

Twitter

What are you doing?



Sensory Learning: Read/Write learner.

Bloom's Digital Taxonomy: Understanding - summarising, paraphrasing, commenting.

Starter Sheet - Tools for Teachers

Twitter is a microblogging and personal communication tool. Twitter allows the user to send short messages of up to 140 characters while either addressing a message directly (and privately) at a person, at a person in a public forum or in a general announcement.

Twitter is built around the basis of the question "What are you doing?". You write a short message and publish this to your intended audience. People will reply or comment on your microblog using the @persons-name to address the message to you. Short, simple and quick, welcome to twitter.

Process: 1. Create an account (Free). 2. Set up your profile. 3. Add or invite friends or colleagues. 4. Twitter with your personal network.



The **Twitter interface** shows the latest updates from the tweets you are following. You can track back over time as well.



Clicking on the "**followers**" link allows you see the people who are following your posts.

URL

<http://www.twitter.com>

Alternatives:

Tumblr is an alternative to twitter. It is a microblogging site with a 140 character limit. If you are not interested in a microblogging tool, instant messaging tools or chatrooms provide alternatives.



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As a classroom tool, Twitter has huge potential to be either a **huge distraction** or a **invaluable assistant**.

The short messages (only 140 characters long) makes messages that are quick and to the point. While originally designed to keep people updated about your activities, many educators use Twitter to access their **Personal Learning Network (PLN)**. As the teacher (or student) posts a question, members of their **PLN** can offer advice, solutions or resources.

Please sign in

user name or email address:

password:

Remember me

Forgot password? [Click here.](#)

The Login screen for Twitter.

For Professional Learning, this tool can be used to tap into a global network of education professionals. Add your friends and colleagues to the people you are following and as they "twitter" you can follow their updates. This tools keeps you up to date and facilitates communication.

Bloggers will often have their blogs linked to twitter, so as they update their blogs you will recieve updates on recent posts. Most major news agencies also use twitter to make news announcements. News agencies and Major organisations include:

- BBC News @bbcnews
- CNN @cnn
- NASA @nasa
- Discovery Education Network @DEN

Join the Conversation

Already use Twitter on your phone? Finish sign up now.

Full name enter your first and last name

Username

Your URL: http://twitter.com/USERNAME

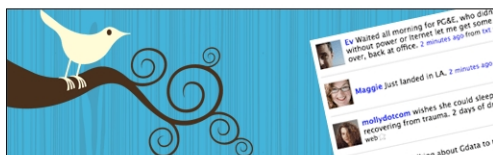
Password

Email

I want the inside scoop—please send me email updates!



What is Twitter?



Twitter is a service for friends, family, and co-workers to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: **What are you doing?**

[Get Started—Join!](#)

This is the Start Page for **Twitter**.
 Find people. Follow them.

You can search for people you know who already have a Twitter account.

Who are you looking for?

Search for a username, first or last name

You can add people to your network by inviting via email or other social networks.

An easy way to find suitable people to follow is to look at your friend's followers. By **clicking** on the your follower names (or the people you are following) you can view their followers.

Often Tweets (people using twitter) will have their **updates** set as **private**. When you click on these people they have to approve you following them. **Twitter can be a private network**.

You also have **control** over who is following you too. You can **Block** people from seeing your updates. Like all social networks it pays to be conservative in who you follow and who follows you.