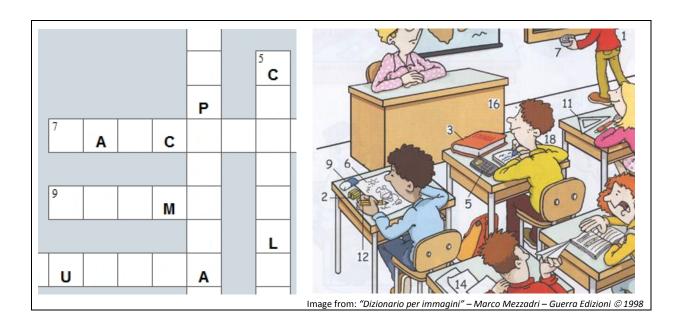




VISUAL CROSSWORD



Brief Description

A visual-crossword is a crossword where clue sentences are replaced by pictures (visual clues). Visual crosswords can be used in language classes to acquire new vocabulary and exact spelling and can be customized to study content.

Another benefit is that they are associated with recreation, and can be less intimidating for students as review tools.

Materials

Computer, scanner, printer.

Software: simple graphics painting program, Crossword builder, Wordprocessor.

Free Puzzle creation software and websites are abundant, and easy to use:

e.g.

Crossword builder: http://www.asymptopia.org/AsymptopiaXW/xw.html

EclipseCrossword: http://www.eclipsecrossword.com/

Hot Potatoes: http://hotpot.uvic.ca/





Steps

- Collect pictures: in different ways: e.g. on internet (e.g. Google images search), Clipart collections, with a scanner from books (e.g. illustrated dictionaries use pictures to group words together into logical groups).
- Use a Paint software to create an image with the collected pictures
- Insert the word-list in the Puzzle creation software
- Print separately the crossword puzzle solution.
- Copy the empty grid and paste it into a word document
- Write the correct numbers near the clue pictures
- Copy the image and paste it into the word document
- Print the word document with the empty grid and the visual clues and distribute to students
- Let your students work in pairs or small groups, it promotes maximum participation from all and cooperative skills.