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Welcome to October's ALRC Tech Tips. We hope you find these brief ideas worth saving. Please feel free to contact us with any tech ideas you would like to share with other programs. This is your forum.

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Peruse and Use: **Virtual Travels**



The one subject that (almost) everyone likes to share is “Where I grew up.” Sharing by talking or by reading and writing are goals for both ESL and ABE/GED students. This month, we offer a few websites to make the process easier.

BLOGS, PICTURES, VIDEOS

The sites below have information about countries all over the world including overviews, maps, blogs from travelers, contributed videos, pictures, music, and even a few podcasts. Students can pick their own, or another country and use the material to add to a document, a PowerPoint presentation, or a student website. Alternatively, a student can read a traveler’s comments and then create a possible response.

Travelpod

www.travelpod.com/travelblogs-find/anycountry/worldmap/tpod.html

Travelblog

www.travelblog.org

Lonely Planet

www.lonelyplanet.com/worldguide

Travelistic (Videos only)

www.travelistic.com/

LESSON PLANS TO ADAPT AND SIMPLIFY

Multimedia Strategies: ESL Stories

www.prel.org/eslstrategies/multimedia.html#

Culture Capsules

www.lclark.edu/~krauss/ortesol98/home.html



Online professional development classes

WALK-THROUGH

(necessary before your first WIMBA)

Nov. 1, 6:00 p.m.

WIMBA

ABE/GED: Quick Writes
Oct. 17, 1:00 p.m.
& 6:00 p.m.

ESL: Making Choices,
Taking Chances
Oct. 18, 12:00 p.m.

Home Computer Security
& Internet Browser Tips
Oct. 23, 10:00 a.m.

Web 2.0 Tools & Stuff
Oct. 23, 2:00 p.m.

Error Correction in the
ESL Classroom
November 1, 2:00 p.m.

Food Safety
Nov. 7, 1:00 p.m.
& 6:00 p.m.

This Month's Feature: **Flash Drives**

Flash drive...Thumb drive...Pen drive...Jump drive...Key drive...Memory stick



All of these names refer to a small portable drive that you can carry in your pocket or purse. The smallest Flash Drive, 64 MB, will hold the equivalent of 44 floppies or 50 photos. It sells for about \$20.00. The largest easily available Flash Drive is 8 GB and can hold 5 to 7 full length movies. It sells for about \$70.00.

HOW TO SAVE AND COPY FROM A FLASH DRIVE

To save from the computer to the Flash Drive, take the cap off the drive. Insert the drive into the USB slot in your computer shown by the blue arrow below.

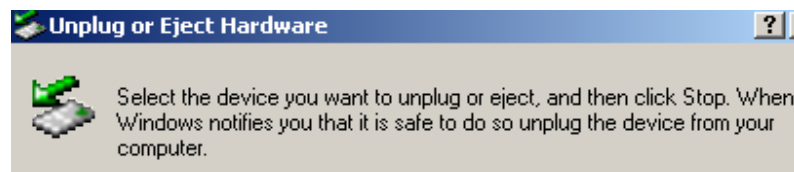


A message may pop up that the computer recognizes new hardware. Highlight the file you want to save to the drive. Click "File → Save as." Save to the "Removable Drive"

To save from the Flash Drive to the computer, insert the drive into the USB slot.

Go to "My Computer."
Double-Click on the "Removable Drive"
Right click on the file you want to save.
Save the file to a spot on your computer just as you would save any other file.

To remove the Flash Drive from the computer, Click the Green Arrow on the right hand side of the bar at the bottom of your computer. You will get the message below:



Click the appropriate device. The following window will appear.



Click O.K. and remove the Flash Drive.