

Digital storytelling—Intermediate

Let's discuss

A Read the text and answer the questions.

- Ask students to read the text and discuss the questions in pairs. Elicit some answers and discuss as a class.

What is digital storytelling?

Extra information

Stories are the oldest form of education. Throughout history, people of all cultures have always felt compelled to tell stories. Digital stories are no different and might be considered the modern equivalent of pre-historic wall paintings.

Digital storytelling is the practice of using digital tools to tell stories that usually contain a mixture of images, text, recorded audio narration, video clips and music.

Most digital stories last between two and ten minutes and are told in an informal manner. A digital story is meant to communicate facts or personal feelings about a topic or person.

Key

- 1 *Digital stories can contain a mixture of images, text, recorded audio narration, video clips and music.*
- 2 *They usually last between two and ten minutes.*

Let's analyse

B Look at an example of a digital story. Answer the questions in groups.

- Ask students to look at the digital story and discuss the questions in groups of three or four. Elicit some answers and discuss as a class.

Key

- 1 *Students' own answers. In Las Vegas.*
- 2 *Images and text. Students may infer the digital story also includes music or audio narration.*
- 3 *It will give us more information about the TV series.*
- 4 *Students' own answers.*

- Go online and show students recommended websites for making digital stories.
- Try making group digital stories using suggestions from the class. Ask students what they would like to make a story about and what information to include. Make the changes on screen.

Let's do it!

- This can be completed in class or as homework.
- Ask students to make a digital story about a TV series which interests them.
- Once you have all the links to the digital stories, use one lesson to view them all as a class. Students can vote on their favourites and choose the best three.

TIPS!

Presentation tools

Before class, look for digital storytelling tools online that allow you to create interactive projects for free, using different media types by typing "digital storytelling tools" into the search bar.

It is best if you practise on your chosen tool in advance of the lesson, to make sure you understand its features and also to create a sample to demonstrate to your students.