Voicethread is an online web 2.0 tool that allows the user (registration required) to upload or select online/offline images, documents and videos, then add narration and vocal comments to create an audio/visual presentation or product. These can then be shared with other users, embedded in web pages or exported for offline viewing. Offline exporting is a paid service. This is a tool for student or teacher presentations and publications, in an audio/visual medium. Voicethread allows students and teachers to comment or place feedback on Voicethreads in text or auditory formats.

**Process:**
1. Create an account (Free).
2. Upload images or select from online source.
3. Add comment (voice and text).
4. Share by embedding, email invitation or exporting to offline format.

**URL**
http://voicethread.com

**Alternatives:**
Microsoft Photostory is a free offline alternative to Voicethread. Download and install, add images, music, narration and commentary then produce as a WMV format movie. It is limited in the distribution of the product and interactivity. Enhanced podcasts (either containing documents or "vodcasts") are also alternatives.

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As a classroom tool, Voicethread enables the **visual** and **auditory learner** and can be used in any curriculum area.

Students or teachers need to **access images** either by taking their own or by accessing images from the internet and obtaining permission to use these. From here they **upload** them to the site or enter the images URL (Universal Resource Locator). The user **add their commentary and narration** (see right) and make the voicethread available by sharing, embedding or emailing the URL. Other students can also comment on the Voicethread.

**In science**, this tool can be used to achieve a wide variety of **educational outcomes**. Students can use Voicethread to **present** experiments, **report** back on research and assignments, **describe** observations, explain reports, **create and evaluate** etc.

For the teacher, this can be a great tool for **delivering content** and **revising lessons**. For the students, teachers **presenting**, **describing and explaining** using this tool allows them to have the **familiarity of the teachers** explanations linked with **anywhere anytime access** to the resources. Students can **stop and replay** the explanation and view the resources as often as they need to develop understanding.

A **quick search** on Voicethread using the keyword "Science" quickly reveals a broad selection of **resources shared** on the site. The use of comments allows the students (and teachers) to receive feedback on their Voicethreads.

**Searching for resources using keywords like Science.**

Sharing your student’s work by embedding the URL in a webpage or emailing the address.