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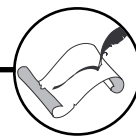


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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Internet, a worldwide network of information which can be the teacher's best friend. Using the Internet you can introduce your students to a multitude of resources, all within the confines of the classroom or the computer lab. All you need is a computer, a modem, and an Internet server to help you connect to a world of knowledge and information.

This book is based on the understanding that knowledge is power, and the modern key to obtaining knowledge is knowing how to access the information on the World Wide Web. This is true in almost any discipline or area of study, and it is particularly true in the field of English.

Through the Internet, the English teacher can help her students find within minutes what would take hours in a traditional library:

- Mythology, folklore and legends from all around the world
- Dictionaries, encyclopedia and thesauri
- World literature
- Help with grammar and punctuation
- Poetry to read
- Help with writing, from writing a sentence to writing a research essay
- Quotations
- Publishing resources for young writers
- Information on books and authors
- Biographical information
- Teaching resources, including lesson plans
- Places to have fun with words and puzzles.

This book is intended not as a curriculum, but as a menu of engrossing and learning-filled activities. These activities will supplement all your own good ideas and help your students learn how to navigate the Internet in search of multiple forms of literature, the acquisition of vocabulary, and the resource guides for becoming good writers.

The activities in this book are flexible. Most may be completed by one student individually or by two or more students in a group. Many are designed for completion in one class period. Others are extended and are to be used over a period of days or weeks. You, the teacher, will be able to use them in many different ways, and you may fit them into your own schedule in the best way for you and your students.



INTRODUCTION (cont.)

Internet Activities for English contains easy-to-use, reproducible activities to help students find and use information from the Internet. The activities range from those as simple as learning the parts of a sentence and how to write one, to writing essays and extensive research assignments. It also includes many literature and poetry activities.

All information required for the completion of the activities is to be found on the Internet. Each activity includes the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) addresses needed for that activity, and except for writing activities, most activities may be completed on the activity sheet. Activities may be completed by individual students or by small groups.

This book is divided into these sections:

- General Information About Using the Internet
- Vocabulary Activities
- Encyclopedia Activities
- Idioms: Weird Words and Phrases
- Literature Activities
- General Literature Activities
- Grammar, Basic Writing, and Punctuation Activities
- Fiction
- Reading Poetry
- Writing Poetry
- General Writing Concerns
- Fun on the Net with English
- English Internet Sites

Each activity will include one or more sites to be used when completing that activity. Because Internet sites can, and frequently do, change or move, the attempt has been made to include mainly sites connected to educational and government sites, or to ones which have been constant for some time. Since high usage sometimes renders a site temporarily unavailable, more than one site has been suggested for most activities. Updates on sites featured in this book can be found at:

www.teachercreated.com

If you have never surfed on the Internet, it is suggested that you read *Internet for Teachers and Parents*, published by Hawker Brownlow Education, to familiarise yourself with the details of using the Internet not covered in this book.

****Note:** At the time of printing, all Web sites were accurate and accessible. The publishers can give no guarantee as to how long these Web sites will remain online.



ONLINE DICTIONARIES, THESAURI, AND WORD LISTS

An online dictionary or thesaurus can be a big help in a tight squeeze. Many general use dictionaries are available, such as Merriam-Webster's Online Dictionary and Roget's Thesaurus. Others are specialised, such as the various medical, computer, and science dictionaries and ones concerned with slang or literary terms. You should choose the most appropriate one depending on the specific word or kind of word you wish to find. In addition to the URLs below, you may be able to access a dictionary through your Internet server by using the keyword **DICTIONARY**.

Practise using the dictionaries below by completing these exercises.

A Web of Online Dictionaries: <http://www.bucknell.edu/~rbeard/diction.html>

One-Look Dictionaries: <http://www.onelook.com/>

Online Symbolism Dictionary:
<http://www.umich.edu/~umfandsf/symbolismproject/symbolism.html/>

Roget's Internet Thesaurus: <http://www.thesaurus.com/thesaurus/>

Macquarie Online: <http://www.macdict.dict.mq.edu.au>

WWWebster Dictionary: <http://www.m-w.com/dictionary>

Merriam-Webster's Words from the Lighter Side: <http://www.m-w.com/lighter/lighter.htm>

Merriam-Webster's Words for the Wise: <http://www.m-w.com/wftw/wftw.htm>

Wordsmith: <http://www.wordsmith.org/awad/wordlist.html>

Shakespeare Glossary: <http://www.ex.ac.uk/~Pellison/revels/gloss/intro.html>

1. In which would you most likely find the definitions of your vocabulary words for Friday's test on mythology? _____
2. In which would you look for terms in Romeo and Juliet? _____
3. Where would you find a selection of synonyms for the words walk, speak, work, honesty, peace, and itinerary? _____
4. Where might you find a collection of anagrams? _____
5. Where might you find words quickly? _____
6. Where might you find metaphor, simile, and personification? _____