

**THE BEST WEB SITES LINKED TO THE ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION OF LESSON PLANS
AS EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE
THEME: PLAY & LEARNING**

<http://www.quia.com>

is an American website which gathers educational resources on numerous subjects. All the activities are proposed in the form of educational games on-line, which allow to practice more than 40 subjects in key workshops. The site includes a compendium of hundreds of games and quizzes on-line divided into subjects and degrees of difficulty.

A section allows teachers to elaborate and insert, on the site, new games modelled on those already present, create quizzes and design web pages of quality without the need to know specific programmes.

Via Conforti di Rimini Primary School in the reading project 1999/2000: <http://utenti.tripod.it/avventuredipinocchio/giochi/giochi.htm> achieved a site on the “everlasting” Pinocchio: there is also the page on games where six are inserted: (2 puzzles, a quiz, a word search, guess who? and a colouring book) with the story and characters of Pinocchio.

The address for young “cyber archaeologists”: <http://www.giocaconilmuseo.net>, there is the site “Play with the Museum”, a virtual journey (in stages and with points and a final profile) inside a room of the National Archaeological Museum ‘D. Ridola’ of Matera.

The primary school and nursery of St. Mauro (Pinerolo):

<http://www.arpnet.it/~smaurodd/giochi.htm>, created four educational games and also offer a review page on software and educational games.

The Astronomical Observatory of Padova and Telecom Italia created the Virtual Planetarium:

<http://www.pd.astro.it/PlanetV/HOME.html>, an interactive course in Italian on the Web, where teenagers can learn the fundamental concepts of astronomy by playing.

“The Eye of Cleopatra” exists for young detectives:

<http://www.giardino.it/junior/LIBROGAME/Prologo.htm>, an investigative play-book.

Whereas, the spy-web exists for teenagers:

<http://www.multiwire.net/ludoteca/gialloweb/welcome.html>, which is part of the Telematic Workshop.

The Fun Science Gallery: <http://www.funsci.com/fun3.it/giochi/giochi.htm>, presents games once used, specifying what needs to be used and how to put the pieces together to obtain the precious instrument of the game.

For children who love colours, there is an American site, the Coloring.Com: <http://coloring.com>, which uses English expressions.

There is also the crosswords of Crossword.java in English (Internet Explorer accepts this java better): <http://javaboutique.internet.com/crossword>.

Illustrated stories told by children can be found at this address: <http://www.kids-space.org/story/story.html>.

Always in English, there is a site rich in games, from puzzles to classic videogames, from logical games to crosswords; it is the Clevermedia Shockwave Arcade, which is perhaps adapted to older children: <http://www.clevermedia.com/arcade/>.

A part of the site is dedicated to the educational sector where, for example, the GlobeSpotter can be found which is a game for learning geography in an enjoyable way.

Ancient Worlds for adventure in 3D for interactive games is of the AncientSites: <http://www.ancientsites.com/xi/activity/games/index.rage>.

Games and pastimes dedicated to the new European money help to familiarise people with the Euro, enjoying themselves, either alone or in company – on the site of Eurolandia: <http://eurolandia.tin.it/euro/giochi/index.htm>.

“Discover the Treasure 2000” is the adventure in network proposed by the Civic Network of Milan: <http://www.retecivica.mi.it/tesoro>, in which more than 4000 children are already participating!

Two good Canadian links to play in French!

“Learn with Animals”: <http://www.quebectel.com/escale/petits/index.htm>.

“Toytown”: <http://www.quebectel.com/escale/loisirs.htm>.

www.mybestlife.com/giocodimenticato

is devoted to the memory and promotion of old games, lists of games to save, appointments.

www.bdp.it/gioco/

Play on-line ... a space on educational play where you can meet, play, invent and exchange new games with others ...

<http://digilander.libero.it/historialudens>

The Association “Historia Ludens” organises revision courses, workshops on documents, historical games, activities in museums and archaeological sites, multimedia experiences ... for a new active and involving way of learning!

www.ingame.com

The Italian site dedicated to play in every way. It contains the reviews of board and electronic games, a games encyclopaedia, a chat dedicated to games, and even more.

www.rivistadada.it

The first magazine of European art for children from 6 – 106 years. A magazine of creators, creations, creativity and recreational.

www.comune.torino.it/gioco/centro/presenta.htm

Site of the centre for Play Culture of Turin Council.

www.giannirodari.it

It is possible to read the most famous fairy tales and nursery rhymes together with the biography of this famous Italian author.

www.bdp.it/Rodari/

Biography, bibliography, reviews and some writings of the celebrated literature author for children.

www.vanninieditrice.it/libri/hibiscus.htm

Hibiscus is a collection of texts dedicated entirely to intercultural, achieved in collaboration with COSPE of Florence, a corporation which has worked since 1990 to promote the insertion into schools of pupils from different origins.

www.saveriani.bs.it/cem/Rivista/arretrati/1999_01/sacchet.html

This which we present to you is a part of the work carried out by a heterogeneous group of people (nursery (0 –3 years) teachers, nursery (3 –6 years) teachers, primary and middle school teachers, pedagogic authorities, cultural operators, voluntary workers from different organisations), who, for two years, followed an educational course on subjects which regarded intercultural: in particular, the collation with diversity, reception, the willingness to listen, the collaboration on common projects.

www.saveriani.bs.it/cem/Rivista/arretrati/2001_01/paese.htm

Role Play which facilitates reflection on intercultural learning through a practical experience. It can be utilised either with considered “monocultural” classes, or with classes with pupils of foreign origins. The principal objective is to have a better understanding regarding the conditions of foreign pupils inserted into scholastic classes of the new country.

www.circolodidatticodivinci.it/progetto_interculturala.htm

Teaching project “PLAY IN THE WORLD” – intercultural workshop directed towards doing in a way that the presence of children of immigrants is truly an opportunity of exchange and a richness for all the children in the school and that “dead times” from scholastic activities, are for them, always less, and that they feel involved as protagonists (not only received and accepted) in the educational process.

www.bibliotecainterculturale.it

“Intercultural Library” because the book becomes, in fact, a “bridge” between cultures, or rather, a tool to build “intercultural activities and paths” with the classes, to provide the opportunity of knowledge, approach, enrichment and exchange.

www.stroccofillo.it

Stroccofillo.it is the Internet site of language games and of creative writings for children from 5 – 12 years. With Stroccofillo, it is possible to go to the discovery of games and nursery rhymes, of converted machines and materials to dispose of, of Rodarian and language curiosity sites, of messages in verse, and really special connections.