

Avatars & Icons

Telling stories with the littlest of images



Aim	Students create stories and dialogues using avatars to develop their writing, grammar and language expression skills
Lesson	Teacher or students download free icon sets from site listed at right. Icons can be embedded in word, presentation or Comic Life documents Avatars could be animated in tools such as Powerpoint
Tools	Computer
Output	Comic book Animated presentation Word document
Key words	Avatar, icon, animation
Software	Web browser, Comic Life, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Pages, Keynote

Instructions:

1. Browse the icon sets at Icon Archive:
www.iconarchive.com
2. Select the icon sets that you wish to use for your story or project
3. Download the zip file at the icon set and unzip the file to view the folders of icons
4. Use the .png file icons to add to your Word, PowerPoint or Comic Life documents
5. Icons can be selected and resized
6. Students could create profiles, scripts, "databases" using the avatars to support their creative effort
7. Capable students could employ the animation features in PowerPoint or Keynote to bring their project to life.