

Digital Resource: ThinkMap Visual Thesaurus

Ways to improve	Key Criteria	Evidence of meeting or exceeding
<p>-American (including American housed metadata)</p> <p>-risk of digital/browser based source becoming defunct/unavailable</p>	<p>Authority & Accuracy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reputable publisher & reviews • does not contain ads • (digital resources) - privacy protection for users 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Found on dmoz.org - developed by Princeton Univ. 1996 - used by NOAA and Smithsonian - 4+ average rating CommonSense media - even free trial is ad free use - Clearly stated privacy policies – does not require individual user private info when site license purchased; - customizable profanity and language filters
<p>-Use of embedded images and rich media would support varied learners and ELL</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Accessibility/Design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responsive • intuitive use & layout • attractive • graphics or rich media • incorporates accessibility features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Html 5 design (not flashbased), - responsive on ios, android, multiple browsers, no software to install - Simple search bar with added advanced features - right click any word to launch URL, image search, media - Audio narration, text size adjustment, - 6 languages (incld US and UK English) - toggles from beginner to advanced users - help features & 24 hr response for individual support
	<p>Currency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the source is up to date. • the source can be easily updated • the source is not likely to become dated 	<p>-2018 version last updated digital format easily upgradable and unlikely to become dated</p>
<p>Expensive - site license for 100 users = 250.00/5 years (request submitted for school site of 750 students)</p>	<p>Value (educational and economic):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meets needs of wide range of students across curriculum • licensing cost is reasonable over 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - relevant across subject areas - Rated for 13+ (commonsense media) - added features provide learning value: lesson plans, articles, word of the day, spelling 'bee' game, vocab 'grabber' writing support, personalized & shared word lists - Educational discount available