

## Language Learning WebQuests

The numerous resources available on the Internet provide a rich environment for language teaching. However, too often students and teachers are overwhelmed by the mass of materials in the target language, or use the Internet in a unstructured manner leading to loss of focus. The WebQuest, which is currently in use in many schools based courses, offers a structured, productive way of harnessing the resources of the Web for language teaching purposes. Essentially, it is an inquiry-based, integrated activity where students are set a guided task requiring them to search for information, analyse it, transform it and finally demonstrate their understanding by presenting it in a specified format.

In this session, there will be an overview of the use of WebQuests for language teaching.

The main areas to be covered will be:

Rationale for using WebQuests

WebQuest elements

How to design an effective WebQuest

Samples of WebQuests

Practical tips and discussion

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