



# Tools for Digital Storytelling

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# Image and Sound Libraries and Editing Tools and Sites



# Image libraries (1)

- <http://www.stockphotosforfree.com> (picture search)
- <http://www.freedigitalphotos.net> (picture search)
- <https://www.flickr.com> (picture search)
- <http://www.photl.com> (picture search)
- <http://www.freepixels.com> (picture search)
- <http://www.freeimages.co.uk> (picture search)
- <http://www.pics4learning.com> (picture search)
- <http://compfight.com> (picture search)
- <http://www.pdphoto.org> (picture search)
- <http://www.freefoto.com/index.jsp> (picture search)
- <http://www.freemediagoo.com/search.asp> (picture search)

# Image libraries (2)

- <http://www.photovaco.com>
- <http://creativity103.com> (abstract backgrounds)
- <http://classroomclipart.com> (clipart)
- <http://www.wpclipart.com> (clipart)
- <http://www.clker.com> (clipart)
- <https://openclipart.org> (clipart)
- <http://findicons.com> (clipart)
- <https://giphy.com> (animated pictures)
- <http://www.picturesanimations.com> (animated pictures)
- <http://www.gifsparadise.com> (animated pictures)
- <http://www.picgifs.com> (animated pictures)
- [http://www.freegraphics.org/free\\_images/Public\\_Domain\\_Animations](http://www.freegraphics.org/free_images/Public_Domain_Animations)  
(animated pictures)

# Photo editing tools

- <http://www.befunky.com> (photo editor, photo effects and photo collage)
- <http://www.pizap.com/pizap> (photo editor, photo effects and photo collage)
- <http://www.smilebox.com> (cards, collages, slideshows, etc., downloadable app)
- <http://www171.lunapic.com/editor> (photo editor, lots of photo effects)
- <http://www.tuxpi.com> (photo editor, lots of photo effects)
- <http://www.imagechef.com> (photo editor, lots of photo effects – needs signup-free)
- <http://anymaking.com> (photo editor, lots of photo effects – needs signup-free)
- <http://picasa.google.com> (downloadable google app)
- <http://tiltshiftmaker.com> (tilt-shift style miniatures, needs signup-free)
- <https://clippingmagic.com> (image cutouts, needs signup-free)

# Image creativity tools

- <http://phrase.it> (edit and add speech bubbles to photos)
- <https://www.thinglink.com> (add tags to photos)
- <http://bighugelabs.com> (turn photos to posters)
- <http://www.piclits.com> (match images with selected inspiring keywords)
- <http://www.buildyourwildself.com> (make imaginary creatures)
- <http://www.cartoonize.net/convert.php> (make a cartoon self)
- <http://blabberize.com> (create talking pictures)
- <http://www.fotobabble.com> (talking pictures)
- <http://www.blockposters.com> (divide pictures into blocks)
- <http://www.picture2life.com> (edit, collage and animate pictures)
- <http://www.fodey.com> (turn photos into newspaper front pages, etc.)

# Downloadable tools



# Photo Story 3.0

Microsoft Photo Story 3.0 lets you drag photos onto a window, arrange them as needed, then provide custom narration, transitions, zooms, pans, audio soundtracks and/or custom auto-generated music, then export the result as a WMV file. Download and install Microsoft Photo Story 3.0 clicking [here](#).

## Pros

- Automated effects and transitions
- Soundtrack editing system

## cons

- Output quality isn't the best
- No DVD burning capabilities

You can read Photo Story 3 instructions manual [here](#).



# Sound



Collaborate



Communicate



Connect



# Sound recording and search tools

- <http://audacity.sourceforge.net> (voice recording and sound editing)
- <http://vocaroo.com> (voice recording)
- <http://www.voki.com> (record your voice ! very good!)
- <https://audioboo.fm> (record your voice, good too)
- <http://www.freesound.org> (sound library)
- <http://soundbible.com> (sound library)
- <http://www.soundjay.com> (sound library)
- <https://www.youtube.com/audiolibrary/music> (music library)
- <http://incompetech.com/music/royalty-free> (music library)
- <https://musopen.org> (music library)
- <https://www.jamendo.com> (music library)

# Slideshow makers



# Slideshow makers

- [Photo Story 3 for Windows](#) (free downloadable app)
- <http://photopeach.com> (requires signing up – free)
- <http://prezi.com> (downloadable app)
- <http://www.smilebox.com> (downloadable app)
- <http://www.emaze.com> (online slideshows, requires signing up – free)
- <http://www.powtoon.com> (requires signing up – free)
- <http://www.kizoa.com> (requires signing up – free)
- <https://www.bunkr.me> (requires signing up – free)
- <http://www.photosnack.com> (requires signing up – free)
- <http://www.slidestory.com> (slides with your own narration)
- <http://learn.narrable.com> (slides with your own narration)
- <http://www.visme.co> (great multimedia presentation tool)

# Comics



# Comic strip creators

- [www.toondoo.com](http://www.toondoo.com)
- [www.pixton.com](http://www.pixton.com)
- <http://www.storyboardthat.com>
- <http://chogger.com/creator>
- <http://www.culturestreet.org.uk/activities/superactioncomicmaker>
- <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com>
- <http://writecomics.com>
- <http://www.comicstripcreator.org>
- <http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/comic>
- <http://disapainted.com>
- <http://www.wittycomics.com>
- <http://stripgenerator.com>

# Comic book creators

- [www.toondoo.com](http://www.toondoo.com)
- [www.pixton.com](http://www.pixton.com)
- <http://comiclife.com>

# Multimedia





# Multimedia digital storytelling tools (1)

- <http://newhive.com>: Create multimedia posters and narratives infused with animations, audio, and video. Impressive product with strong educational outreach program. Free Basic account option.
- <http://www.buncee.com> (combine different media on up to 3 slides for free)
- <http://voicethread.com> (excellent multimedia tool)
- <http://www.utellstory.com> (similar to voicethread)
- <http://goanimate.com> (video, animation) (!) requiring subscription
- <http://www.powtoon.com> (animated presentation tool)
- <http://myths.e2bn.org/index.php> (animating myths and legends) (!)
- <http://www.dvolver.com/moviemaker/make.html> (video, animation)

# Multimedia digital storytelling tools (2)

- <http://storybird.com> (digital story creator mainly for children)
- <http://www.storyjumper.com> (digital story creator mainly for children)
- <https://littlebirdtales.com> (digital story creator mainly for children)
- <http://carnegielibrary.org/kids/storymaker/storymaker.swf>
- <http://zooburst.com> (3d pop up books)
- <http://zimmertwins.com> (stories with twin characters for children)
- <https://storify.com> (digital story creator for older students)
- <http://penzu.com> (online diary, you can embed photos)
- <http://www.flipsnack.com> (online magazines and flipbooks)
- <http://issuu.com> (online magazines and flipbooks)
- <https://www.lulu.com> (free publishing)

# Multimedia digital storytelling tools (3)

- <http://padlet.com> (easy multimedia story project creator)
- <https://www.wevideo.com> (video story creator)
- <http://wideo.co> (video story creator)
- <https://editor.moovly.com> (video creator tool)
- <https://vimeo.com> (video creator and uploading tool)
- <http://www.masher.com> (video mash-ups creator)
- <http://www.mapskip.com> (stories based on maps)
- <http://www.mixbook.com> (photo book creator)
- <http://www.pimpampum.net/bubblr/archive.php> (photo stories with speech bubbles)

# File converter tools



# File converter tools

- <http://youconvertit.com/ConvertFiles.aspx>
- <http://www.zamzar.com>

# Timelines



# Timeline Tools

- <http://www.timetoast.com>
- <http://www.dipity.com>
- [http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/timeline\\_2](http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/timeline_2)

# Descriptive DS tool chart

<http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2014/12/excellent-chart-comparing-best-digital.html>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [www.educatorstechnology.com/2014/12/excellent-chart-comparing-best-digital.html](http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2014/12/excellent-chart-comparing-best-digital.html). The main content is a table with four columns: Web Tools, What Students and Teachers Can Do with Them, Price, and Grade Level. To the left of the table is a social media sidebar with buttons for Like, Tweet, Pin it, and Share, along with counts. To the right are social media widgets for Educational Technology and Mobile Learning, Educational Technology, and Educators Technology.

Web Tools	What Students and Teachers Can Do with Them	Price	Grade Level
<p><a href="#">Zimmer Twins at Schools:</a></p> <p>Link: <a href="http://goo.gl/9FUQ1N">http://goo.gl/9FUQ1N</a></p>	<p><b>Students:</b> Create animated movies using a very simple movie maker tool. Movies can include clips, characters, speech bubbles, backgrounds and many more. Students can comment on each others' work. Movies students create can be kept private in the class page.</p> <p><b>Teachers:</b> Create a class and invite up to 40 students. Create students accounts and manage their passwords. Moderate students contributions. Create a class blog, share lesson plans. Spark discussions with students.</p>	<p>1- Basic free version with limited features</p> <p>2- Premium version with advanced features.</p>	Elementary
<p><a href="#">Storybird Educators</a></p> <p>Link: <a href="https://storybird.com/educators/">https://storybird.com/educators/</a></p>	<p><b>Students</b> Allows students to create art-inspired stories using a powerful editor. Students choose from the ready-made artists images, Select a book format, and start writing.</p> <p><b>Teachers:</b> Make assignments and lessons to engage students. Auto-generate students accounts. Provide feedback on students work.</p>	Free	k-12
<p><a href="#">StoryboardThat</a></p> <p>Link: <a href="http://goo.gl/u13n1j">http://goo.gl/u13n1j</a></p>	<p><b>Students</b> Create beautiful storyboards using an easy drag and drop storyboard creator. Add characters, scenes and images from the library. Upload your own images to use in storyboards. Students are not required to use their email addresses.</p> <p><b>teachers</b> Create a classroom for your students. Personal teacher dashboard. All storyboards are private and encrypted. Everything is secure in your own classroom</p>	<p>1- Basic free version with limited features</p> <p>2- Special premium features for teachers</p>	k-12



# Tutorials (1)

- [Voicethread tutorial](#)
- [Tutorials on various tools](#) (prezi, voki, glogster, padlet, voicethread, toondoo, storybird, animoto, wordle, tagxedo, flickr)
- [Fotobabble tutorial](#)
- [Emaze tutorial](#)
- [Powtoon tutorial](#)
- [Kizoa tutorial](#)
- [Bunkr tutorial](#)
- [Narrable tutorial](#)

# Tutorials (2)

- [Makebeliefscomix](#) tutorial
- [Writecomics](#) tutorial
- [Comic Strip Creator](#) tutorial
- [Chogger](#) tutorial
- [DisaPainted](#) tutorial
- [Wittycomics](#) tutorial
- [Strip generator](#) tutorial
- [StoryboardThat](#) tutorial and [here](#) for a very short tutorial
- [Creaza cartoonist](#) tutorial
- [Comic master](#) tutorial
- [Toondoo](#) tutorial and [here](#) for a slideshare presentation
- [Pixton](#) tutorial
- [Comic life](#) tutorial and [here](#) for detailed written manual use

# Tutorials (3)

- [Glogster](#) tutorial and [here](#) for a slideshare presentation
- [Photostory](#) tutorial (very good)
- [Bunce](#) tutorial
- [Voicethread](#) tutorial
- [Utellstory](#) tutorial, [here](#) for a .pdf manual, and [here](#) for a slideshare presentation
- [Goanimate](#) tutorial and [here](#) on the official site
- [Animoto tutorial](#), [here](#) on slideshare and [here](#) on the official site blog
- [Stupeflix Studio](#) tutorial
- [Dvolver](#) tutorial
- [Meograph](#) tutorial and [here](#) for a slideshare presentation
- [Myths and Legends](#) tutorial

# Tutorials (4)

- [Visme](#) tutorial
- [Wevideo](#) tutorial and [here](#) on the official site
- [Wideo](#) tutorial
- [Moovly user guide](#)
- [Vimeo](#) tutorial on official site
- [Masher](#) tutorial
- [Storify](#) tutorial
- [Penzu](#) tutorial
- [Mapskip](#) tutorial
- [Mixbook](#) tutorial
- [Bookr](#) tutorial
- [Bubblr](#) tutorial

# Tutorials (5)

- [Storybird](#) tutorial and [here](#) for an online guide
- [StoryJumper](#) tutorial
- [Little Bird Tales](#) tutorial
- [Zooburst tutorial](#) and [here](#) for a .pdf manual
- [Zwinky](#) tutorial
- [Widbook](#) tutorial
- [Flipsnack](#) tutorial
- [Issuu](#) tutorial
- [Lulu](#) tutorial and [here](#) for a video series on official site
- [Padlet](#) tutorial
- [Timetoast](#) tutorial
- [Dipity](#) tutorial