

Digital tool

Short summary

Multimedia presentation tool, communication platform.

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- Link <https://voicethread.com/>
- Type of tool Timeline, Online communication, Presentation, Storytelling
- Pricing Completely free
- Interface language English
- Does it have a built-in repository where we can browse content created by other teachers? yes
- Does the free version support online cooperation? yes
- Difficulty For advanced users
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Description

We all like tales and stories - not only kids do. All the evidence shows that storytelling and tales slowly disappeared from classroom lessons, due to a misbelief that stories and pictures do not fit into scientific thinking as they displace the crystal-clear logical train of thought.

The VoiceThread storyteller gives us the technical possibility to insert media elements (text, sound, image, video) into a presentation, a chronology (timeline) easily and quickly. The comic-style story can be shared with students, embedded in other applications and, as the story can be commented on by students in writing and orally (webcam, microphone), it can be collaborative.

After registration we can start creating our own content by clicking on Create, where we can upload documents, images, audio, video and more.



Advantages

- can be integrated with Canvas
- both verbal and written comments are possible
- it is easier to explain something "in person"
- different points of view can be confronted
- makes online communication and education more personal
- there is a configuration where students do not to see each other's comments

Disadvantages

- some students feel less comfortable speaking on video
- students may find the interface difficult to navigate at first

Usage in teaching/learning

The teacher can upload and share documents, presentations, images, audio or video files with students. Both the teacher and the students can comment on the posted material.

Some ideas for using the tool:

- Publish something you want to receive feedback on (e.g. student's work - drawing, writing, etc.).
- Discuss a topic, a reading or an image.
- Raise a topic and brainstorm ideas.

Tutorial video(s)

[Tutorials](#)

Examples

English Grammar: [Simple Past](#)

[An example with the comments of the participants of an e-learning course](#)

Navigation

- Play: the icon in the bottom left corner automatically plays the story.
- Scroll: with the icon in the bottom right corner you can scroll back and forth.
- Close: use the cross in the top right to exit the story and continue browsing stories shared by others.
- Add a comment: moving your cursor to the bottom bar of the presentation, in the middle, a "+" sign will appear, you can click on it to add a comment to the story appears