find, download, and customize activities, templates and public domain accessible books based on the ten areas of the curriculum as set out by the Ministry of Education. curriculumSET resources are created and updated by dedicated professionals working with students in British Columbia.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to senior students and a useful site for all educators.</p>
	<p>http://www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/eng/vtc-home/vtc-als-home/vtc-als-switch_users : A range of switch activities from this very comprehensive Welsh site in the UK. The activities are simple in design yet effective with some students. Ideal for cause and effect.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to senior students and a useful site for all educators.</p>
	<p>http://www.bltt.org/switch/activities.htm : Better Living through technology site provides a useful selection of Switch Activities & Accessible Software. Also lists information about Switches and their use at http://www.bltt.org/switch/index.htm. Has a comprehensive overview of Assistive Technologies and represents a practical, easy to read about students with various disabilities, including dyslexia and LD strategies.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to senior students and a useful site for all educators.</p>
	<p>http://www.mousetrial.com/ : For students with Autism - Fun animated online exercises to help kids with autism. It is also very suitable for other learners. MouseTrial is easy to use. If students click on the correct item when asked to, they get rewarded with a short, funny animation about the chosen object. If they click on the wrong item then MouseTrial flashes the correct image to give them a hint. It's easy to change the number of objects shown, and students can control which objects are available to make up the random array.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to students who need practise with a mouse.</p>
	<p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/games/switch/</p> <p>A selection of games that provide switch options as well as keyboard controls or access via an IntelliSwitch, Don Johnston or Crick USB interface or using IntelliKeys from Online BBC . Five engaging games, suitable for more capable or older students who use a switch. Games can also be accessed via keyboard, touch window or IWB.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and especially catering to senior students.</p>
	<p>http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/ : CBeebie Shows - some of these are ideal for use with students in the early years and also with older students who require this genre of software. There are 16 activities from which to choose. The bright engaging graphics, music and sound appeal to many students.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to students who need practise with a mouse.</p>
	<p>http://www.switchintime.com/page2/page11/page11.html : MAC OS titles - Most of these programs were originally developed to meet the needs of specific students and classes and were never meant to be commercial applications. Certainly for these programs (by author Jon Adams), many short cuts were taken in order to reduce development time. Still, they have found all of these programs to be very useful and they are making them available in the hopes that others will as well.</p> <p>Suitable for: Junior Primary to Year 4</p>

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	<p>www.levelgames.net/ : Simple arcade games that contain control panels for adjusting the parameters of the game to match the ability of the players. Can be accessed via switch, keyboard, Touch Window or IWB.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to most particularly senior students who use a switch.</p>
	<p>http://hiyah.net : A very large collection of PowerPoint files that contain delightful colour photos and animated gifs, with music, sound effects and narration by Sara, a mother who designed and created these wonderful files for her two boys. They cover many different topics and themes from everyday experiences. Ideal for children with autism/ASD.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to most particularly senior students who use a switch or keyboard</p>
	<p>http://www.breakspeare.herts.sch.uk/Resources/parentspage.html :</p> <p>On this site you will find various links, many directly linked to switch activities. Some are duplicated in this document but the hyperlinks are handy and located on one site in a grid layout.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to most particularly senior students who use a switch.</p>
	<p>http://papunet.net/games/ : Papunet game pages. Games and exercises for adults, children and everybody in between for learning, rehabilitation and fun.</p>

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	<p>http://www.inclusive.co.uk/downloads : Useful educational programs that are free to download. All have been designed and created by Inclusive Technologies. Includes free resources, communication board overlays for 'Let's talk On The Farm' and software. Upgrades to some popular Inclusive Technology programs and are also available. A very useful program worth downloading is the "Interactive Visual Timetable."</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to older students.</p>
	<p>http://www.senteacher.org/Files/ : A good selection of suitable software for students with special learning and/or access needs. All of these programs are free to download and use. There are a number of categories and include favourites such as TuxMath, TuxPaint, TuxType, Photo Story 3, Childsplay, Zac Browser and the GCompris Suite. The site also provides resources for maths, literacy and classroom practise.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to older students.</p>
	<p>http://www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/eng/vtc-home.htm : A wide range of teaching and learning materials can be accessed from this very useful teaching resources area of NGfL Cymru. By selecting a Key Stage (age range) and then a subject you will be able to browse through the available resources and select those that are of interest. It is a Welsh site and ranges right up to Post 16 and Vocational student needs.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to older students.</p>
	<p>http://www.kidsites.com/ : The Kidsites.com includes topics such as animals, art, dinosaurs, history, math, music, science and space. In 'Fun Stuff', there are activities, colouring-in sections, comics, craft, TV, and video games. A section for parents and teachers is also included. This section includes links to other sites for lesson plans and teaching notes and resources for educators.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to older students.</p>
	<p>http://studentswithdifference.wikispaces.com/ : This site has been created by Lynne Ryan to share activities, tutorials and useful web sites. It includes a wide range of resources, articles, links to sites, links to free software and other teaching tools and resources for students with ASD and special learning/access needs. Lynne has also 'revamped' some popular Priory Woods flash videos as well as made her own and modified others.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to older students.</p>
	<p>http://www.setbc.org/curriculumset/ : curriculumSET is a collection of resources that facilitate the sharing of customized technology-based content among educators working with students who use assistive technology. This searchable database enables educators to find, download, and customize activities, templates and public domain accessible books based on the ten areas of the curriculum as set out by the BC Ministry of Education. curriculumSET resources are created and updated by dedicated professionals working with students in British Columbia.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to senior students with special learning/access needs.</p>
	<p>www.symbolworld.org : A very comprehensive and resource rich site in the UK with regard to the use of symbols and graphics in communication systems, AAC and in teaching and acquiring language skills.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to senior students with special learning/access needs.</p>
	<p>www.boardmakershare.com : BoardmakerShare is an extremely useful community for finding thousands of Boardmaker activities on hundreds of topics. The use of PCS symbols is targeted at a range of student needs and is a fantastic resource for educators and speech pathologists.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-Primary and to senior students with special learning/access needs.</p>

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	<p>http://www1.teachertube.com/ : An alternative to YouTube and has more relevant videos and teaching materials for educators. Also safer for students to access and use at home.</p> <p>Suitable for: P - Year 12</p>
	<p>http://www1.teachertube.com/teachervision.php : TeacherVision content is organized by subject, grade and theme. Theme pages feature cross-curricular lessons for every area of focus, making it simple for teachers to create a study unit that is inclusive and varied. Printable books are compilations of the best materials within every topic studied in today's classrooms. The content is drawn from trusted educational associations and the world's best children's publishers, including the Council for Exceptional Children, Educators for Social Responsibility, Houghton Mifflin Company, the National Association for Music Education, Penguin Group, Simon & Schuster, Inc.</p> <p>Suitable for: P- Year 12</p>
	<p>http://www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/eng/1-0-0-0_good_practice/gp-free-web-resources/gp-free-sen.htm : A list of useful educational programs is also available from this site. Some are mentioned elsewhere in this document but a few are especially useful at school and at home. All are free to download and install on MS Windows computers.</p> <p>Suitable for: P - Year 8</p>
	<p>http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/Games/Index.html : Over a hundred games to use with children of all abilities. It is part of the magnificent Woodlands school web resource at http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/.</p> <p>Suitable for: P - Year 8</p>
	<p>www.tinsnips.org/index.html : Tinsnips is a special education resource that strives to share a variety of specialized teaching tools, techniques, worksheets, and activities with teachers of students who have autistic spectrum disorders and related developmental disabilities. Many of these activities may be appropriate for Pre-K and Kindergarten children.</p> <p>Suitable for: Pre-K and Early Years students</p>
	<p>www.usevisualstrategies.com/welcome.aspx : This site was designed for Speech Pathologists, educators, parents, therapists and others who work to support the learning of students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and related learning needs. Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and many other students with behavior or communication challenges tend to be visual learners. They understand what they see better than what they hear. Therefore, they benefit significantly from the use of Visual Strategies.</p> <p>Suitable for: P- Year 12</p>
	<p>http://www.wordle.net/ - Wordle is a resource for generating "word clouds" from text. The clouds give greater prominence to words that appear more frequently in the source text. Users can tweak their clouds with different fonts, layouts, and colour schemes. The images that are created with Wordle can be used in many different and innovative ways. They can be printed out or saved to the Wordle gallery to share with other students, users and friends.</p> <p>Suitable for: Year 3 - Year 12</p>
	<p>http://www.copacabana-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/Get_Quick_Smart/QS_writing.html - Copacabana Public School - This school shares a really useful collection of web links for key learning areas – these are the 'Quick Smart Writing' links.</p> <p>Suitable for: Year 1 – Year 8</p>
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	<p>http://www.techmatrix.org/ TECHmatrix – From the National Centre for Technology Innovation. This is a very useful resource for locating & researching ICT technologies, particularly Inclusive Technologies. Offers links to all major areas of the curriculum with support ideas, strategies and documentation.</p> <p>Suitable for: P-12 support for students with different abilities.</p>
	<p>http://www.voki.com Voki Avatars - Select a character from one of our many styles: Classic, Animals, Oddballs and more! Change the look, clothing and accessories. Add your own voice via phone, microphone, text to speech or upload a file.</p> <p>Suitable for: P-12 support for students with different abilities.</p>
	<p>http://www.pppst.com/ - Pete's PowerPoint Station: Offers numerous free MS PowerPoint presentations and resources for students of all ages and abilities and thousands are available. The topics, themes and curriculum are extensively covered. Some useful presentations for teachers are available from other countries on every conceivable topic. Free activities and links to other resources.</p> <p>Suitable for: P- Year 12</p>
	<p>http://its.leesummit.k12.mo.us/powerpoint.htm : Lee's PowerPoint Resources This is a very comprehensive site with a great deal of information, Professional Learning, templates and activities for PowerPoint use in education. Includes links to other sites for maths, biology and language sites. Also offers links to templates, backgrounds and other examples. Excellent resource for educators.</p> <p>Suitable for: Year 6 - Year 12</p>
	<p>http://www.clickspecialdnz.com/links05.html Click Special Ed — a wonderful New Zealand website with many useful links. The Click <i>SpecialEDnz</i> online learning community is a dynamic space for professionals in education to work collaboratively to improve the teaching and learning opportunities for all students with special educational needs. It has links to many resources, some being in New Zealand. Others are generic and appeal in design and nature. An excellent resource.</p> <p>Suitable for: P- Year 12</p>
	<p>http://www.tizmos.com/teechkidz - Tizmos : quick links to early years and special education sites. Great for teachers to have displayed on IWB for students to independently navigate to their favourite sites and activities. Suitable for cause and effect, IWB and single switch activities.</p> <p>Suitable for: P- Year 3 and students with different abilities.</p>
	<p>www.animoto.com : Animoto - Turn photos, video clips, and music into masterpieces to share with everyone. Fast, free, and very easy. A free option gives you 30 seconds of video, with extra costs for more extensive productions and membership on a subscription per month/year basis (and with extra effects and sound clips). Similar to Photo Story 3, but online. All you need are some good photos.</p> <p>Suitable for: P- Year 12</p>
	<p>www.eduapps.org : A range of portable open source software and freeware programs are available for download. EduApps, MyStudyBar, MyVisBar, MyAccess and Convert&Create resources are all free for educators and students. Resources were developed at the RSC Scotland, N&E by Craig Mill and his team.</p> <p>Suitable for: P- Year 12</p>

Web Browsers	Description and Suitability
	<p>http://tweensbrowser.com/ Tween Online: For students 7-12, a series of browsers that are safe to use and link to Key Learning Areas. Predominantly graphical in design, they are intuitive, safe and easy to navigate. Download the free program, install and use straight away. No advertising, pop ups or security issues and it's safe to use at home or at school. Only educational and leisure based sites are listed, all catering to student needs.</p> <p>Suitable for: 3- Year 7 and students with different abilities</p>
	<p>http://www.clubpenguin.com/parents/club_penguin_guide.htm - Club Penguin is free to access and use club online for junior students. Theme based, it provides many activities that are suitable for early years and students with different abilities. Ideal for home access. It is free but there is a cost for advanced and extra features.</p> <p>Suitable for: 1- Year 3 and students with different abilities</p>
	<p>www.zacbrowser.com : Zac Browser is a totally free software package. It is the first Internet browser developed specifically for children living with variants of autism spectrum disorders (ASD), Asperger syndrome, Rett syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder, PDD not otherwise specified and PDD-NOS, also called atypical autism. Zac Browser was designed to offer a pleasant, rewarding and secure experience. Children sing, play and discover the best that the Internet has to offer with only a few clicks of the mouse</p>
	<p>http://www.mykidsbrowser.com/ - Kid-safe Internet browser made just for kids! Designed to be simple for parents to install and to use. It is actually ready for children to use right after the installation finishes! Protects children from pornography and Internet predators. There are NEVER any subscription fees! Uses a white-list technology so parents can decide what is suitable for their children and what isn't. There is a cost involved.</p> <p>Suitable for: 1- Year 3 and students with different abilities</p>
	<p>www.webbie.com : Webbie is a web browser for blind and visually-impaired people, especially those using screen readers, used since 2001 all over the world. It comes with the Accessible programs, letting people of all ages access news and audio on the Internet in a simple and accessible way, also allowing them to use podcasts, listen to the radio and read RSS and news with a screen reader program or other access solution. Together they provide a way to access websites and other great things online - and they are all free.</p> <p>Suitable for: P-Adults</p>
	<p>www.mozilla.com : Firefox has hundreds of add-ons and plug-ins that are free. It supports students with different needs and is more flexible than Internet Explorer. It is safe to use and less likely to be compromised as well. There is a also a portable version (that is included on EduApps USB menus in AccessApps.</p> <p>Suitable for: P-Adults</p>
	<p>Links to multiple browsers for children - http://kids-browser.software.informer.com/</p>