Using the Internet in English Language Teaching

I. A Playground for English Language Learners
II. Time-Saving Resources for Teachers
III. Professional Development Opportunities on the Web

Recommended Websites for Independent Student Learning

1. Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab: http://www.esl-lab.com/

Listening activities for self-study are organized by situational topics and level. Easy, medium, and difficult audio conversations between native speakers lasting between 30 seconds and 3 minutes in length are available complete with pre, during, and post-listening exercises that can be answered and self-checked online.

2. English Trailers: http://www.english-trailers.com/index.php

Students can enjoy movie trailers, read the scripts as they watch, and complete listening comprehension and vocabulary exercises based on the previews. Class discussion questions are also provided as warm-up and post-viewing activities.

3. How Stuff Works: http://www.howstuffworks.com

Students can research the technical side of how stuff works. This site provides a wide variety of descriptions that can help students understand concepts related to science, health, automotives, economics, human behavior and more. *(This makes a great resource for students preparing process writing or oral process presentations!)*

Recommended Websites for Teachers: *Instant News Lessons and Flashcards*

1. Breaking News English: http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com

Teachers can find ready-made lesson plans based on interesting news stories from around the globe on a variety of issues.

2. MES English Resources for Teachers of Young Learners: http://www.mes-english.com/flashcards.php

MES-Flashcards are available in color and in black and white based on vocabulary groups (ex. adjectives, clothing), holidays (ex. Halloween, Christmas), and grammar points (ex. passive verbs, phrasal verbs, pronouns). Cards can be downloaded as PDF files in various sizes as a class-set of flashcards, or as individual game cards.

How to Join a Yahoo Group

1. Create a yahoo email account.
2. Go to the Yahoo Groups homepage.
3. Browse the Directory of groups.
4. Choose a group to join.
5. Click on "Join this group" on its front page.
6. Enter your Yahoo id.
7. Set your preferences.
8. Check your yahoo email account for emails from the group.

Recommended Yahoo Groups for ELT

1. esl_about
2. creativeenglishteachers

Other Recommended Sites (not included in presentation)

For Lesson Plans:

Everything ESL
http://www.everythingesl.net

Internet TESL Journal (I-TESL-J
http://iteslj.org/Lessons/

New York Times Learning Network
http://www.nytimes.com/learning

University of Oregon English Language Program
(provides a comprehensive list of additional web resources for lesson plans)
http://oelp.uoregon.edu/teach_lessonplans.html

For Student Research:

Fact Monster
http://www.factmonster.com