Discovering Chrome Apps and Extensions for English Language Learners

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OBJECTIVES

LEARN

• Things to know
• What are extensions
• How to use extensions (sign in!)
• How to find and add Extensions to Chrome
• How to manage your extensions

with the focus primarily on language learning
The CLOUD - servers connected together with apps installed. To access a secure sign in is required.

Chrome is an internet browser - like Firefox, Safari, Internet Explorer, Edge, etc. that allows you

Chrome is an Operating System - like Windows or Mac that makes a Chromebook run.

GSuites is a set of online productivity tools - Docs Sheets Slides, etc. that includes Google Search
Tips for Teachers

Do NOT let the fear and frustration of technology hold you back.

Take your time. Do NOT rush implementation into the classroom because it is the new thing. Test it out first.

It is OKAY for your students to know more than you when it comes to technology.
APPS

SPEAK in Docs

and

CC in SLIDES

And

How and Where to get Apps
What Are Google Chrome Extensions?

As explained by Google themselves, Google Chrome Extensions are “applications that run inside the Chrome browser and provide additional functionality, integration with third party websites or services, and customized browsing experiences.” While there is some grey area between Google apps, extensions, and simply shortcuts to websites, the right extensions can turn your browser into a Swiss-army knife of utility and efficiency.

What Is The Benefit Of An Extension For Teachers?

They can make things simple, more accessible, more visible, more compelling, more convenient–there are dozens of potential benefits to you in your classroom. Clip a web page to Evernote with a single button push. Look up a reference. Model for students how to add a citation. Send a link to colleagues without opening another tab. Find a useful resource for a lesson? Scoop it. Tweet it. Pin It. Find a post you want to read? Don’t email it to yourself–use Pocket.

The criteria we used to choose each extension? The extension had to increase your efficiency, provide a benefit to content/curriculum, allow you to connect with other teachers/parents/students, or enhance your workflow as an educator. If it has the potential to meet one of these four criteria, it was included.

Too Many Extensions?

Before skimming through these and installing 25 of your favorites, note that too many extensions can slow your browser down, and speed is one of Chrome’s other talents. Don’t rob Peter to pay Paul.

There is no standard for how many extensions you should use–your mileage may vary here. The speed of your PC, your available memory, your WiFi speed, how many tabs you keep open, and more can all impact your browser’s apparent speed, so add and remove extensions (it’s as simple as a few clicks–see the video above) to optimize your setup so that Chrome remains snappy and useful to you as a teacher.
● Extensions extend the functionality of Chrome.

● Extensions may pair with other Google tools and some extensions double as apps*.

● Extensions are added to Chrome browser at the Chrome Web store.

● Extensions may ask permission to access your camera, microphone etc - Accept (or you cannot use.)

● When signed into Chrome, Extensions appear as icons to the right of the omnibox.
FILES that extends the function of an App. May attach to other Apps OR as independents.

Extensions allow an application to work in a different way or independently.
1. Open the **Chrome Web Store**

2. Search for the extension (by name or keyword)

3. **READ THE REVIEWS**

4. Select “Add to Chrome”

5. Accept the **BIG SCARY MESSAGE!**

Extensions will ask for permission to access your Drive, folders, etc - Accept!

$ Add “SuperExtension”?
It can:
- Read and change all your data on the websites you visit
- It requires access to your Drive
- It wants this that the other thing too

Once Added, the extension icon will appear to the right of the omnibox

** If you are using a school computer, some extensions may be blocked **
GOOGLE TONE

Send URL via sound.

Sender and receiver must have extension!

Receiver must accept popup to launch sender’s site!

Volumes must be turned up!

Microphones must be on!

Devices proximity matters!
Listen to a natural sounding voice read words, phrases or articles.

Record your voice to practice pronunciation and compare.

Online English text-to-speech
disable surrounding webpage noise and clutter with one click

adjust typeface and text size, and toggle between light or dark themes

quick keyboard shortcuts to switch to reader on any article page

print optimization

remove ads and clutter from articles for a “cleaner” reading experience
TRANSLATE

Translations typed text in multiple languages

- Produces spoken word
- Slows down the language the second time
- Inserts inflection when punctuation present
Create tutorial videos, blogs, Youtube videos

There are many screen and video recorders - not all are created equal.

Most have Freemium subscriptions - check for limits on space or storage.

The better ones will allow save to Google Drive.
Checks for grammar errors and gives suggestions to correct

Checks most anything typed on the web including Gmail, Facebook, Twitter, Linkedin, and more.

Contextual spell checker. (words that are spelled correctly but in the wrong context) they’re/their/there

Freemium subscription
Quickly type text for viewers to see while on the web.

Great for web addresses.

Also creates a short URL and QR code on the fly (be patient - wait for it.)
COLORPICK EYEDROPPER

Get the EXACT color from a web page that you want to copy

Eyedrop tool allows user to copy the RGB or HexCode of color on a site for insert into any drawing application for precise color matching

#ff39dq - this is the color of the Share button
Too many open Extensions can slow down Chrome or a Chromebook.

Quickly enable/disable extensions

Turn on and off as needed to save bandwidth and process time
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** was an extension, now an app
**CHROME WEB STORE**
\[chrome.google.com/webstore/category/extensions\]

**Extension Management**
\[chrome://extensions\]
This secure site does not allow linking. Copy and paste or type the address.

**EXTENSIONS LIST SHEET for Teachers** - vetted by trainers

**160+ Chrome Apps & Extensions**
ShakeUpLearning

**Google Play Store**
Find apps for Chromebook (and Chrome)

**OTAN**
CA Leadership project that provides free training to WIOA funded AE programs.

**CAEP TAP**
Provides information, guidance and free training to CA Adult Education programs in CA that are part of a Consortia