

Have you been
paying attention?

Blogs and Podcasts

Free your mind and your class will follow

WA(n)LT

- what are blogs and podcasts
- not how to blog and how to podcast
- reasons to use blogs and make podcasts
- some resources available to help you blog and podcast

WI(n)LF

- your curiosity to be piqued
- go away and look into some of the ideas
- try...and possibly fail
- thinking that blogs and podcasts are some kind of panacea

Blogs

Literacy outcomes for A Curriculum for Excellence:

Definition of “texts”

novels, short stories, plays, poems, reference texts, the spoken word, charts, maps, graphs and timetables, advertisements, promotional leaflets, comics, newspapers and magazines, CVs, letters and **e-mails**, films, games and TV programmes, labels, signs and posters, recipes, manuals and instructions, reports and reviews, **text messages**, **blogs and social networking sites**, **web pages**, catalogues and directories

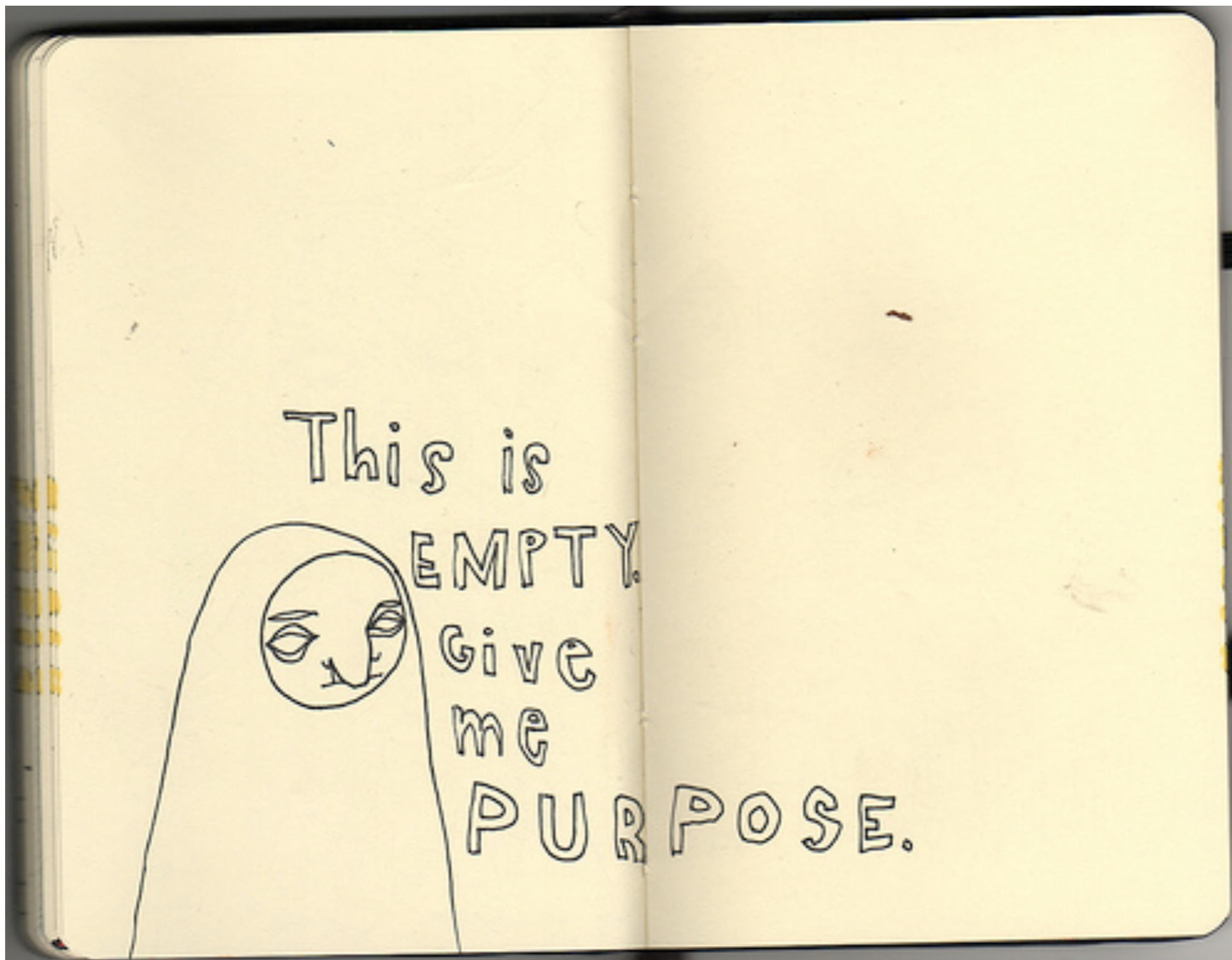
9 for Students



Fun



Audience



Purpose



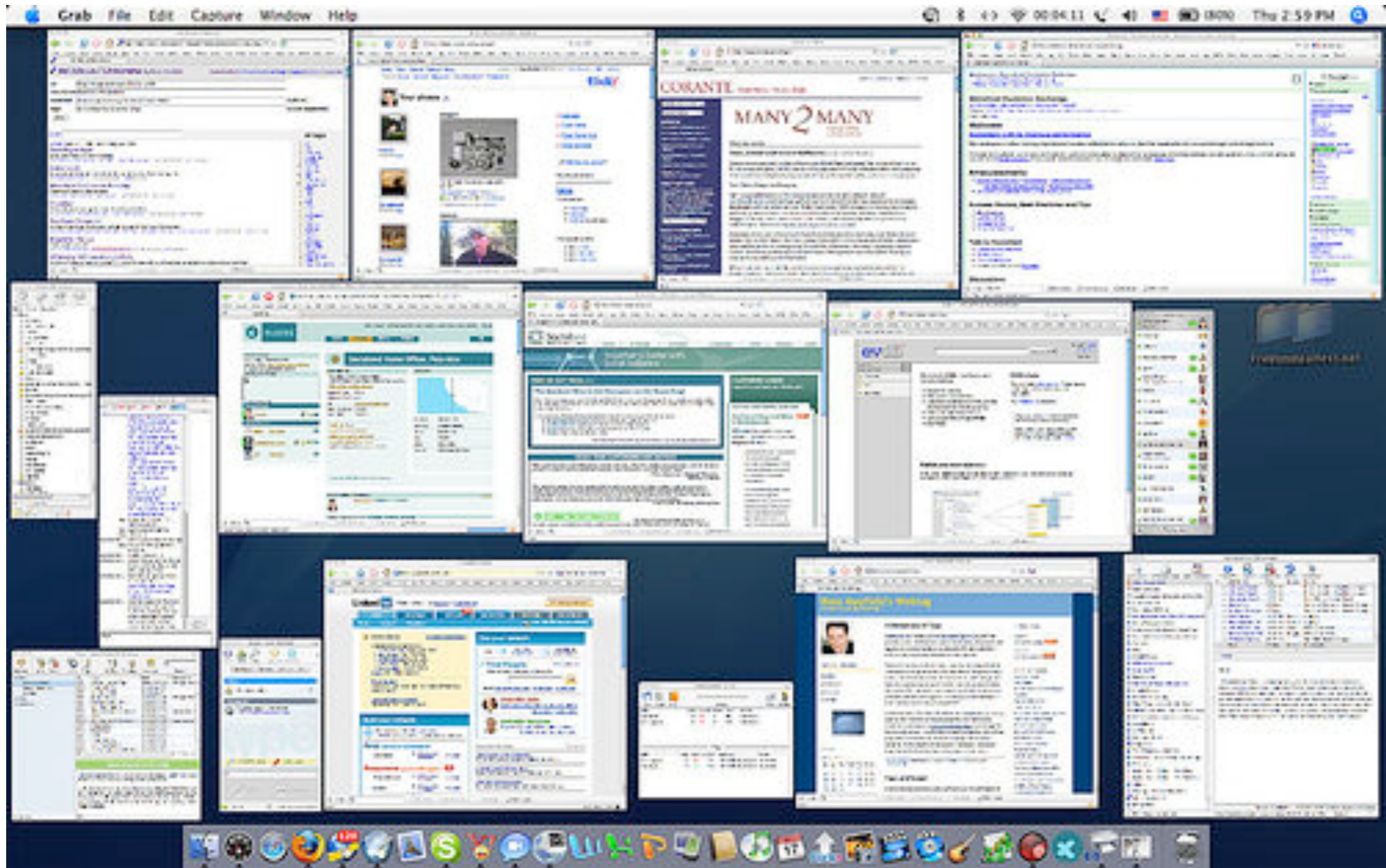
Motivation



Communication



Reflection



Immediacy



Safe



Literacy

6 For Teachers



Organiser



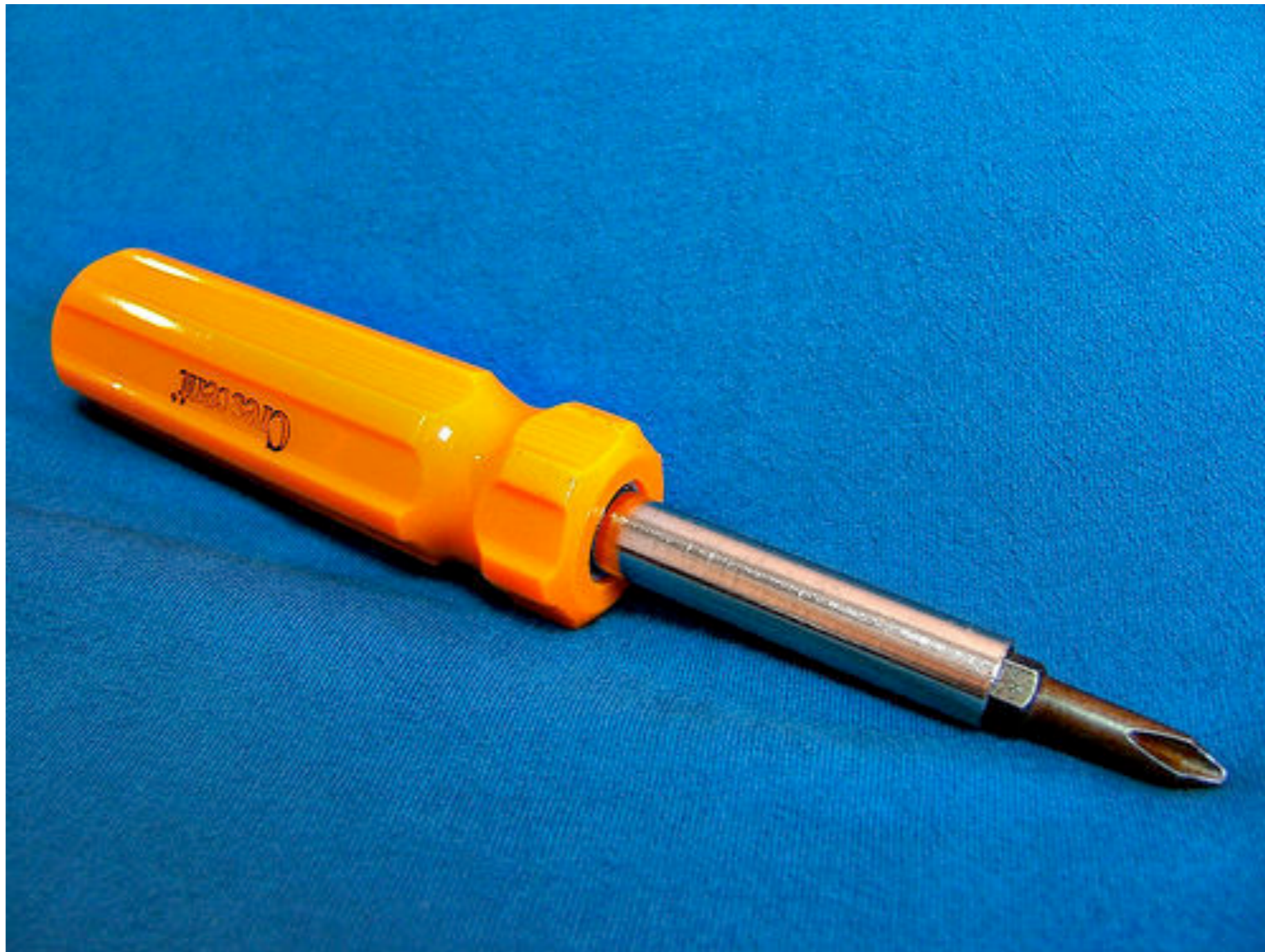
Share



Collaborate



Resource



Tool (for reflection)



Newsletter

Bloggging Platforms

- blogger
- wordpress / edublogs
- typepad

Podcasts

A podcast is a collection of **digital media files** which are distributed over the Internet, often using syndication feeds, for playback on portable media players and personal computers. The term podcast, like "broadcast", can refer either to the series of content itself or to the method by which it is syndicated; the latter is also termed podcasting.





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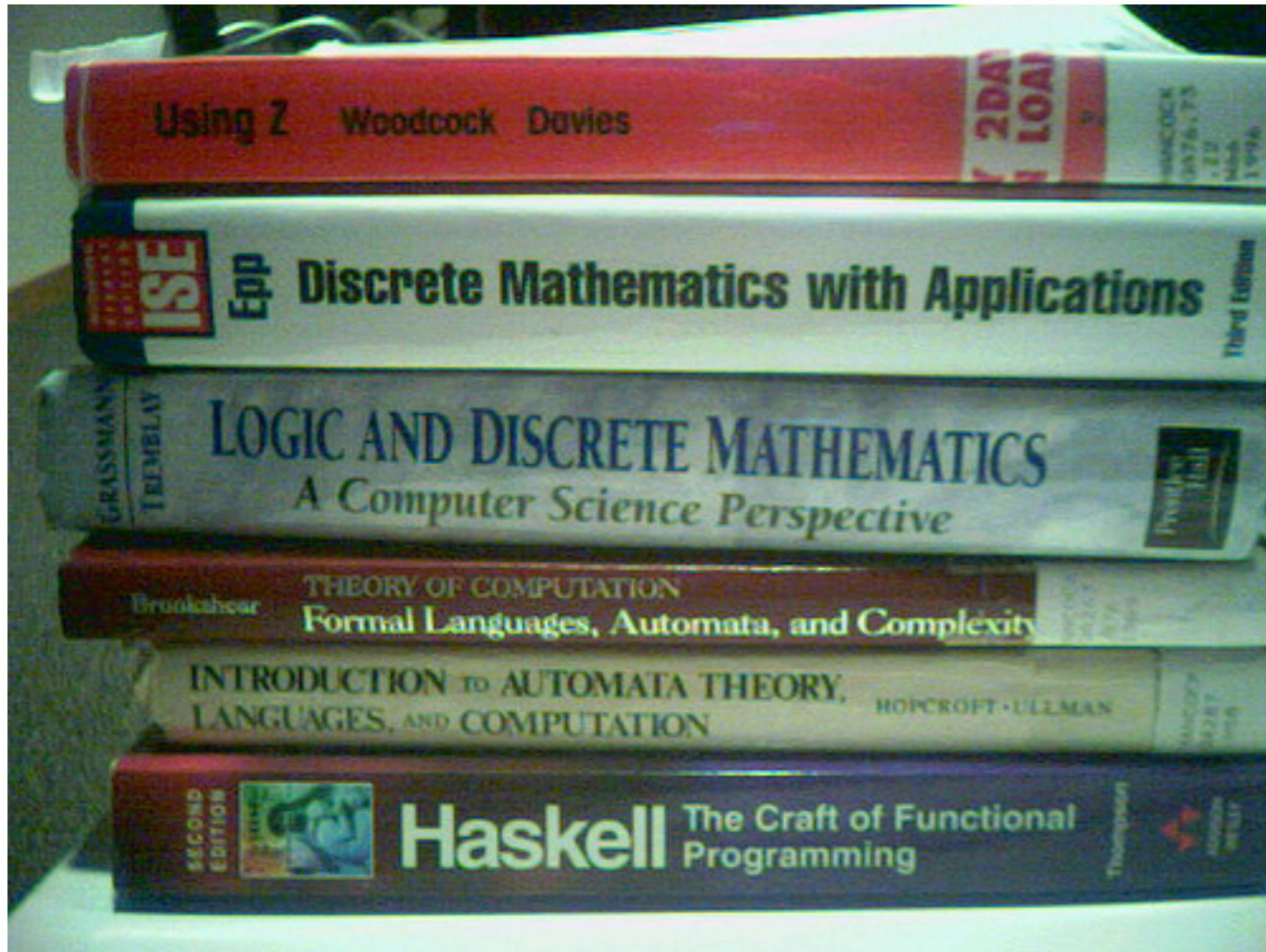
Pupil Voice



Breakdown Classroom Walls



Supplemental Information



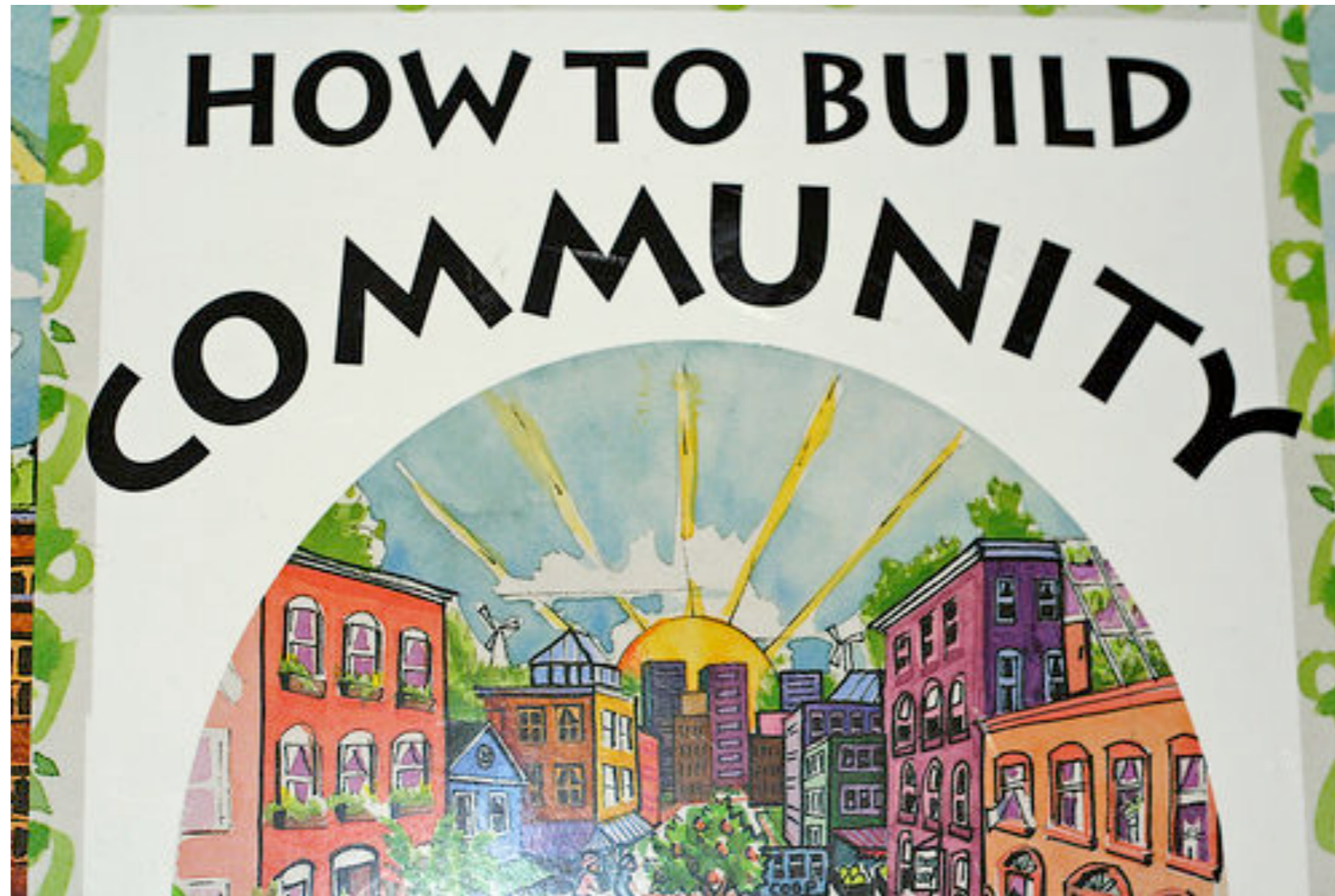
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Access for all



Creativity



Community Links



Audio Creation



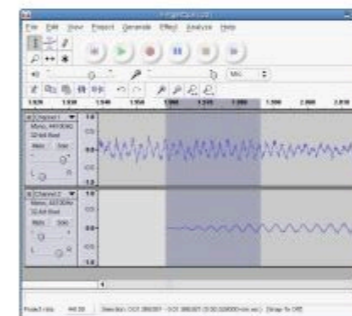
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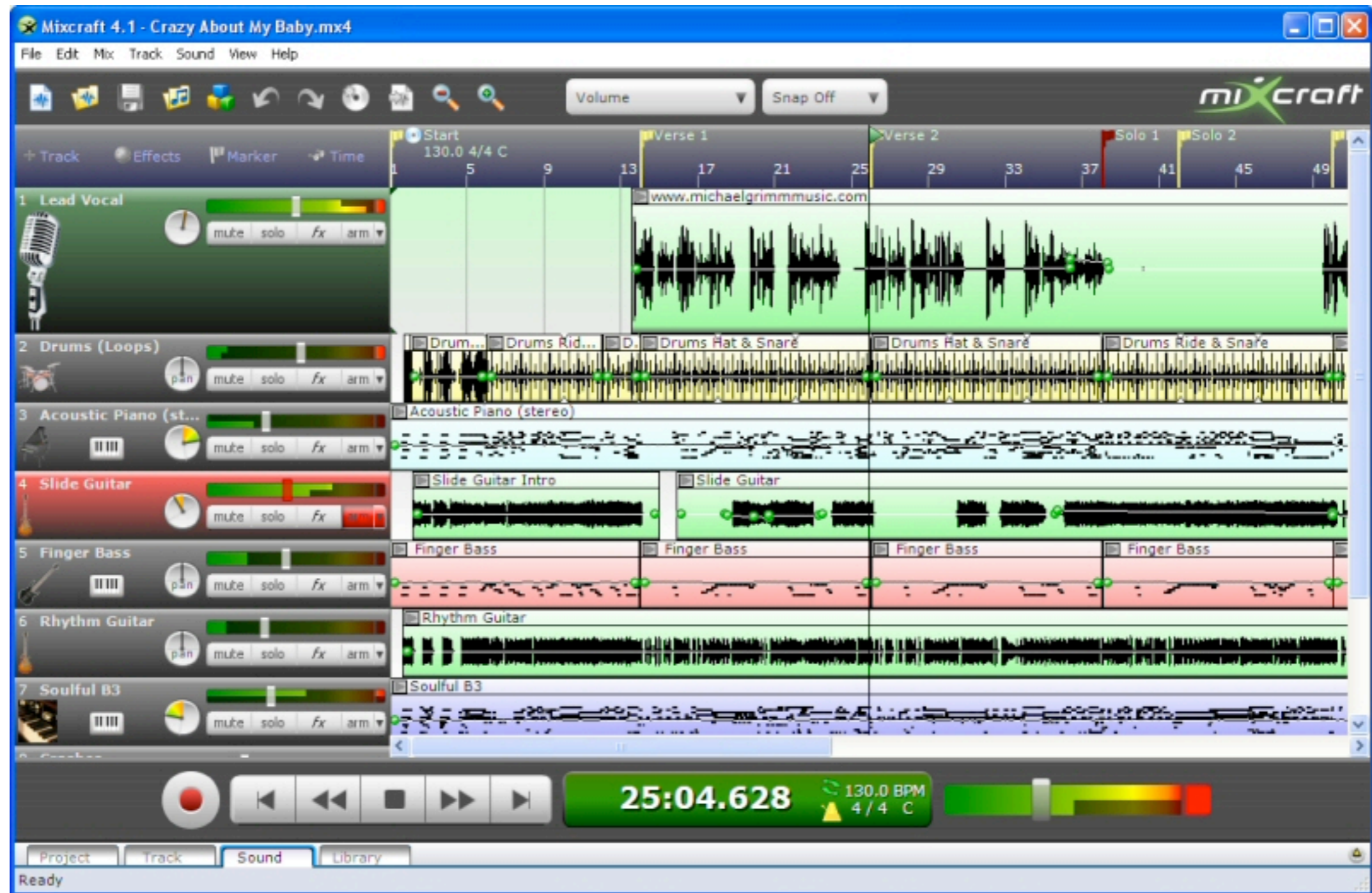
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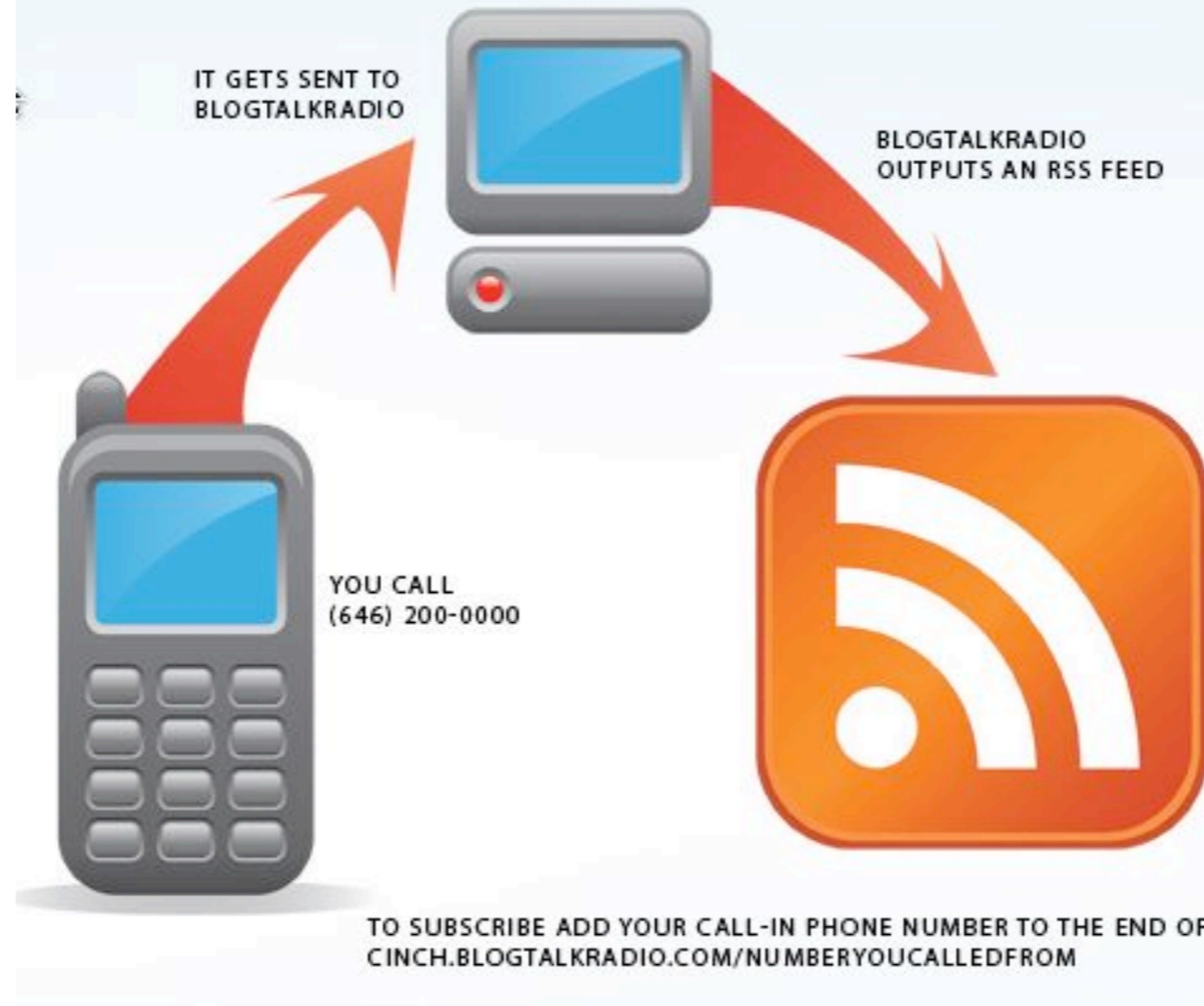
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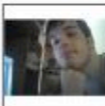
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- Post Your Reading in Website or Blog
- Turn Your Reading into a Podcast
- Enable Multi-tasking
- Saves Time
- Improve Comprehension

Read The Words



Enhanced Podcasts / Vodcasts

Just a podcasts with pictures or video...just!

Examples

A selection of podcasts / vodcasts produced by myself,
my students and my family.



Radio Shows



Pupil Presentations



Assembly Presentations



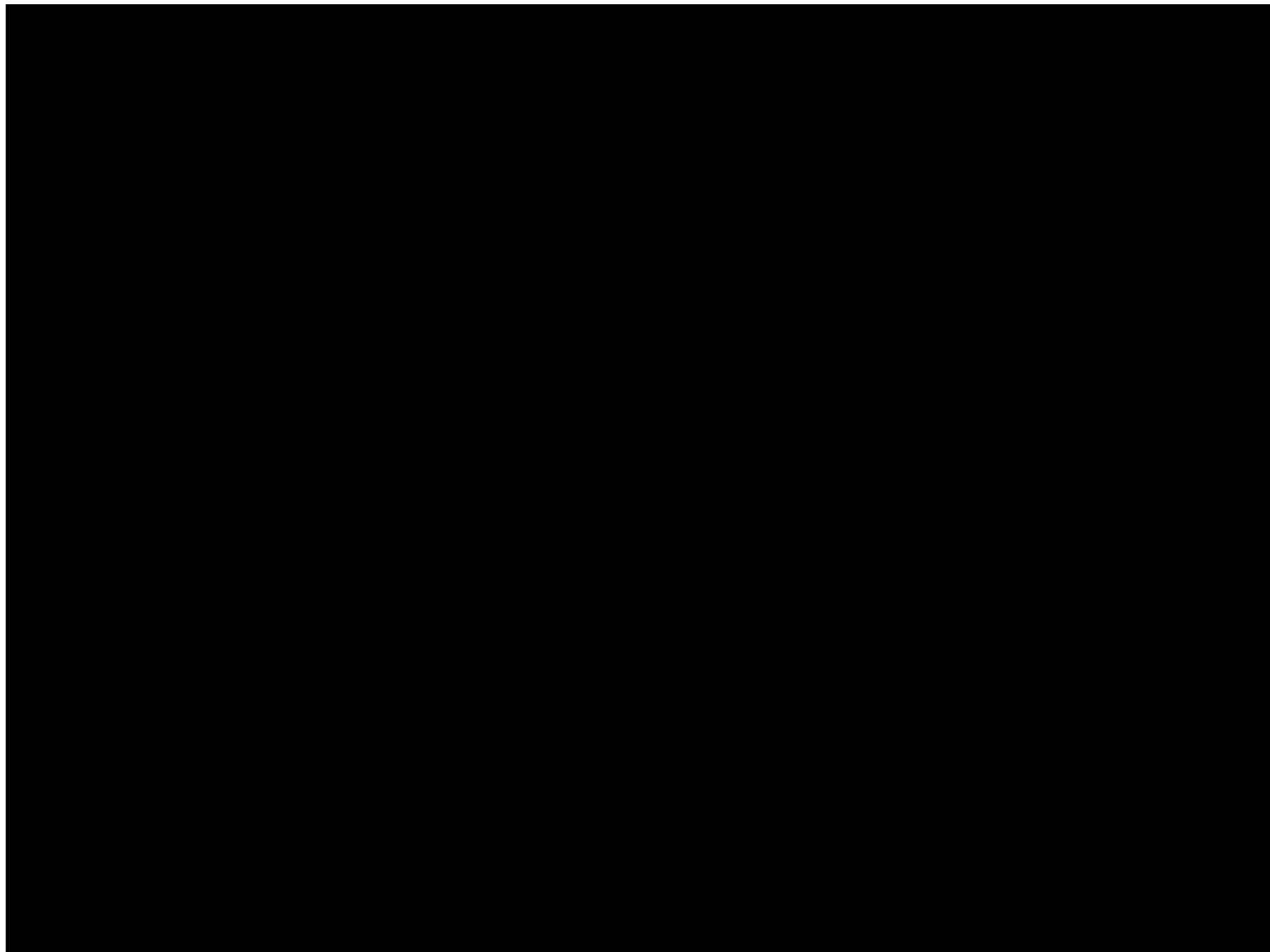
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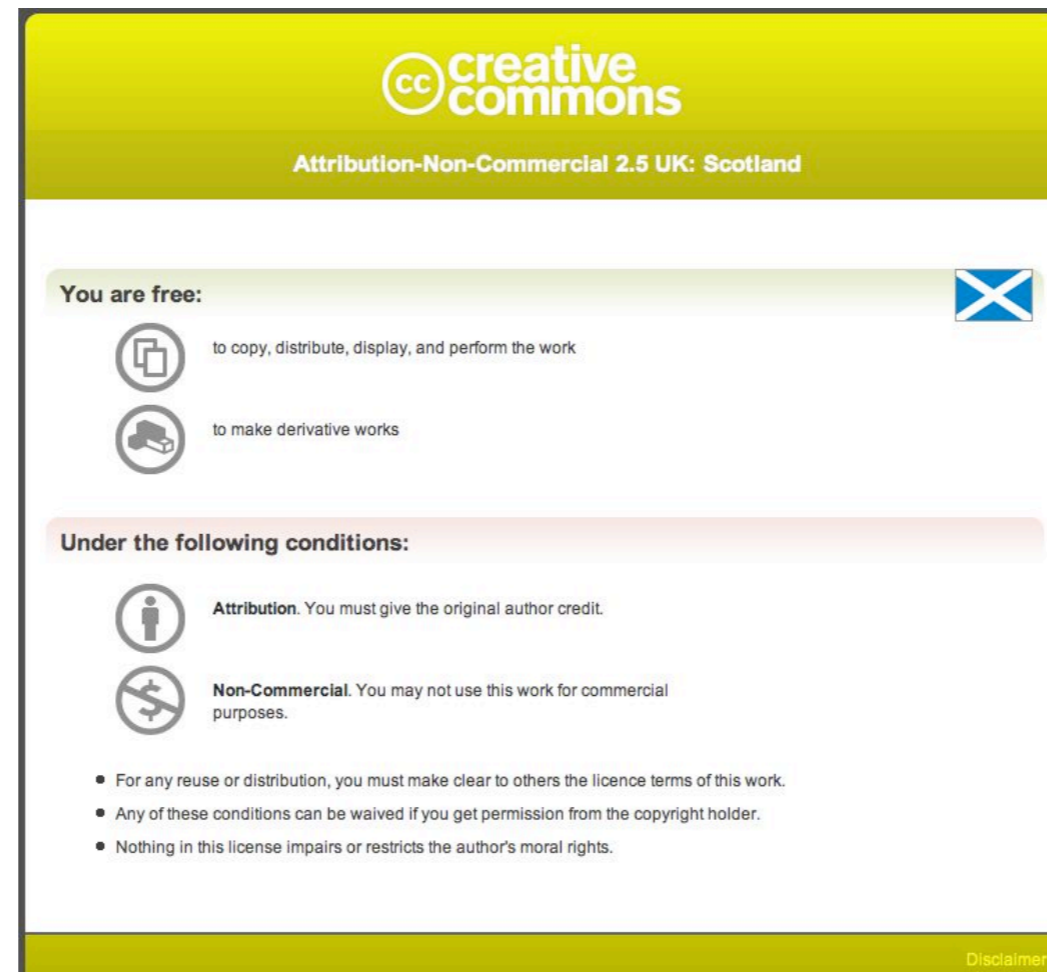
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- Sir Ken Robinson -