

# Digital Tools for Language Arts

## Dictionary Tools

**Wiktionary** (the free dictionary [1,229,325](#) entries with English definitions from over [295](#) languages)  
[http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Wiktionary:Main\\_Page](http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Wiktionary:Main_Page)

**The Internet Picture Dictionary** - <http://www.pdictionary.com/> (Online multilingual picture dictionary with interactive activities for English, French, German, Spanish, Italian and ESL Learners)

**Merriam-Webster Word Central** - <http://www.wordcentral.com/home.html> (Kids student dictionary, daily buzzword, and interactive word games)

**iTools/Language** - <http://www.itools.com/lang/> (Look up words in dictionaries and thesauruses)

**Wordia** - <http://www.wordia.com> (Free online dictionary with video examples from comedians, celebrities, sports-stars and you)

## Vocabulary Tools

**Spelling City** <http://www.spellingcity.com/> (Input spelling lists for your students to use for free spelling help)

**VocabAhead** - <http://vocabahead.com> (Use to build a strong SAT, ACT and GRE vocabulary)

**Lexipedia** - <http://www.lexipedia.com> (Where words have meaning)

**Vocabulary.com** - <http://www.vocabulary.com/> (a free resource to enhance vocabulary mastery & written/verbal skills with Latin & Greek roots)

**Visuwords** - <http://www.visuwords.com/> (online graphical dictionary)

**Flocabulary** - <http://www.flocabulary.com/> (Hip Hop in the classroom)

## Text Cloud Tools

**Wordle** - <http://www.wordle.net/> (Generate “word clouds” from text that you provide)

**TagCrowd** - <http://www.tagcrowd.com/> (Visualize word frequencies in any user-supplied text by creating a [tag cloud](#) or text cloud)

## Writing Tools

**Gliffy** - <http://www.gliffy.com/> (Online diagramming software – use to diagram sentences or develop writing ideas)

**Super Sentence Machine** - <http://www.ripple-i.bardaglea.org.uk/sentence/start.htm> (Use to help children develop complex sentences)

**Oxford University Press Sentence Machine** -  
<http://www.oup.com/elt/global/products/stardust/level4/games/> (Interactive sentence games)

**The Amazing Sentence Machine** - <http://www.acocksgreen.bham.sch.uk/sciencezone/english/sentence2.html>  
(Use to make crazy, silly sentences)

**Read Write and Think** <http://www.readwritethink.org/> (Many interactive activities can be found here)

**Poetry Splatter** - <http://www.rif.org/readingplanet/gamestation/poetrysplatter/> (Fun poetry writing tool from Reading Planet)

**Poetry Idea Engine** [http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/poetry/poetry\\_engine.htm](http://teacher.scholastic.com/writewit/poetry/poetry_engine.htm) (Use to write haikus, free verse, limericks and more)

## Grammar Tools

**Free Rice Grammar** - <http://www.freerice.com> (grammar site that donates 10 grains of rice for right answers to World Food Programme)

**Multimedia Grammar Glossary** - [http://www.harcourtschool.com/glossary/grammar/index\\_esl.html](http://www.harcourtschool.com/glossary/grammar/index_esl.html)  
(Review grammar usage and mechanics through animated graphics)

**Grammar Quizzes** - [http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0072449861/student\\_view0/part1/quizzes.html](http://highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0072449861/student_view0/part1/quizzes.html)  
(At the McGraw Hill online learning center find interactive grammar quizzes)

**Grammar Girl** - <http://grammar.quickanddirtytips.com/> (Podcasts of grammar tips and tricks)

**Guide to Grammar and Writing** <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/#> (This interactive guide is sponsored by the Capital Community College Foundation)

## Bibliography Tools

**Citation Maker – Elementary** - <http://www.openc.k12.or.us/citeintro/citeintro.php?Grd=Elem> (Interactive tool to create reference citations)

**Knight Cite Bibliography Maker** - <http://www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite/> (Online free citation generator service from Calvin College)

**Easy Bib** - <http://www.easybib.com> (Free automatic bibliography and citation maker)

## E-Book Free Sites

**Project Gutenberg** - [http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page) (Site contains over 30,000 free e-books for download to read on PC, iPhone, Kindle etc.)

**Planet eBook** - <http://www.planetebook.com> (Free classic literature to download and share with anyone)

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<http://www.hongkiat.com/blog/20-best-websites-to-download-free-e-books>

**Signed Stories** - <http://www.signedstories.com/page/index.cfm> (See books in sign language and subtitles - Hearing Family and friends can listen to stories too)

**Storynory** - <http://storynory.com/> (Free audio stories for kids)

## Lessons

**LitTunes** - [http://www.corndancer.com/tunes/tunes\\_lesplan.html](http://www.corndancer.com/tunes/tunes_lesplan.html) (Find songs that connect with literature you are reading)

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