



# Exploring the Power of Digital Storytelling: a comparative analysis of traditional and digital storytelling techniques

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# Outline

- ▶ Traditional and Digital Storytelling
- ▶ The power of Digital Storytelling
- ▶ Developing Employability Skills through Digital Storytelling
- ▶ Best Practices for Digital Storytelling
- ▶ Q&A



## A definition

Digital Storytelling is the modern expression of the ancient art of storytelling. Throughout history, storytelling has been used to share knowledge, wisdom, and values. Stories have taken many different forms. Stories have been adapted to each successive medium that has emerged, from the circle of the campfire to the silver screen, and now the computer screen.”

– **The Digital Storytelling Association**



# Multimodal Texts

Human communication is multimodal  
Voice + facial expressions  
Written content + format  
Image + sound

# Telling a meaningful text

- ❑ **Intention:** author's perspective and insights
- ❑ **Threading:** which data and events will add value and in which sequence
- ❑ **Engagement strategies:** let the audience recognize some patterns and situations, let people identify themselves with characters, stimulate emotion through sensory clues (sound track, light, colour...)

# What is digital storytelling

## □ Use of media

- Text, TEXT, Text
- Visuals
- Music
- Video
- Voice

## □ Digital method shares with a wider audience

## □ The storytelling format makes the case

- more convincing
- create a connection to the audience

# Why Digital Storytelling in ELT

1. Enhance lessons, developing higher order thinking skills
2. Appeals to diverse learning styles
3. Assign research to require a point of view
4. Practice communication skills
5. Entice writing skills
6. Engage students to develop a meaningful voice
7. Encourage technology skills

# Why Digital Storytelling in ELT





# The seven elements of Digital Storytelling

1. A point of view
2. A dramatic question
3. Emotional content
4. Economy
5. Pacing
6. The gift of your voice
7. An accompanying soundtrack

# Types of Digital Storytelling

## 1. Personal Narratives

- Character stories
- Memorial stories
- Stories about events or places in our lives
- Stories about what we do
- Recovery & discovery stories
- Love Stories

## 2. Examination of Historical Themes and Events

- Explore and depict a historical theme or event.
- Require students to research a topic
- Use informational & media literacy skills

## 3. Stories that Inform or Instruct

- Curriculum content which delivers information
- Motivational/Inspirational
- Testimonial

# A Comparative Analysis: Traditional and Digital Storytelling

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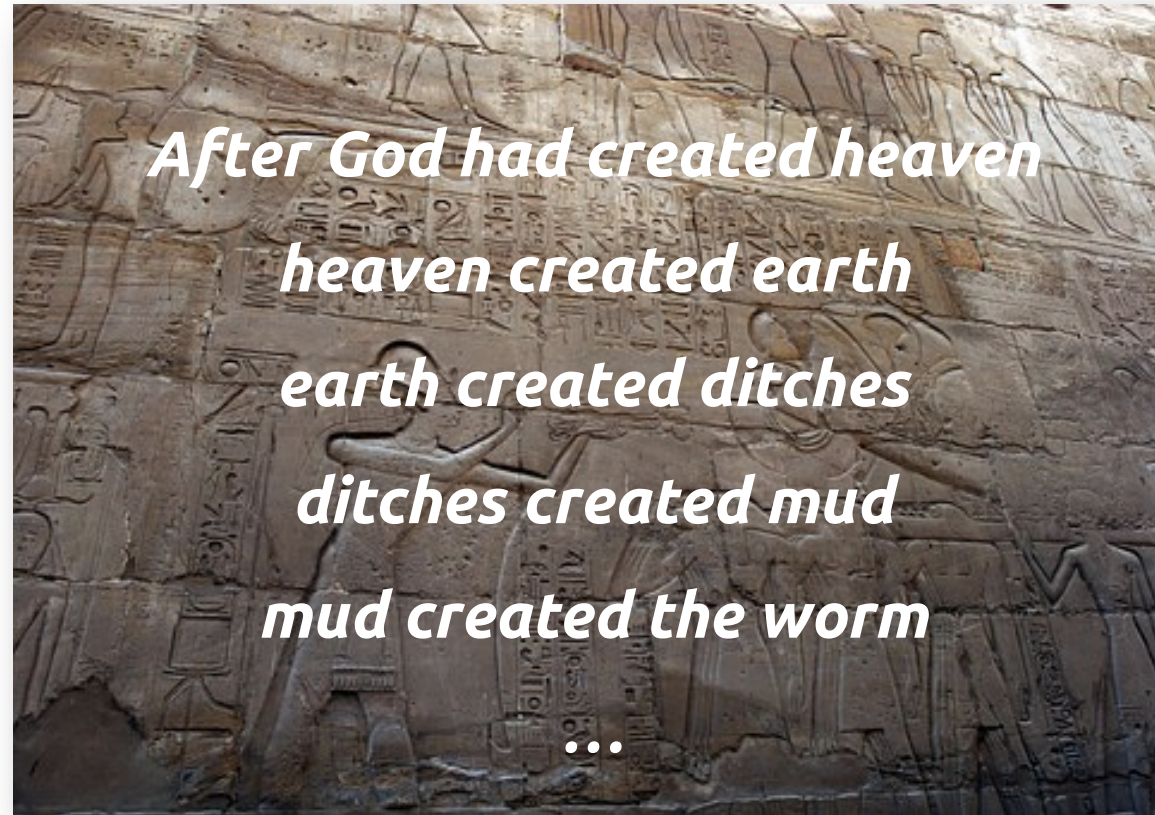
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# Storytelling is the oldest form of education



# A comparative analysis: Traditional and Digital Storytelling

## Traditional Storytelling

- ▶ Oral Tradition
- ▶ Imagination and Interaction
- ▶ Cultural Significance
- ▶ Limited Reach

## Digital Storytelling

- ▶ Multimedia Elements
- ▶ Global Accessibility
- ▶ Interactivity and Participation
- ▶ Flexible Formats

# The Power of Digital Storytelling

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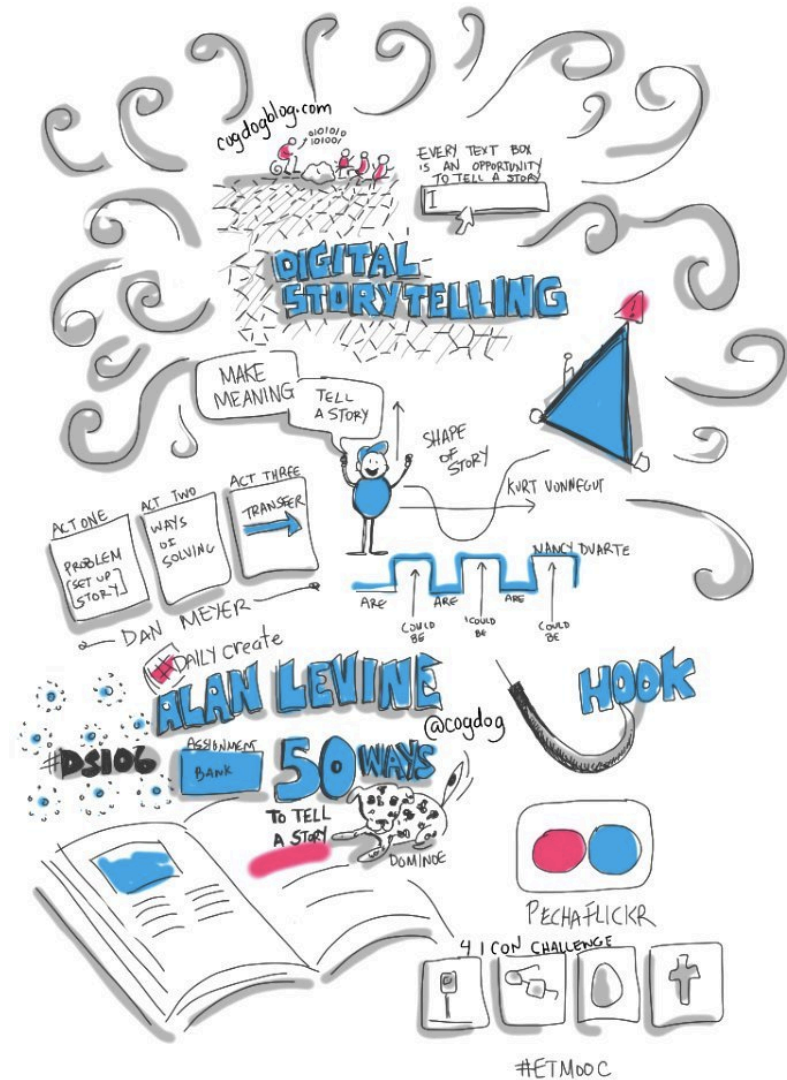


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# Key Benefits of Digital Storytelling

1. Engagement and Motivation
2. Critical Thinking and Communication
3. Digital Literacy and Technical Skills
4. Personal Expression and Reflection
5. Preparation for the Digital Age



# Some examples from the classroom

1. Frankenstein

2. The crazy fish



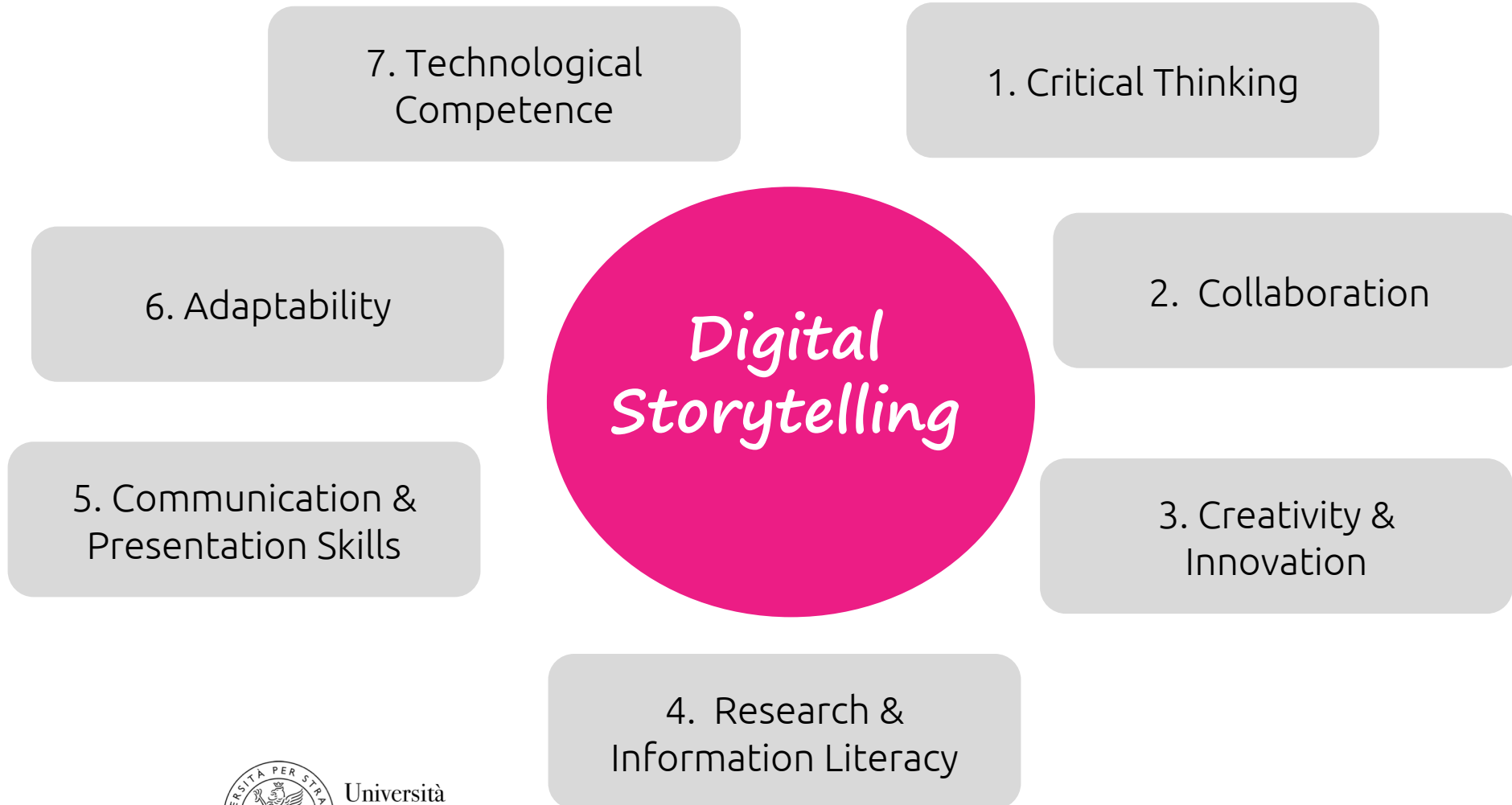


# Developing Employability Skills Through Digital Storytelling

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# Developing Employability Skills



# Best Practices for Digital Storytelling

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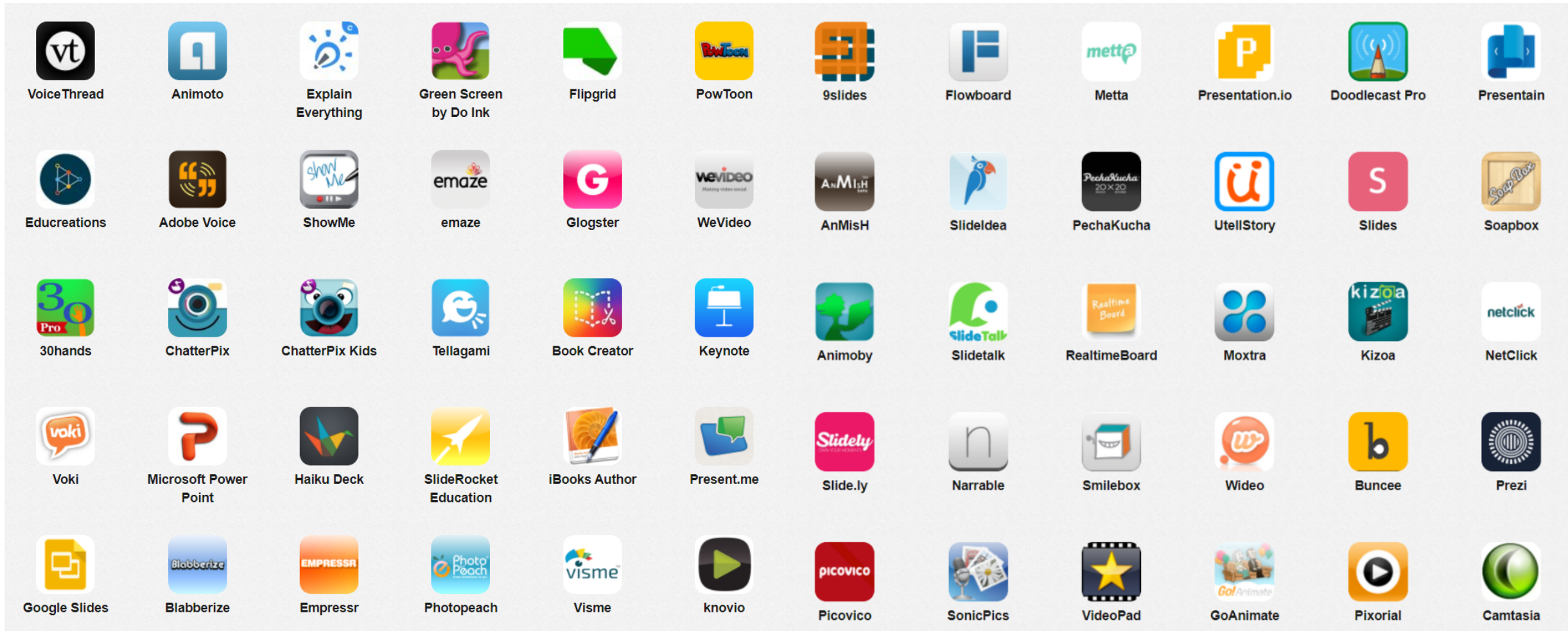
# Creating an effective digital story comprises:

- ▶ Multimedia Elements
- ▶ Narrative Structure
- ▶ Interactive Elements
- ▶ Visual Design
- ▶ Audience Considerations



# Digital Storytelling Tools

132 different tools



# Digital Storytelling and AI

## The new era of storytelling.

Tome is the AI-powered format for your work & ideas.

Try Tome



### A Girl's Journey to Success

Once upon a time, there was a girl who had a dream of becoming a successful freelancer. She started her journey with determination and hard work. She learned new skills and improved her existing ones. She faced many challenges but never gave up. She kept pushing herself and never lost hope. Her dedication paid off when she started getting more clients and her business began to grow.

Today, that girl is a successful freelancer and has achieved her dream. She continues to learn and improve every day and is an inspiration to many who want to follow in her footsteps.



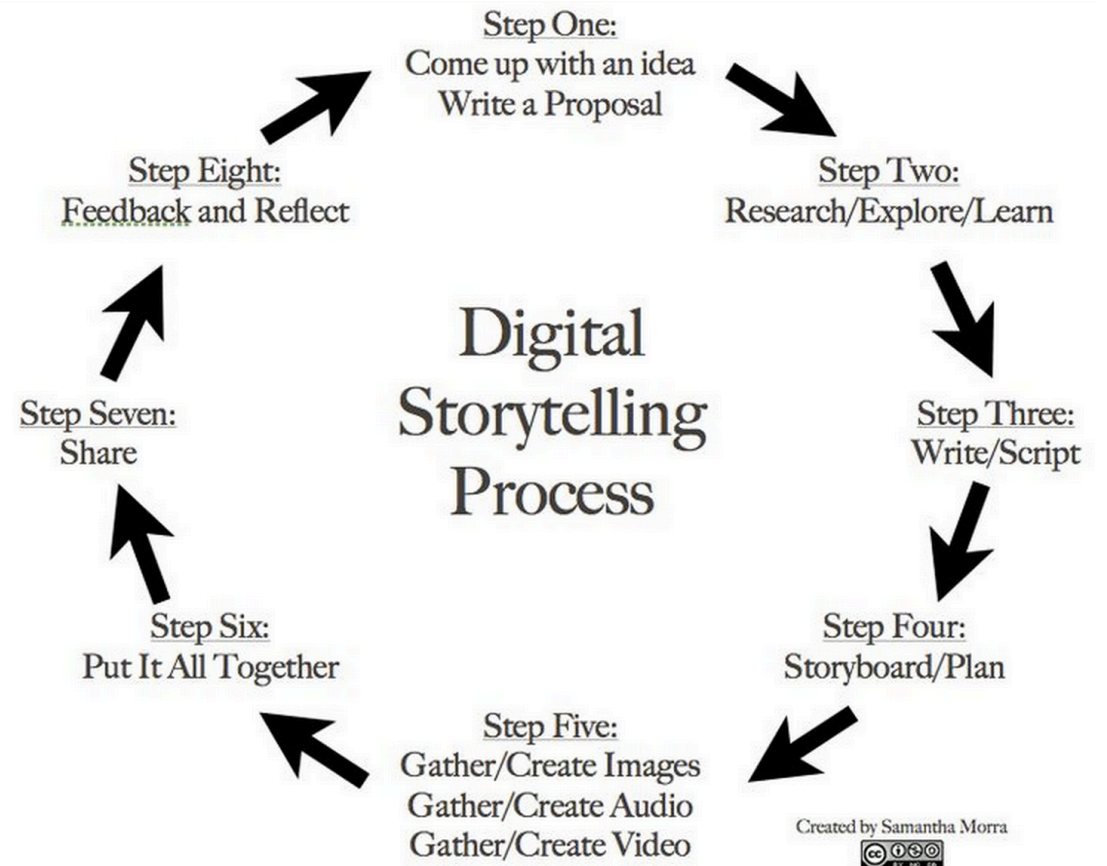
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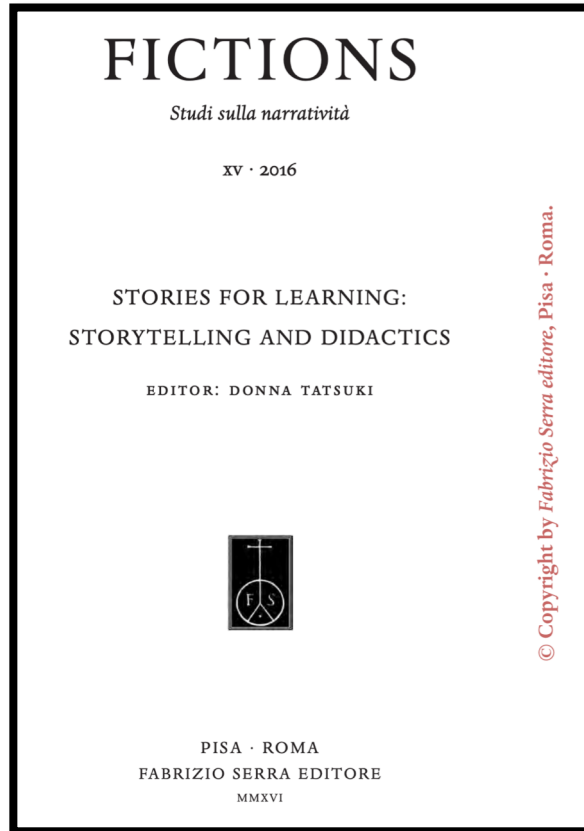
# Integrating Digital Storytelling

Integrating digital storytelling goes beyond knowing the tools. It's about implementing a well-paced plan that outlines objectives and expectations, empowering students to learn through this creative process.



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# Digital Storytelling for CLIL



DIGITAL STORYTELLING FOR CLIL

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If history were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten.

RUDYARD KIPLING

STORYTELLING is innate in the human species and the oral tradition of telling stories has served as the basis for education for centuries. Digital stories stem from this model and move a step forward, incorporating rich, dynamic media. In fact, a digital story typically begins with a script. Then you have to assemble rich media to support the ideas and emotions in that script, including music, video, audio effects so that the final product is a short movie, usually about two to four minutes long. It can be simple with basic functions, but also sophisticated and interactive and can have instructional, persuasive, historical or reflective purposes.

Working with digital storytelling at school can be very effective and productive in terms of motivation and learning outcomes. As Gino Roncaglia states in a recent interview, «providing the students with the ability to produce, select, manage, evaluate and disseminate complex digital information should be among our fundamental teaching objectives».<sup>2</sup>



FIG. 4. Voki.<sup>1</sup>



# Digital Storytelling for CLIL in a primary school



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### DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND STORYTELLING FOR CLIL IN A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN ITALY

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#### Introduction

During the COVID-19 pandemic, most schools and universities in Italy, like many educational institutions around the world, were forced to switch to online teaching and to reshape their teaching methodologies and techniques to include digital technologies. This shift, of course, included schools that were providing instruction using content and language integrated learning (CLIL). It is important to consider the impact of the shift to online learning when instruction is given in a second or foreign language, as in CLIL, and to look for techniques that may prove effective in both remote and in-person instruction.

In this chapter, digital technologies will be addressed for use in CLIL. The focus is aimed at engaging primary school students in active and interactive tasks and projects. For the study reported here, a digital storytelling project was designed by one teacher for an online postgraduate course and implemented in her CLIL classroom. The example will be described and then discussed in terms of data that were collected from the teacher's action-research project and teaching diary, as well as from an interview with the teacher and informal discussions with learners during the implementation phase.

Miss, I learnt better [with digital learning technologies] in English. I had fun when I opened the many links in Genially and when you taught us about London, it was beautiful. No doubt at all! London! London calling module! I love the Queen and her role, and all around and about her, the guards, the jewels of the crown, the Prince who died when very old. And, thanks to your lesson now I'm looking forward to visiting London. I'm so curious right now. I know all the monuments by heart!

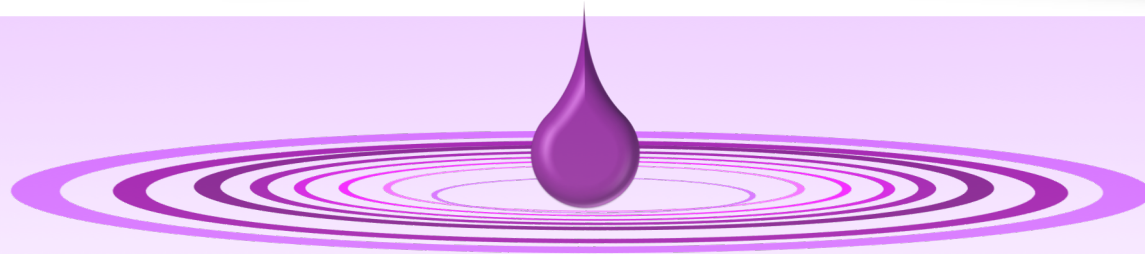
(Discussion, E. P.)

But, if I have to choose one story, I would say your version of the Three Little Pigs, especially for the fun storytelling you arranged. We loved all the stories because we loved the way you rearranged them. Just think about "the real story of the three little pigs." When we saw the salami and ham we rolled on the floor laughing! Or when you performed Snow White and pretended to faint onto the ground after biting the apple! We were in Year 1, and we laughed out loud seeing you on the floor."

(Discussion, A. T.)

# Digital Storytelling develops employability skills

Trinity's Exam Suites  
GESE (2-skills)  
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self-evaluation  
personalisation  
planning/organisation  
practising English

**Tests  
that assess  
in the contexts of  
Employability skills**

problem solving  
engages thinking skills  
self-management  
presentation skills

# Trinity Exams



## English Language

Trinity Stars  
Trinity GESE  
Trinity ISE  
TESOL



## Music

Rock & Pop  
Classica & Jazz  
Music Theory  
Music Diplomas  
Music Certificates



## Drama

Speech and Drama  
Acting  
Performance arts  
Musical Theatre

# The power of digital storytelling in the contemporary classroom



*One of the reasons that digital stories fit so well with today's students is that they incorporate the skills, tools, and practices that resonate with contemporary learners.*

- Michael Searson



# Q&A

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