

# Teaching with Technology



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# Objectives

## Participants will:

- Learn about OTAN and its vision.
- Learn how to find the latest Web-based Class Activities
- Learn how they can receive OTAN's monthly Teacher's Digest

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- Learn how to search Teaching with Technology entries.
- View an entry and learn how it is set up.
- View several entries that can be used in any classroom tomorrow.
- Explore Teaching with Technology

# OTAN

## Outreach and Technical Assistance Network

# OTAN's Vision

To lead California adult education in the integration of technology into the educational process, ultimately empowering learners to meet their academic, employment and civic goals.

## ABOUT OTAN



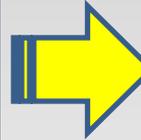
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Collaboration and  
Information**

**Instructional  
Technology**

**Distance Learning**

## Web-based Class Activities

- Published monthly (10 months)
- Broader look at a topic that may include numerous resources.
- Graphics



## Teaching with Technology

- Updated annually
- Specific lesson topic with suggestions for more ways to use resource.
- Online Database

# Web-based Class Activities

<https://www.otan.us>

## Training

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## Calendar

Find and register for training and conferences at the California Adult Education and Professional Development Web site.

- [Upcoming Events](#) 

## Administrators' Digest

Brief articles of interest to California adult education administrators, and links to more information.

- [Current Issue](#)
- [Past Issues](#)

## Teachers' Digest

Announcements of OTAN online and face-to-face workshops and links to new teacher resources on OTAN.

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# Teachers' Digest

OTAN Digest #99

February 2018

## News

### **TDLS Registration is Now Open for California Adult Educators**

The Technology and Distance Learning Symposium is for all California adult education teachers, coordinator and administrators at WIOA-funded agencies. This yearly event shows how to enhance technology integration in the classroom and how to start or grow your blended/distance learning programs through dynamic presentations and hands-on technology skill development.

### **Open Educational Resources Set to Become an Essential Teaching Tool in 2018**

Open educational resources (OER) have long been touted as "the next big thing" in higher education, but the drawn-out hype has led many educators and administrators to wonder if it would ever live up to its expectations. Those days are over.

### **California Could Introduce an Online-Only State Community College**

## **February's New Web-based Class Activity!**

### Trello in Education

In the February's 2018 Web-based activity article, Debbie Jensen posits that "Trello is a visual collaboration tool that can be used for lesson planning, class organization, student research, organizing writing assignments, project based learning and more. It is free."



## **Professional Development**

### Online Workshops & Webinars:

OTAN offers short, online workshops to meet the demands of busy adult educators. We are currently working on our line up for this year, so stay tuned and check the [California Adult Education Professional Development](#) calendar so you won't miss any!

### Face-to-Face Workshops:

Contact us at 916-228-2580 or e-mail [support@otan.us](mailto:support@otan.us) to schedule one of our workshops at your school this year! We will do most of the work for you. We just need



## Teaching Resources

### Web "Sittings":

#### [Be Internet Awesome!](#)

Google has created four free mini games that are aimed at K-12 but could certainly be used in the adult education classroom to help create awareness about internet safety and help them understand the consequences of their actions.

In "Kind Kingdom", bullies have spread bad vibes throughout Interland. Your mission is to collect hearts and cheer up the citizens. You also need to block bullies and report their bad behavior.

"Mindful Mountain" allows you to send posts, but different paths share each post with a different audience. Your goal is to share each post with only its intended audience. If a post is shared with someone outside of the intended audience, an explanation is given, and examples of possible consequences, and you are invited to try again.

In "Tower Treasure", your goal is to collect lowercase letters, uppercase letters, and symbols, then combine them to make a strong password.

In "Reality River", you need to cross a river to get to the other side. To do this, you are given a scenario along with 3 possible answers. Your avatar jumps onto the selected platform, and if the correct answer is chosen, you remain on the platform and move on to the next question. If the incorrect answer is chosen, you move back to the previous platform, and are invited to try again.

Once all activities have been completed, you are declared "Internet Awesome", and can claim a "Certificate of Awesomeness. You can then see your scores for each game and revisit the lessons to try for a higher score!

#### [BookWidgets](#)

Bookwidgets is an interactive learning site that allows teachers to create interactive lessons and widgets for tablets, smartphones, and computers. The lesson plan linked here focuses on chemistry. There are different membership plans available. The free plan requires students to be signed in to an account, but allow teachers to collect, review, and grade student work. Paid plans allow teachers to create and share widgets through the website or the BookWidgets tool. Be sure to read the Terms of Use for further information.

## Web-based Class Activities

Scroll to the bottom of this page to view past months of Web-Based Class Activities!

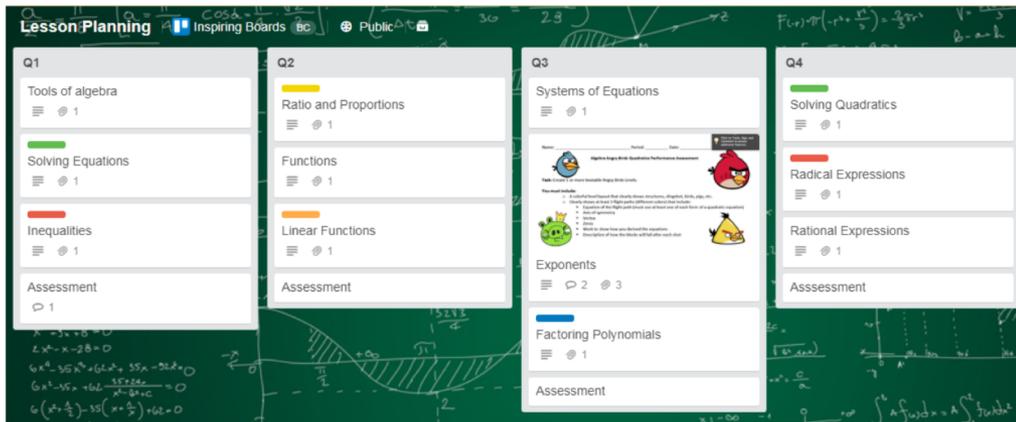
### Trello in Education

by Debbie Jensen,  
Posted February 2018

Trello is a visual collaboration tool that can be used for lesson planning, class organization, student research, organizing writing assignments, project based learning and more. It is free.

At first look, Trello is a program to help with organization. But it can help us in so many ways beyond just organizing. Here are five ways we can use Trello in our classrooms. Then we will drill down and see the nuts and bolts of one project to use in your class on Monday.

### Lesson Planning



**CAPTION:** The board is titled, Lesson Planning. The lists are organized by quarters. On each list there are cards of links. On the backs of



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That happened in 2017. This year, the list of colleges with “open learning initiatives” of various kinds has boomed, and much of that has been part of an essential drive to modernize their classrooms and push the cost of education down. For example, both the City and State University of New York systems are investing millions in OER.



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[OTAN : Teaching Tools and Resources](#) : Teaching with Technology

## Teaching with Technology

You know your subject, you know how to get your students engaged and focused, but what about how technology can enhance your lesson? Here is a new tool to help adult education teachers locate and learn about Web sites and other technology related to the lesson topic.

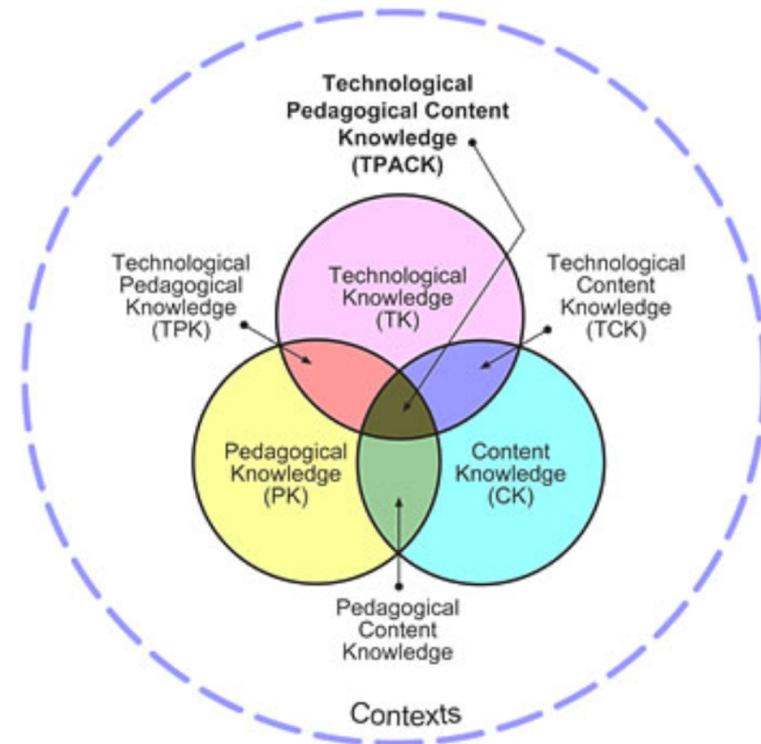
Start by choosing your program area: Adult Basic Education (ABE), English as a Second Language (ESL), or Adult Secondary Education (ASE). Then choose the level of your class, the skill you want to address, and the standard or CASAS competency for the lesson. When you search, the tool will find all the technology examples that fit your criteria. You can also search for key words.

Watch the introduction video on this page to learn more. There are also videos on the pages for each program area where a teacher explains how they use this site.

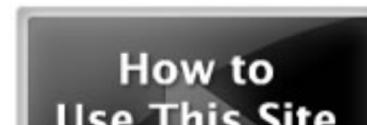
## Look for technology to match your lesson

[Search for teaching resources](#) in:

- [ABE: Adult Basic Education](#)
- [ESL: English as a Second Language](#)
- [ASE: High School Equivalency Preparation](#)
- [ASE: High School Diploma](#)



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Thank you for joining this  
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