

Using Skype For Language Teaching

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Objectives

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- 🕒 Overview of Skype
- 🕒 Benefits of Skype
- 🕒 Using Skype to Empower Teachers
- 🕒 Advanced Features of Skype
- 🕒 Ideas for Language Teaching
- 🕒 Ideas for Language Program Marketing
- 🕒 Skype Challenge!
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Introduction



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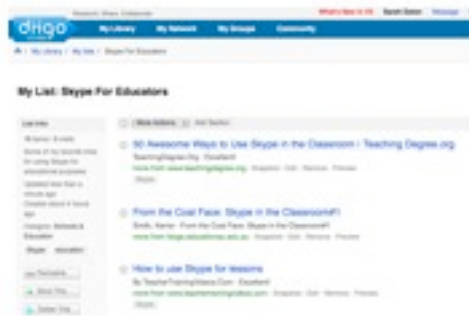
With thanks to our Moderator, Evan Rubin, LARC

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My favorite Skype Sites

My Diigo Skype Bookmarks:
<http://bit.ly/cmeqDs>



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Overview of Skype

<http://www.skype.com>



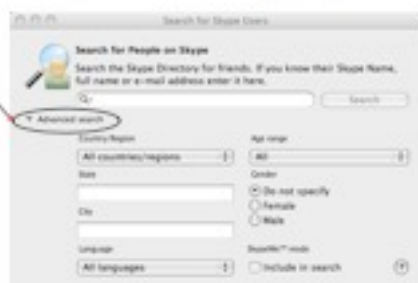
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Overview of Skype

Adding contacts is easy

Click on Contacts in the menu at the top of your screen to find people you know.

Open the advanced search tab to specify search criteria



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Benefits of Skype



- ☪ Easy to learn
- ☪ Can be used outside the classroom
- ☪ Advanced features
- ☪ Interactive
- ☪ Real time

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Skype Empowers

- ☪ Reach out for personal reasons.
- ☪ Focus on the human connections.
- ☪ Interactive, real-time and easy to use.

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Advanced Features of Skype

- ☪ Conference calls
- ☪ Instant messaging (IM) - chat
- ☪ File sharing
- ☪ Screen sharing

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Ideas for Language Teaching

- 📍 Virtual Field Trips
- 📍 Guest speakers from other countries
- 📍 Skype an international author
- 📍 International, inter-school debates
- 📍 Connect with classrooms across the globe

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Ideas for Language Program Marketing



- 📍 Pre-arrival orientations
- 📍 Skype account for front line staff
- 📍 Connections with host families

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Skype Challenge!

"Leaders learning from each other raises the bar for all"
Michael Fullan, Turnaround Leadership

Prepare and share your Top 10 Tips or Ideas for Using Skype in the Language Classroom.

Topics may include:

- 📍 Using Skype effectively.
- 📍 Using Skype for different grade levels.
- 📍 Reaching beyond your physical classroom using Skype.

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Thank you

Choose your thank you gift:

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<http://wp.me/PNAh3-5H>
- 💡 *101 Ways to Market Your Language Program*
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