

# Cool Tools 2.0

## FSI Trainers

### Adobe Connect/Brown Bag Presentation



#### **Group Chat Rooms**

[www.todaysmeet.com](http://www.todaysmeet.com)

This simple forum allows you to create an open and uncensored discussion forum in which group members can make comments, ask questions, share links and easily interact with others. Through this online discussion, facilitators can gauge audience needs, better tailor presentations, and print a transcript of the conversation for future reference. No formal account is needed for invited members to post in a “room” and rooms are deleted when indicated by facilitator.

#### **Online Teaching**

[www.kubbu.com](http://www.kubbu.com)

Kubbu features online teaching tools such as matching, multiple choice, crosswords and other quizzes that allow teachers to track progress and easily manage student or group accounts. All activities can be converted to printouts, exchanged among teachers, and imported and modified. Free version allows 30 students and 15 activities.

#### **Jeopardy Templates**

[www.jeopardylabs.com](http://www.jeopardylabs.com)

Use this online tool to create custom Jeopardy games or browse templates of games created by others. These Jeopardy games can be played online and do not require PowerPoint.

#### **Study Tools**

[www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)

Quizlet features study tools for practicing languages, vocabulary, and a variety of academic and professional subject areas. Users enter their own information to make study tools including flashcards, spelling tests, and mock exams and quizzes. Audio is available for language flashcard sets for beginners to advanced students. The user can track progress and review incorrect answers. Special Smart phone apps make Quizlet study tools easy to use anywhere.

## **Poll the Audience**

[www.polleverywhere.com](http://www.polleverywhere.com)

This tool uses cell phone technology to instantly poll the audience and to immediately display the results. User can also see the results in different formats (summary table, response history, live chart, static chart).

- You can download the polls directly into Powerpoint
- 3 different types:
  - Free text poll- you can ask any open-ended question, such as “What is your name?” or “Where do you come from?” or even “What questions do you have for the presenter?” The audience simply texts their answers
  - Multiple Choice Polls- A question is asked with multiple choice answers and the audience texts their choice. The results are then displayed as a graph in real time.
  - Goal Poll- not very pedagogical. People text in numbers and a thermometer climbs towards a goal. Used to track pledges, donations, or sales goals.

## **Cartoons**

[www.toondoo.com](http://www.toondoo.com)

Make cartoons to show specific situations or simply to add humor to any presentation. Fill-in-the blank cartoons are good to make the audience think about what they would do in any given situation or practice a new language skill.