



# WIKI TIPS AND TRICKS FOR THE MFL CLASSROOM

**Digital Tools for MFL: Moving Forward**

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# OUTLINE

- ❑ Aims and learning outcomes: Junior Cycle, Languages Connect & the CEFR
- ❑ Theories & perspectives on ‘language’ learning (*Culture, Language & Thought*)
- ❑ Discovery and creativity: Wikis for Task-based learning
- ❑ Example of a wiki project on cultural awareness
- ❑ Hands-on activity with PBworks

# Modern Foreign Languages Learning Outcomes

Strand 1

**Communicative competence** enables students to communicate in the target language for meaningful purposes. In this strand, students engage in language activities and tasks involving the integrated language skills of listening, reading, spoken production, speaking and writing.

Strand 2

**Language awareness** enhances the students' general awareness about languages. In this strand, they analyse how the target language works, they compare the languages they know (English, Irish and other European languages) and they learn about the target country/countries.

Strand 3

**Socio-cultural knowledge and intercultural awareness** gives students access to new cultural dimensions and encourages them to reflect on their own culture. In this strand, students acquire cultural information about the target country/countries and are encouraged to compare other cultures to their own.

## 2.2 apply all languages learning to creative activities such as producing simple poems, posters, presentations, games and drama

Reading

- 1.7 identify specific information in a range of texts dealing with familiar topics
- 1.8 source and use authentic texts to explore topics of relevance through a range of media

Spoken production

- 1.9 pronounce words accurately enough to be understood, with appropriate intonation
- 1.10 convey simple descriptions, presentations or announcements on familiar topics

Spoken interaction

- 1.11 interact in routine exchanges with pronunciation and intonation which is clear enough to be understood and with appropriate non-verbal language
- 1.12 use simple polite forms in formal and informal situations such as greetings, thanks, introductions, and respond appropriately
- 1.13 ask and answer questions and exchange ideas, emotions and information on familiar topics in everyday situations
- 1.14 understand and use numbers as appropriate in everyday situations such as shopping, exchanging numbers, sequencing events
- 1.15 take part in routine classroom interactions such as pair and group work, asking

Writing

## 3.4 identify and explain some aspects of the target language country/countries in areas such as everyday living, interpersonal relations, customs and behaviours, social conventions

Learning about relevant facts, people, places and history about the country/countries related to the target language

- 3.1 name and describe some features of the target language country/countries such as geographical features, weather, places and landmarks, food
- 3.2 discover and use facts and figures related to the target country/countries such as statistical data, festivals, inventions, famous people
- 3.3 reflect on what they have learned about the country/countries associated with the target language

Lives in the target language country/countries in areas of daily life such as school, socialising, sport, eating habits

- 3.8 compare and contrast aspects of personal interest in the target language country/countries with those in their own country and present them using a range of media
- 3.9 appreciate how cultural differences influence social relations, such as in greetings and eating together
- 3.10 compare and contrast the use of numbers in the target language country/countries and in their own, with regard to familiar topics such as prices, age, dates, seasons

## 1.22 produce and edit texts and interact with others in writing using appropriate digital technologies



|        |  |   |                 |                |
|--------|--|---|-----------------|----------------|
|        |  |   |                 |                |
| 1.C.11 | Encourage and support the use of innovative teaching methods and ICT supports for learning languages. ICT and media can be particularly useful for allowing students to engage with native speakers when they are not in the position to undertake mobility programmes abroad.   | Ongoing   | T&L Forum, PPLI |                |
| 1.E.3  | <p>Explore the potential for the greater use of CLIL to increase the use of language skills, heighten the intercultural dimension, and increase confidence in language learning and awareness in post-primary schools and higher education.</p> <p>Pilot CLIL<sup>5</sup> for TY where there is teacher capacity - for example Business/German, History/French.</p>  | Ongoing   | DES, NCCA, HEIs |                |
| 1.D.1  | Consider ways to encourage more senior cycle, especially transition year students, to avail of language exchange opportunities.  | Q3 2019 onwards   | PPLI            |                |
| 1.C.2  | Significantly increase the number of post-primary schools participating in the languages assistants' scheme from 110 in 2017 to 160 in 2022. In doing so also include teaching assistants with additional languages to enhance the diversity of foreign languages available in post-primary schools. Consideration will need to be given to ways which as many schools as possible will participate in this language assistants' scheme. | Targets to gradually increase Language Assistants by 2022 | DES, Schools    | PPLI, Léargas, |

# LET'S LOOK AT THE CONCEPTS OF **LANGUAGE & CULTURE**

LANGUAGE AND  
CULTURE ARE THE  
FRAMEWORKS THROUGH  
WHICH HUMANS  
EXPERIENCE,  
COMMUNICATE, AND  
UNDERSTAND REALITY.  
(LEV VYGOTSKY, 1968)



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No two languages are ever sufficiently similar to be considered as representing the same social reality.

-Edward Sapir

## Reality Is Embedded

# In Culture's Language



Language shapes the way we think, and determines what we can think about.

-Benjamin Whorf

# TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN **LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

KRAMSCH (1998)

## **Language expresses cultural reality.**

- *Words express facts, ideas or events that are communicable.*
- *Words reflect attitudes, beliefs, and points of view.*

## **Language embodies cultural reality.**

- *The (spoken, written, or visual) medium people choose to communicate with one another create meanings that are understandable to the group they belong to.*

## **Language symbolizes cultural reality.**

- *Language is viewed as a symbol of social identity.*



Gestures can convey wildly different meanings. Individuals in the United States use the “OK” sign to convey that something is acceptable. In Japan, the same hand symbol means “money.” The French and the Portuguese all use the symbol to mean “zero” or “nothing.” |

Members of the same discourse community share common ways of thinking, behaving, and valuing.

E.g. *“I like your sweater!”*

- *“Oh, thank you!”* (said Americans)

- *“Oh, really? It’s already quite old”* (said the French)

# DOES CULTURE INFLUENCE LANGUAGE OR DOES LANGUAGE AFFECT CULTURE?



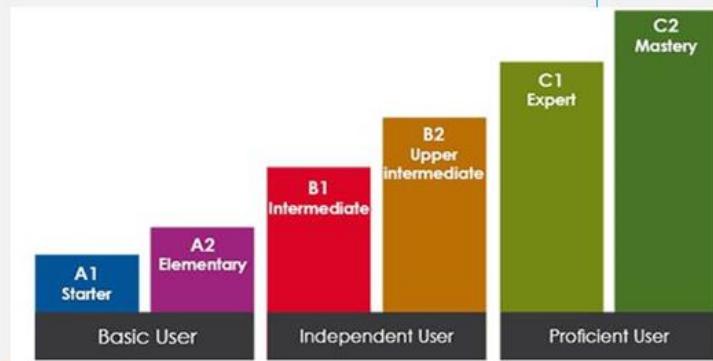
Language expresses and reflects our attitudes about the world according to our culture. At the same time, it also shapes our attitudes about the world.

The Specification for Junior Cycle Modern Foreign Languages aims to develop communicative language skills broadly aligned with the A band (A1 to A2, basic user) of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)<sup>1</sup> and its descriptors. (Specification, p. 6)

### The Common Reference Levels – self-assessment grid

|  |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|  | A1 | A2 | B1 | B2 | C1 | C2 |
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and attitudes to language and culture.

**A2** Can contribute to an intercultural exchange, using simple words to ask people to explain things and to get clarification of what they say, whilst exploiting his/her limited repertoire to express agreement, to invite, to thank etc.

**A1** Can facilitate an intercultural exchange by showing welcome and interest with simple words and non-verbal signals, by inviting others to speak and by indicating whether he/she understands when addressed directly.

**Pre-A1** No descriptors available



## THE LANGUAGE LEARNER MUST BE AWARE OF THREE LAYERS OF CULTURE: **MULTICULTURAL, PLURI-CULTURAL AND INTER-CULTURAL.**

- **Multi-: definition of the social context**

Contexts where cultures are in contact, not restricted to nations, religions or ethnic groups. **Diversity in society**.

- **Pluri-: definition of the identity of a person**

Identity is the by-product of experiences in different cultures.  
**Unique personality.**

- **Inter-: definition of a communicative situation**

(The verbal and nonverbal) interactions between people from different cultural backgrounds. **Discovery & dialogue.**

Learners need not just knowledge and skill in the grammar of a language but also the ability to use the language in socially and culturally appropriate ways.

## **THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERCULTURAL DIMENSION IN LANGUAGE TEACHING**

Byram et al (2002)

### **Aims in developing IC dimension**

- to give learners intercultural competence as well as linguistic competence;
- to prepare them for interaction with people of other cultures;
- to enable them to understand and accept people from other cultures as individuals with other distinctive perspectives, values and behaviours;
- and to help them to see that such interaction is an enriching experience.



# Culture

Language

Hallo Welt!  
Hello World!  
Hej Värld!  
Ciao Mondo!  
ハローワールド！  
¡Olá mundo! 世界您好！  
Salut le Monde!

Working  
Schedules



Clothes and  
Dressing

Medical Cure



Religion



Manners



Jokes



Celebrations



Folk Art



Food



Child-rearing  
Methods



## Big “C” Culture

- Civilisation aspects - history, geography, art, music, and architecture (Tomalin & Stempleski ,1993)

## Little “c” culture

- “Total set of beliefs, attitudes, customs, behaviours, social habits, etc. of the members of a particular society”  
(Richards *et al.*, 1992: 94).

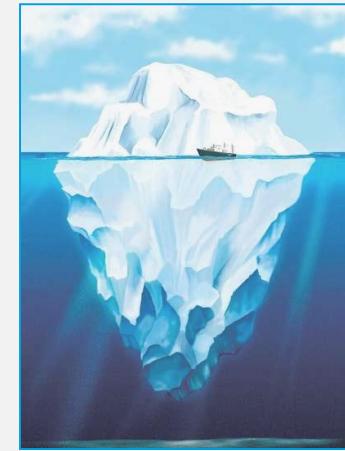


# Socio-cultural knowledge and inter-cultural awareness

gives students access to new cultural dimensions and encourages them to reflect on their own culture. In this strand, students acquire cultural information about the target country/countries and are encouraged to compare other cultures to their own.



|  | <b>Learning outcomes</b> | <i>Students should be able to</i>   |
|--|--------------------------|---|
| Learning about relevant facts, people, places and history about the country/countries related to the target language |                          | <p>3.1 name and describe some features of the target language country/countries such as geographical features, weather, places and landmarks, food</p> <p>3.2 discover and use facts and figures related to the target country/countries such as statistical data, festivals, inventions, famous people</p> <p>3.3 reflect on what they have learned about the country/countries associated with the target language</p>  |
| Learning about traditions, customs and behaviours  |                          | <p>3.4 identify and explain some aspects of the target language country/countries in areas such as everyday living, interpersonal relations, customs and behaviours, social conventions</p> <p>3.5 identify and reflect on common stereotypes about the target culture/s, including their own, and explain if and how their attitude towards the target country/countries is evolving</p> <p>3.6 select, process and present information through the appropriate use of digital technologies, and evaluate it for truth and reliability</p>   |
| Comparing their culture with that of the country/countries related to the target language                            |                          | <p>3.7 analyse similarities and differences in relation to their peers' lives in the target language country/countries in areas of daily life such as school, socialising, sport, eating habits</p> <p>3.8 compare and contrast aspects of personal interest in the target language country/countries with those in their own country and present them using a range of media</p> <p>3.9 appreciate how cultural differences influence social relations, such as in greetings and eating together</p> <p>3.10 compare and contrast the use of numbers in the target language country/countries and in their own, with regard to familiar topics such as prices, age, dates, seasons</p> |



## Structure of the Portfolio

### Repository

Students collect..

- Artefacts
- Exemplars of work
- Audio, video & text files

### Workspace

Students..

- Set goals & plan learning
- Collaborate & share
- Use Feedback to improve
- Reflect on their progress

### Showcase

Students..

- Select their best work
- Showcase for evaluation
- Reflect further



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The Free Encyclopedia

2 722 000+ articles

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Die freie Enzyklopädie

860 000+ Artikel

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L'encyclopédie libre

759 000+ articles

## Italiano

L'enciclopedia libera

536 000+ voci

## Русский

Свободная энциклопедия

355 000+ статей

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フリー百科事典

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440 000+ artículos

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Wolna encyklopedia

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A encyclopédia livre

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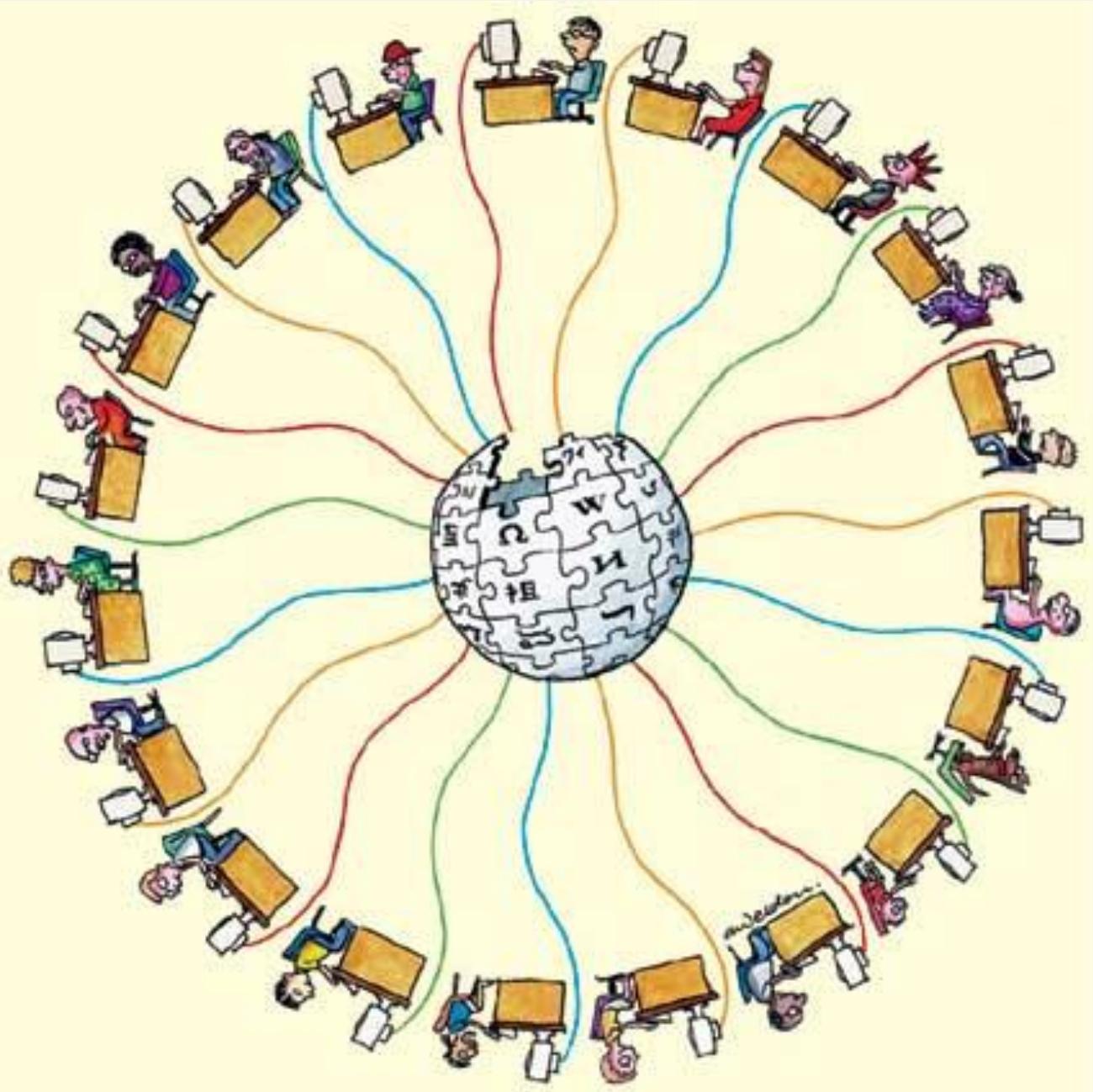
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The university is located along the River Shannon, on a 80 hectare (200 acre) site in the 240 hectare (600 acre) National Technological Park at Castletroy, 5 km from Limerick city centre. The university has currently in excess of 11,000 full-time undergraduate students<sup>[citation needed]</sup> and 1,500 part-time students<sup>[citation needed]</sup>. There are also over 800 research postgraduates<sup>[citation needed]</sup> and 1,300 taught postgraduate students<sup>[citation needed]</sup> at the university. The Co-Operative Education (commonly called Co-Op) programme allocates all students with an 8-month work placement as part of their degree. This is one of the first such programmes in the state.

Professor Don Barry is the current president of the university having been appointed in 2007.<sup>[citation needed]</sup>

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## Wikis in Plain English



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dnL00TdmLY>

# WHY CHOOSE A WIKI?

| Task types                                | Tasks  | Objectives   |
|---|--|--|
| (1)<br>Information exchange               | Authoring 'cultural autobiographies'   | Establishment of personal relationship with partners/increased awareness of cultural differences |
|   | Carrying out virtual interviews  | Development of ICC   |
|   | Engaging in informal discussion  | Learner independence/development of fluency in TL  |
| (2)<br>Comparison and analysis            | <b>Collaborating on product creation fosters the development of intercultural communicative competence and electronic literacy</b> |  |
| (3)<br>Collaboration and product creation | Collaborating on product creation  | Development of ICC/electronic literacy   |
|   | Transforming text genres   | Improved metalinguistic awareness/linguistic accuracy and fluency in TL                          |
|   | Carrying out 'closed outcome' discussions  | Negotiation of meaning/development of linguistic accuracy and fluency in TL                      |
|   | Making cultural translations/adaptations   | Development of ICC   |

(O'Dowd and Ware, 2009: 176-77)

## EXAMPLE OF A WIKI USE TO DEFINE (FRENCH) CULTURE



- First year language students in UL
- 17-19 years of age
- Reading and discussing societal aspects of France
- Semester I: discussion forum and blog
- Semester 2: wiki
- Creation of group wiki + peer-reviewing

# WIKI INSTRUCTIONS

Bonjour à tous,

Cette semaine, nous continuons à définir la culture française dans le Wiki (5% de votre note). N'oubliez-pas que le projet Wiki se termine la semaine prochaine et que vous devrez noter la contribution de l'autre groupe de votre classe et écrire un rapport sur votre expérience (documents joints).

## DEFINE FRENCH CULTURE

Vous pouvez répondre aux questions ci-dessous.

1. Selon vous et les textes étudiés en classe, quelles sont les caractéristiques de la culture française. Expliquez et donnez des exemples.
  - Aspects linguistiques (métaphores, expressions différentes)
  - Comportements et attitudes
  - Croyances et valeurs
  - Connotations des mots, etc.
2. La culture française est-elle singulière ou plurielle ? / Est-il possible d'avoir une variété de cultures dans une même communauté ?
3. Qu'est-ce qui différencie la culture irlandaise et la culture française? Expliquez et donnez des exemples.
4. Est-il facile de trouver des différences entre la culture française et la culture de votre pays ?
5. Quels sont les points communs / les similarités entre la culture française et irlandaise? Expliquez et donnez des exemples.
6. Pensez-vous que la culture d'un pays est supérieure à celle d'un autre ?

### Attachments

## PEER-REVIEW SHEET

### Évaluation de définition de la culture française

La définition est-elle composée de 400 mots environ ?

- Oui       Non

La définition est-elle structurée ? (phrases complètes, lien entre les idées)

- Oui       Non

L'orthographe est-elle satisfaisante ? (accent, accord des adjectifs...)

- Oui       Non

La définition donne-t-elle des exemples culturels discutés en classe / dans les textes étudiés ?

- Oui       Non

La définition est-elle illustrée de photos ou liée à des pages web ?

- Oui       Non

Des commentaires :

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## La culture en 10 mots:

C'est la langue, la cuisine, le sport, l'histoire, les habitants, les livres, les films, le théâtre, la politique, les temps.

La nourriture il y a beaucoup de nourriture française pour exemple le fromage et les escargots. C'est un aspect très important pour le français.

La culture d'un pays sont les aspects de la société qui la définit comme pays, par exemple la langue, l'histoire, les habitudes, la politique, les gens. C'est aussi le mode, la musique et la tradition de France.

## La culture française

Chaque pays a une culture spécifique, surtout la France. La France a une culture riche.

Le discours du Président - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ht1lq1-71Kg> - Le nouveau Président en 2007 Nicolas Sarkozy.

Et le discours d'installation de M. Sarkozy - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uzp6-PHuhC8&feature=related>

La journée Bastille - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IYvAQdNdcs>

Le sport est un aspect de la culture. Comme nous avons vu dans la classe, en France il y a une sous-culture de jeunes qui ont une valeur importante du sport. Ils participent au sport pour plaisir, pas pour gagner. Le but principal

Où je veux, quand je veux, je fais ce que je veux. Les sports sont différents de l'Irlande

dans l'Ouest de France.

## Hyperlinks to videos or other content

Ces régions sont divisées en départements différents. En Bretagne il y a beaucoup de départements différents par exemple la Côte d'Armor. En Bretagne ils parlent brevet; une langue celtique. Il y a beaucoup de gens qui parlent le brevet. Nous avons le même problème en Irlande gaélique. Je suis allé à Tréguier, une petite ville dans la Côte d'Armor en Bretagne. À Pâques, Tréguier est vraiment belle avec la Cathédrale et les maisons anciennes et aussi en 1823 un écrivain et un penseur célèbres étaient nés, son nom était Ernest Renan.

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En France il y a beaucoup de régions différentes. Bretagne est un exemple d'une région dans l'Ouest de France. Ces régions sont divisées en départements différents. En Bretagne il y a beaucoup de départements différents par exemple la Côte d'Armor. En Bretagne ils parlent brevet; une langue celtique. Malheureusement il n'y a pas beaucoup de gens qui parlent le brevet. À Tréguier, une petite ville dans la Côte d'Armor en 1823 un écrivain et un penseur célèbres étaient nés, son nom était Ernest Renan.

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## La culture en 10 mots:

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## Culture in 10 words:

Language, food, sport, history, people, books, films, theatre, politics, weather.

La culture c'est tout ce qui fait partie de la société qu'on aime comme par exemple la langue, l'histoire, les habitudes, la politique, les gens. C'est aussi le mode, la musique et la tradition de France.

## Culture in 10 words:

Language,  
Food,  
History,  
**Arts**,  
Sport,  
**Fashion**,  
**Music**,  
**Tradition**,  
**Dance**,  
**Way of doing things**.

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## Culture in 10 words:

**Religion**  
**Music**  
**Values**  
**Sport**  
**Food**  
**Cinema**  
**Languages**  
**Literature**  
**Rituals, customs**  
**History**

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## Definitions:

- The culture of a country is composed of **all the aspects of the society that define it**.
- French culture is composed of **a group of people who share** the same language, belief, customs, values and artefacts.

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# Big C



La journee Bastille - <http://www.youtube.com>

Le sport est un aspect de la culture. Comme les jeunes qui ont un valeur important du sport.



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# Little c

- French people don't eat at the same time as Irish people do.

- On Sunday, everything is closed in France whereas our shops are open. French People like to have a quiet family day on Sunday.

- In English, we say "I am 19". In France they say "j'ai 19 ans" (I have 19).

- "There are different ways to address people:

- Monsieur (man)
- Madame, (woman)
- Mademoiselle (young woman)"

## La culture en 10 mots:

C'est la langue, la cuisine, le sport, l'histoire, les habitants, les livres, les films, le théâtre, la politique, les temps.

la nourriture il y a beaucoup de nourriture française pour exemple le fromage et les escargots. C'est un aspect très important pour la France.

La culture d'un pays sont les aspects de la société qui le définissent comme pays, par exemple la langue, l'histoire, les habitudes, la politique, les gens. C'est aussi la mode, la musique et la tradition de France.

## La culture française

Chaque pays a une culture spécifique, surtout la France. La France a une culture riche.

Le patrimoine culturel est très important. Et les musées sont nombreux. La gastronomie française est célèbre. Le sport est également très développé. Les Jeux Olympiques ont eu lieu à Paris en 2024. Les sub-cultures dans les sports sont également très populaires.

# As we have seen in class, there are sub-cultures in sports among the youth...

jeunes qui ont une valeur importante du sport. Ils participent au sport pour plaisir, pas pour gagner. Le but principal est de surmonter les défis. Le credo de ce groupe qui invente de nouveaux terrains de jeu est 'Où je veux, quand je veux'. Ce phénomène est national mais tous les gens n'en participent pas. Les sports individuels comme le ski, le skateboard et le BMX sont devenus plus populaires parmi les jeunes (40% sont les faire). C'est différent de l'Irlande



## Last summer, I went to Tréguier in Brittany, where people speak Breton and celebrate Ernest Renan a famous poet...

gaélique. Je suis allé à Tréguier, une petite ville dans le Finistère en Bretagne pendant les vacances de Pâques. Tréguier est vraiment belle avec la Cathédrale et les maisons anciennes et aussi en 1823 un écrivain et un penseur célèbres étaient nés, son nom était Ernest Renan.

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## This semester we have learnt new expressions and metaphors, that do not exist in English...

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# Evidence of intercultural awareness/ sensitivity:

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comparaisons différentes vous pouvez voir le monde différemment et je crois aussi que ceci me donne une meilleure compréhension de la culture française. Les exemples des nouvelles phrases que nous avons appris sont :

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# **Evidence of intercultural awareness/ sensitivity and students' roles**

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# LET'S CREATE OUR OWN WIKI!

Host and share information both inside and outside the classroom.

The screenshot shows a PBworks workspace interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Wiki' and 'Pages & Files'. Below the tabs, the title 'Classroom Schedule' is displayed. The main content area features a yellow banner with the word 'SCHEDULE' in white letters, flanked by yellow triangular flags. Below the banner, the text 'Everyday - Recess and Lunch - 11:30 - 12:15' is shown. Under 'Day 1', it lists 'Music - 2:00 - 2:30' and 'Gym - 2:30 - 3:00 (1B ONLY)'. Under 'Day 2', it lists 'Book Exchange 12:15 - 12:30', 'PE - 2:00 - 2:30', and 'Keyboarding - 2:30 - 3:00'. To the right of the main content is a sidebar with a search bar at the top. Below the search bar, a message says 'To join this workspace, request access.' and 'Already have an account? Log in!'. The sidebar also contains a 'Sidebar' section with a list of links: Homepage, Newsletter, Calendar, Homework, Study Guides, Classroom Schedule (which is highlighted in green), Links & Resources, About Mrs. Yerdon, and Supply List. At the bottom of the sidebar, there is contact information: 'Contact Information: E-mail: School Phone:' followed by two empty input fields.



## **TOP 3 WIKI SITES FOR TEACHERS**

- **Pbworks.com**
- **Web Paint**
- **Wikidot.com**



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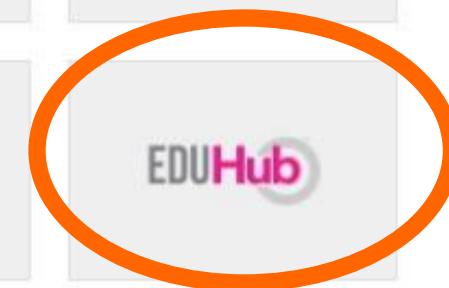
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### Create your account

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We hope you enjoy PBworks and please do tell all your friends about it!

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The PBworks Team

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### Sidebar

This is your Sidebar, which you can edit like any other page in your workspace.

A GOOD LINK ABOUT HOW TO USE  
A WIKI IN THE CLASSROOM...

- <https://elearningindustry.com/how-to-use-wiki-in-the-classroom>

## CREATING A WIKI USING GOOGLE SITES

- <https://www.lifewire.com/project-wikis-using-google-sites-771663>

### Video Tutorial

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qS6UwpqxR4>



LET'S RECAP

## WIKIS: BENEFITS

FOR STUDENTS

FOR TEACHERS

# WIKIS: BENEFITS

## FOR STUDENTS

- Peer interactivity
- A new mode of submission
- A different learner identity
- An exciting tool
- A motivating learning approach
- Participation & contribution flexibility
- Group ownership of process and product
- Opportunity of response/ feedback

## FOR TEACHERS

- Provides an easy way to introduce technology into the classroom
- Offers a scaffolding tool for students' learning
- Encourages student engagement
- Gives access to student (home) work
- Promotes active learning
- Emphasizes time on task
- Respects diverse talents and learning styles
- Combines individual & group work
- Allows shyer students to contribute
- Communicates high expectations

## WIKIS: CHALLENGES

FOR STUDENTS

FOR TEACHERS

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## FOR STUDENTS

- Technical glitches of wikis. formatting problems/ saving edits/ selected font or color
- Frustration from “simultaneous editing” not being possible/ loss of content
- Posting pressure and timing
- Visibility
- Unequal contribution among the participants
- Some participants’ disruptive behaviour

## FOR TEACHERS

- Provide clear task guidelines
- Keeping up with postings
- Monitoring of simultaneous contributions
- Task designing and implementation
- Negotiating balance of individual input within the group
- Avoiding "Copy and Paste" work
- Ensuring students give others space and time
- Beware of collective bias
- Be mindful of inappropriate post content

## A FEW GOOD REASONS FOR USING WIKIS IN LANGUAGE TEACHING

- 1) They promote a learner-centred environment
- 2) They are quick and simple to use and
- 3) allow collaboration, independently of time and space, via easily accessible online spaces;
- 4) They offer authentic writing practice;
- 5) They allow students to be actively engaged in reading and writing: correcting, editing, and up-dating;
- 6) They are flexible enough to incorporate multi-media content;
- 7) They can potentially be shared with a wider audience and made public;
- 8) They build a sense of community and belonging;
- 9) They present the student writers with a ready audience and critics;
- 10) They can provide a platform for a real-world activity

Adapted from: [https://ict-rev.ecml.at/Portals/1/documents/Wiki\\_offline.pdf](https://ict-rev.ecml.at/Portals/1/documents/Wiki_offline.pdf)

# WHY USE WIKIS TO TEACH WRITING?

## LAMB (2004)

- wikis **stimulate** writing ('fun' and 'wiki' are often associated);
- wikis **provide** a low-cost but effective communication and collaboration tool (with an emphasis on text rather than software);
- wikis **promote** the close reading, revision, and tracking of preliminary work;
- wikis **discourage** 'product oriented writing' while facilitating 'writing as a process';
- wikis **ease** students into writing for a wider audience.

# SEVEN STEPS TOWARDS SUCCESSFUL WIKIS

- Step 1: Show students an example of a successful wiki to motivate them.
- Step 2: Allow students to choose their own tasks, agreed upon collaboratively, in order to stimulate and maintain their interest.
- Step 3: Provide a trigger. Writing on an empty page is always difficult, so start the wiki yourself with a short entry or a set of linked pages.
- Step 4: Set clear guidelines and time limits for all tasks but allow the wiki to stay open even after the tasks are officially completed.
- Step 5: During the wiki task phase, check regularly to prevent excess corrections and “wiki-wars” (i.e.: two students or two groups fighting about editing and reverting to previous versions).
- Step 6: Comment on the wiki entries. and encourage writing, editing and linking.
- Step 7: Celebrate the completion of a task, e.g. by publishing the wiki content to another class or group, inviting their comments.

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the software does.  
it's what the  
user does.

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