WAYS TO USE TECHNOLOGY WITH ENGLISH LEARNERS

Technology gives ELs choice and voice in learning, provides context for language with pictures, graphics, and video, and gives alternate means for expression.

DISCUSSION & WRITING PROMPTS
Use visuals as writing/blog prompts, discussion starters, or as speaking icebreakers.
http://photoprompts.tumblr.com/
http://comdogart.com/
http://bogglesworldesl.com/creativewriting.htm
http://www.piclits.com/

MULTIMEDIA POSTERS
Share information or resources with students to support language OR have students demonstrate understanding with multimedia and interactive posters.
Buncee Blendspace Smore
Thinglink Glogster Google Slides

DIGITAL STORYTELLING
Give students choice and voice in how they create language. Create digital books to share stories that honor students’ experiences or demonstrate understanding of a concept.
Storybird LittleBirdTales Storyjumper
Zooburst MyStorybook

SPEAK WITH AN AVATAR
Giving students the opportunity to speak through an avatar helps ELs feel safer to practice using English because they do not feel as exposed. Allow students to practice and record responses multiple times to build oral language skills and confidence.
Tellagami Blabberize Voki
Sock Puppets Chatterpix

MAKE A VIDEO
Teacher-created videos give ELs opportunities to hear information multiple times. Students can create videos to demonstrate learning.
Powtoons Animoto GoAnimate
Educreations Youtube Capture WeVideo

INFOGRAPHICS
Adapt text to be more comprehensible for ELs. Have students create infographics to express information.
Canva Easelby Piktochart Infogram