

## General classroom tools - some Top 20 (or so) favourite sites (mostly free) Part 1

<b>Classtools.net</b>	Countdown Timers, word randomizers, and a wealth of other resources – online; <a href="http://www.classtools.net">www.classtools.net</a> The Fakebook and Twister features are definitely worth considering for creative homeworks
<b>Triptico</b>	IWB resources – scoreboards, word spinners, 'Find 10' game. The best is Word Magnets which lets you drag words around to make sentences or position pupils' names on a grid. Now requires a subscription
<b>Random word picker</b>	There's a randomizer here: <a href="http://primaryschoolict.com/random-name-selector/">http://primaryschoolict.com/random-name-selector/</a> Google: <b>primary school ict.com + random name picker</b> . (works best on Chrome). Classtools.net is also Ok (see above).
<b>Blockbusters grid</b>	Use Teachers Direct – Quizbusters: <a href="http://www.teachers-direct.co.uk/resources/quiz-busters/">http://www.teachers-direct.co.uk/resources/quiz-busters/</a>
<b>Discovery education puzzle maker</b>	<a href="http://www.discoveryeducation.com/free-puzzlemaker/?CFID=10859949&amp;CFTOKEN=11282119">http://www.discoveryeducation.com/free-puzzlemaker/?CFID=10859949&amp;CFTOKEN=11282119</a>
<b>textscrambler</b>	Try this: <a href="http://www.rjwoerheide.com/scramble.php">http://www.rjwoerheide.com/scramble.php</a> Iconscrabble creates cool IT style icon fonts with short words
<b>Text reverser</b>	<a href="http://www.togglecase.com/">http://www.togglecase.com/</a> (also contains other tools like case converter, vowel remover space remover, etc) Also <a href="http://www.textmechanic.com">www.textmechanic.com</a>
<b>Sandfield school Flash resources</b>	<a href="http://www.npted.org/schools/sandfieldsComp/games/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.npted.org/schools/sandfieldsComp/games/Pages/default.aspx</a> Google: Sandfields Comp IWB resources
<b>Countdown timer</b>	<a href="http://www.online-stopwatch.com/bomb-countdown/">http://www.online-stopwatch.com/bomb-countdown/</a> includes bomb etc
<b>Wheel spinner</b>	<a href="http://www.wheeldecide.com">www.wheeldecide.com</a> – make your own wheel spinner random selector - could be useful for picking pupils, topics, keywords, verb forms
<b>Textivate</b>	Input short text and textivate creates various exercises : gap fills, sequencing etc. Subscription needed
<b>Classic Arcade games</b>	<a href="http://www.classicgamesarcade.com/">http://www.classicgamesarcade.com/</a> Play these retro games as a reward / incentive – great for motivating the disenchanting outsiders. Arkanoid and Mini putt are my favourites
<b>Graffiti creator</b>	<a href="http://www.graffiticreator.net/">http://www.graffiticreator.net/</a> Only one or two words at a time but is amazing – good for display work
<b>online-stopwatch</b>	Lots of onscreen timers; count up is easy. It took me ages to work out countdown timer. So, to set 1 minute: key in 1, then 0 then 0 again. This shifts to the '1' two spaces to the left <a href="http://www.online-stopwatch.com">www.online-stopwatch.com</a>
<b>Countdown timer</b>	See above <a href="http://www.online-stopwatch.com">www.online-stopwatch.com</a>
<b>Speaking clock (French)</b>	Horloge parlante <a href="http://www.horlogeparlante.com">www.horlogeparlante.com</a>
<b>Online dice roller</b>	<a href="http://dice.miniwebapps.net/">http://dice.miniwebapps.net/</a>
<b>Word dice</b>	<a href="http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html#looksay2">http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html#looksay2</a> lets you input words on 2 dice but you can't save- so you have to do it live
<b>scoreboards</b>	See <a href="http://www.barryfunenglish.com">www.barryfunenglish.com</a> then Tools : scoreboards (seems to be the only free content on site)
<b>Akinator</b>	Just pure fun. Guessing game. Good for understanding questions & vocab. A multi-language guess-who/ guess what
<b>gapfill generator</b>	<a href="http://random-idea-english.blogspot.co.uk/2011/07/tools-gapfill-generator.html">http://random-idea-english.blogspot.co.uk/2011/07/tools-gapfill-generator.html</a> Easier to use than it appears – enter text, add square brackets round the words to disappear. Click generate. Can be done on screen or printed. Google: English + random idea + gapfill generator