10 sites teachers use most, and what each does best

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A numbered list of ten sites teachers use in 2026, from Teachers Pay Teachers to Canva, with the feature each does best and the catch to know about.

These ten sites are where teachers spend most of their online working time in 2026: a marketplace, two classroom tools, a design tool, a quiz-game pair, a library, two crowds and two feeds. Each is listed with the one thing it does best and the catch. The list is chosen by reach and by what teachers say, not by a visit ranking, because public traffic figures for these sites disagree. For the reasoning, read where teachers hang out online.

1. Teachers Pay Teachers (teacherspayteachers.com). Best at: a ready-made unit for almost any topic, searchable by grade and standard, free and paid. Catch: quality varies by seller, and in October 2026 the seller tiers changed, which is upsetting the people who make the files.

2. Google Classroom (classroom.google.com). Best at: handing out work and collecting it, tied to the school login. In 2026 it gained Gemini tools for lesson plans, rubrics and quizzes. Catch: some AI features depend on which edition your school pays for.

3. Canva for Education (canva.com/education). Best at: making a poster, slide deck or worksheet that looks professional in ten minutes. Free for eligible K–12 teachers and students. Catch: it isn't open to every group; tutors and some homeschoolers need to check.

4. Reddit r/Teachers (reddit.com/r/Teachers). Best at: honest talk. A third-party tracker listed about 2.4 million members in October 2026. Catch: it is as much venting as advice, and you read it for the replies.

5. YouTube (youtube.com). Best at: showing a routine being run. Teacher Tapp's 2026 report found it the most-used work platform for teachers, at 36%. Catch: a school filter often blocks it, and a good video takes searching to find.

6. Pinterest (pinterest.com). Best at: ideas you can see: bulletin boards, anchor charts, classroom layouts. Catch: a pin often leads to a paid file or a dead link.

7. Facebook groups. Best at: a small group by grade or subject where someone has the file you want. Catch: closed groups can't be searched, and it is hard to find them without an invite.

8. ClassDojo (classdojo.com). Best at: telling parents what happened today, with messages translated for families. Catch: reviewers mention upgrade prompts and limited free features.

9. Kahoot! and Wayground (kahoot.com, wayground.com). Best at: turning review into a game; Kahoot! for a live burst on the projector, Wayground (formerly Quizizz) for self-paced

practice. Catch: some features have moved behind subscriptions, so check the free tier first.

10. Twinkl (twinkl.com). Best at: a huge library of classroom-ready resources, with a tool, Twinkl Create, to adapt them. Catch: the full library needs a paid membership, and its roots are UK curriculum.

How to pick

- Choose by the evening you want back. Planning: 1, 10. Handing out work: 2. Making it pretty: 3. Review: 9. Telling parents: 8.
- Try the free tier on a real lesson before you build a unit on it.
- Ask where the file goes. If the work is stuck behind a login, you can't share it with a colleague.

What the ten have in common

None of them asks a teacher to wait. Each saves an evening on the first try: a unit to print, a quiz to run, a poster made, a parent told. A new tool has about one lesson's worth of patience before a teacher goes back to the old one, so the first click has to pay off.

Peabody

Peabody Teach has free bingo cards, rubrics, timers and group makers with no sign-in, and Peabody has stories and games for the children. It is free through the end of 2026. It isn't on this list, which covers the ten teachers already use.

Sources

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