Making the most of the Web: a guide for the TESOL professional

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Objectives of the presentation

• Explore the latest electronic sources of information
  – For the teacher in the classroom
  – For the teacher who manages
  – For the teacher using technology

• Provide practical hands-on exercises in advanced Internet searching
What’s new on the Research Centre website?

• Professional Connections
• Resource Centre
• Publications
• Prospect
• NCELTR Style Guide
• AMEP e-Bulletin
Australian ESL sites

• Renata's Corner

• Australian Links for ESL Students and Teachers

• Aussie Slang

• Macquarie Book of Slang
Australian sites

- Dept of Immigration - Life in Australia
- Australian Job Search
- Business Entry Point
- Online Banking for Beginners
For your students

- Activities for ESL/EFL Students
- Word Up
- ESL e-books
- ESL e-books.com
- Whereis Online
For your students

• **Skillwise**

• **How Stuff Works**
Help for teachers

- [http://www.longman.com/adult/teachers/resources.html#new](http://www.longman.com/adult/teachers/resources.html#new)
  - Downloadable worksheets for student vocabulary

- **Free English**
  - Regular email alerts

- **The World Factbook 2003**
For the teacher in the classroom

- Online Directory of ESL Resources
- Dealing with Disruptive Behavior in the Classroom
- Bartleby
- Speech Accent Archive
For the teacher who manages

- **ELT Management bibliography**

- **Free Management Library**
  - 75 topics for profit and non profit organisations
For the teacher who manages

• “Knowledge management brings together 3 core organisational resources—people, processes and technologies—to enable the organisation to use and share information more effectively”

• Knowledge management in education
For the teacher who manages

• “Benchmarking is the process of identifying, understanding and adapting outstanding practices from organisations anywhere in the world to help your organisation improve its performance”

• **Canadian Language Benchmarks**

• **Benchmarking Manual**
For the teacher using technology

• Free databases on the Web
  – AskERIC database (education)
  – VOCED (vocational education)
  – DELTAA (Australasian ELT, applied linguistics)
  – ARIS Database (adult literacy, language, numeracy)
For the teacher using technology-
Search engines

- **Google** (the best!)
- **Kartoo** (metasearch engine)
- **Vivisimo** (document clustering)
- **Yahoo** (directory or classified approach)
For the teacher using technology—
Advanced web searching tips

• Be specific
• “Quotation marks” around phrases or select *Exact Search*
• Choose *Advanced Search* for greater search control
• E.g. site: link: define:
• Use the "HELP" link
• Use more than one search engine
For the teacher using technology:
Criteria for assessing websites

- Aim
- Accuracy
- Authority
- Currency
- Depth
- Design
- Regularity of update
- Copyright compliance
Searches you’ve asked for

- Cultural thought patterns
- Feedback to teachers
- Teacher performance review
- Curriculum design for AMEP clients

- Your favourite journals
  - TESOL Quarterly
  - Applied Linguistics
  - World Englishes