

## Online Networking Resources

You can learn from your language teaching peers all over the world, thanks to online communication. Here are some resources for you to explore.

Twitter: Communicate with other teachers using hashtags such as #langchat, #flteach, and #latinlangchat. Learn more about Twitter and hashtags that are useful for educators here: <http://www.teachthought.com/twitter-hashtags-for-teacher/>

Pinterest: Get new ideas from other teachers and share your own. Here are some users you may want to follow: <http://www.pinterest.com/wlclassroom/>

Blogs: Use a blog to reflect on your own professional development and to share ideas, resources, and insights with other teachers. Follow other teachers' blogs. You can also participate in the ELT Blog Carnival, in which bloggers contribute articles focused on a chosen theme; learn more at <http://www.eflclassroom.com/eltblogcarnival/>

Listservs: Communicate with other language professionals through email. Engage in discussions about methods, ask for help with particular situations in your classes, and help others. Some, such as FLTEACH (<http://web.cortland.edu/flteach/>), are large groups for all language teachers, while others are specific to languages (such as the Latinteach listerv at <http://nxport.com/mailman/listinfo/latinteach>), and others are specific to specific ages of students (such as the Ñandutí listerv at <http://www.cal.org/earlylang/listservs.html>)

Online fora: Professional organizations often have online fora for members. For example, the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages has a set of communities for its teachers at <http://community.actfl.org/Communities/ViewDiscussions/AllDiscussions/>, and members of the American Association of Teachers of German can communicate at <http://www.aatg.org/forums/Default.aspx>. Check out your state and regional language teaching organizations to see if services include listservs, blogs, or online communities.