# A Few Words From Your NLTA Second Language Council

#### **DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK!**

Struggling to get your students speaking in their second language? Try playing "Don't Push Your Luck!". This fun and interactive game is sure to get your students talking in no time! Best of all, it takes just minutes to prepare. All you'll need is a large envelope, five pieces of green paper and one piece of red paper. First, divide the class into teams. Then choose a student from one team to answer a question using the target structure. For example, you may ask: "Where do you live?" and the student would respond "I live in Grates Cove." Once they have responded, they choose a piece of paper from the envelope. They can choose as many times as they like. For each green piece of paper, their team wins 10 points. However, if they find the red piece of paper, they lose all of the points accumulated in that round. Don't push your luck!

## **LASOURIS-WEB**

Looking for a website for French reading? Lasouris-web is great for younger immersion students or older core French students. There are links for listening included, as well as suggested teaching ideas. A rich resource! https://www.lasouris-web.org/primaire/francais-lecture.html

Cherchez-vous un site web pour la lecture? Lasouris-web est un site formidable pour les jeunes enfants en immersion précoce, ou des élèves un peu plus âgés en français de base. Il y a des liens pour pouvoir écouter les histoires aussi, ainsi que des stratégies de l'enseignement. Une ressource riche!

## **BON PATRON**

Bon Patron https://bonpatron.com/en/ is a free, no-sign-up site that provides proofing for short French texts. Users paste their work into the online corrector and click "check text." The proofed document is returned with the corrections highlighted or bolded, but not repaired. Because it requires the user to make corrections intentionally, Bon Patron's design makes users more accountable for their proofing. But the site also scaffolds awareness of a user's common grammatical, spelling, genre and punctuation problems with brief pop up explanations and fixup suggestions. Students can become more independent proofers with Bon Patron.

## **QUIZLET**

Quizlet was first developed to help its creator ace a French vocabulary quiz. It is now used for a range of disciplines and purposes but remains a great tool for second language learners. Teachers can create sets of content for their students to learn and work with. You can upload images and diagrams to go along with the questions. Once the set is complete, Quizlet then creates different opportunities to work through the material such as writing, listening, reading, matching and live or independent games. You can create folders and classes within Quizlet and even connect and share with Google Classroom. www.quizlet.com

## **TV5MONDE APPRENDRE**

Teachers and students can access listening activities online from A1-B2 in video format. Students can complete comprehension quizzes to check for understanding. Students can take an online placement test to determine their current level. Teachers can search for different themes to suit their students' needs.

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