

DLI Tech Tuesdays: Using Google Sites to build websites



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- In the field for over 15 years
- Lately focusing on tech coaching
- Facilitates presentations and workshops
- Loves meeting new people and sharing tech tips and ideas

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WEBINAR OVERVIEW

- Housekeeping tips
- Questions for attendees
- Google Sites
- Examples
- Links and resources
- Feedback



Main objective:
To get you to explore Google Sites



WEBINAR HOUSEKEEPING

If you want to ask a question via video (you will need to have a webcam), **Raise Hand** to let us know.



WEBINAR HOUSEKEEPING

- We will give you permission to start a video
- Start my webcam button will show on your dashboard
- It may take a few minutes for it to work/show on your computer
- You will need to click on it to start the video so we can see you
- We will turn off/disable your video when you are done.

Start my Webcam



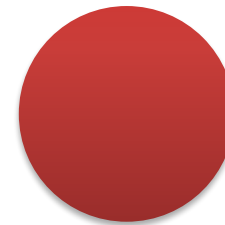
WEBINAR HOUSEKEEPING

While using video, we might need to switch between videos to make them bigger and easier to see. To help us know when you want to sign, wave your hand to get our attention.



WEBINAR HOUSEKEEPING

We are recording this webinar to share it with you and those who couldn't make it to the session.



WEBINAR HOUSEKEEPING

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Anselmo might be able to help:
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A FEW QUESTIONS FOR YOU

- Do you have a Gmail account?
- Do you use Google Sites?
- What do you use it for?



GOOGLE SITES

- Included with your Gmail
- Visual editor = drag and drop
- Easy to add Google products (Forms, Calendar, YouTube videos, etc.)
- Could be used to build organizational or project website, share links to information and resources, etc.



Sites



EXAMPLE 1

Simcoe County District School Board is planning to use Google Sites to create a website with assessments

<https://sites.google.com/scdsb.on.ca/computerskillsinventory>

Let's explore ...

Let's take a bit of time to learn about you, explore your technology skills and your learning style. It will help us develop a plan to address your current and future learning needs. There are 3 steps to complete.

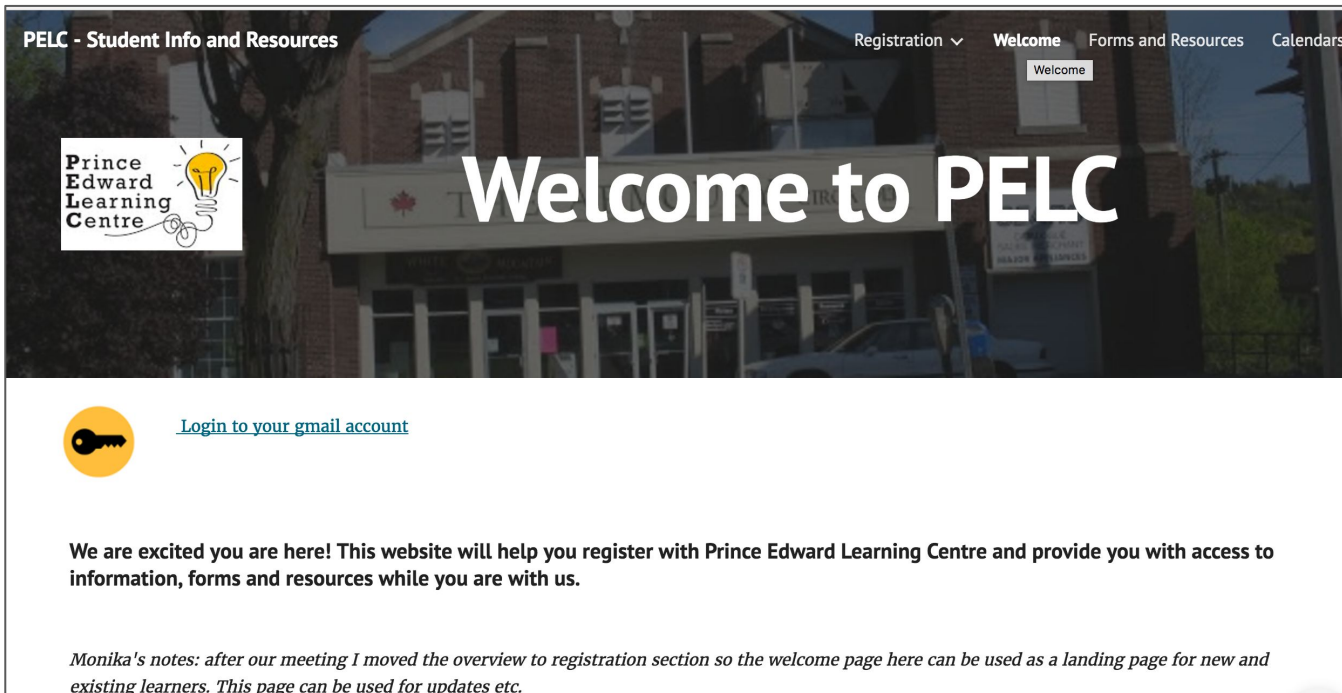
Step 1: Let's start with exploring your technology skills

Fill out the form below, hit SUBMIT and go to Step 2.



EXAMPLE 2

Prince Edward Learning Centre is using Google Sites to create a website with links to intake forms and resources
<https://sites.google.com/pelc.ca/intakeforms>



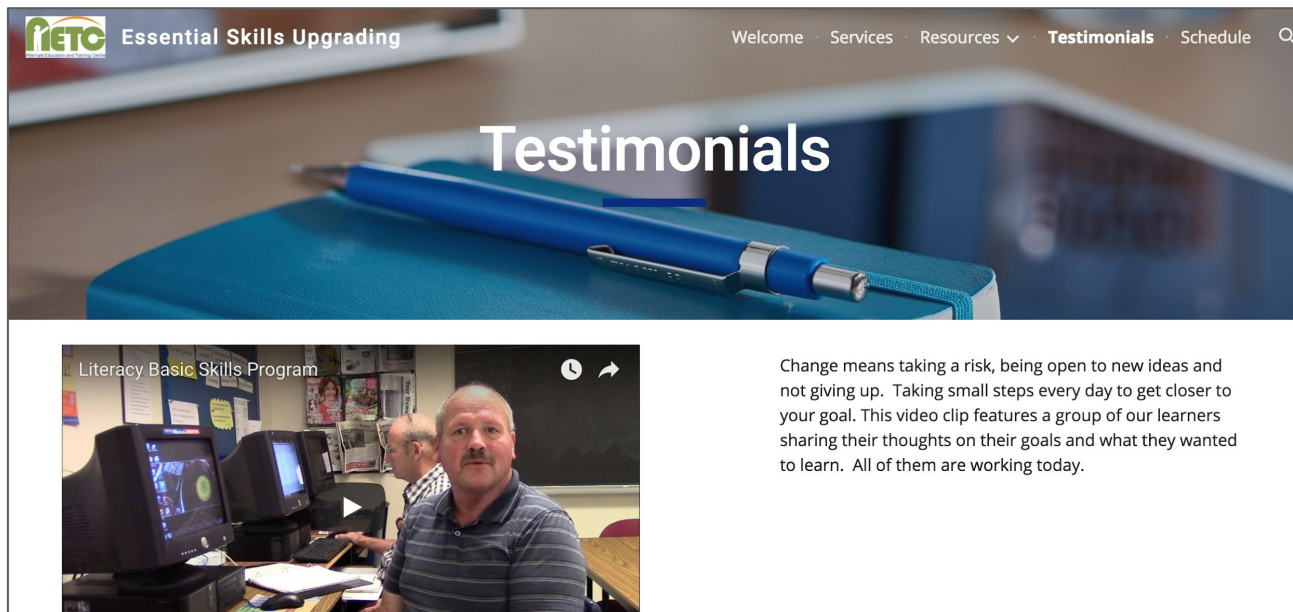
The screenshot shows the homepage of the Prince Edward Learning Centre website. The page features a dark background with a photo of the building. At the top left, the text reads "PELC - Student Info and Resources". At the top right, there are navigation links: "Registration", "Welcome", "Forms and Resources", and "Calendars". Below the navigation, there is a "Welcome" button. The main heading is "Welcome to PELC" in large white letters. On the left side, there is a logo for the Prince Edward Learning Centre, which includes a lightbulb icon. Below the logo, there is a yellow circular button with a key icon and the text "Login to your gmail account". At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text: "We are excited you are here! This website will help you register with Prince Edward Learning Centre and provide you with access to information, forms and resources while you are with us." Below this paragraph, there is a note: "Monika's notes: after our meeting I moved the overview to registration section so the welcome page here can be used as a landing page for new and existing learners. This page can be used for updates etc."



EXAMPLE 3

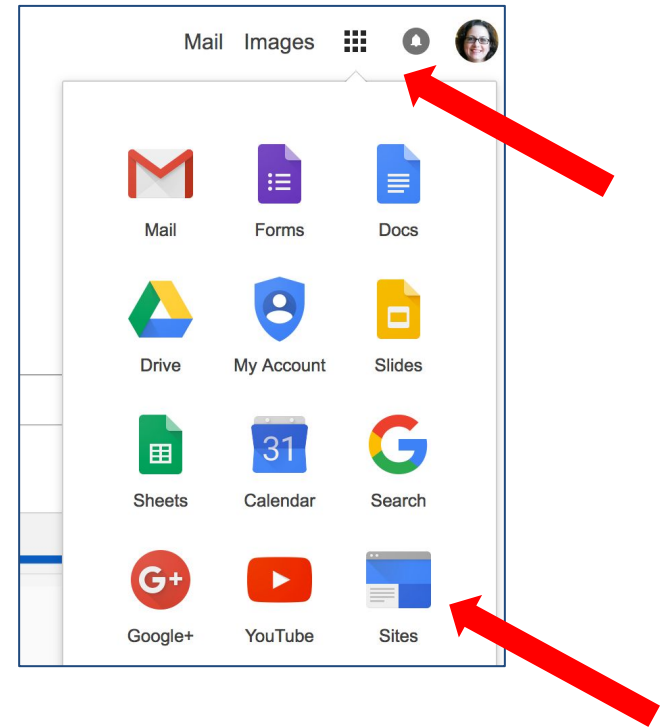
Bracebridge Alternate Education and Training Centre used Google Sites to create a website for the organization

<https://sites.google.com/tldsb.net/essentialskillsupgrading/welcome>



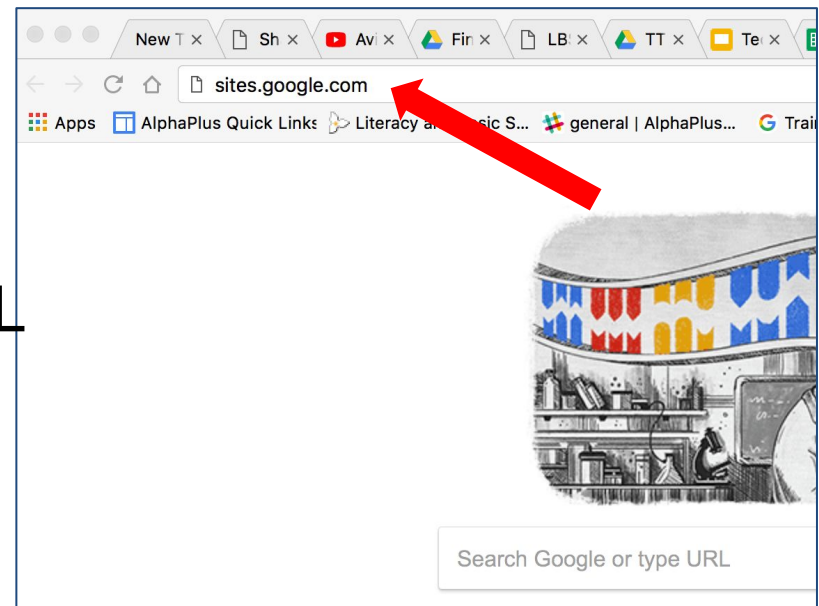
GOOGLE SITES ACCESS - OPTION 1

- Log into your Gmail account
- Click on Google Apps button (9 small squares located close to top right corner of your screen)
- Select **Sites**
(note that the icons might be in different order on your screen but you can drag and drop them to reorganize them)



GOOGLE SITES ACCESS - OPTION 2

- Make sure you are logged into your Gmail account
- Open a new tab in your browser
- Type **sites.google.com** in URL section (not in Google Search but in URL field above)



IMPORTANT! CHOOSE NEW GOOGLE SITES

AlphaPlus

Search my sites

Sites


CREATE

Forms & assessments Shared with everyone in the world
</a/alphaplus.ca/intakeassessment/>

My Sites in alphaplus.ca

Deleted Sites

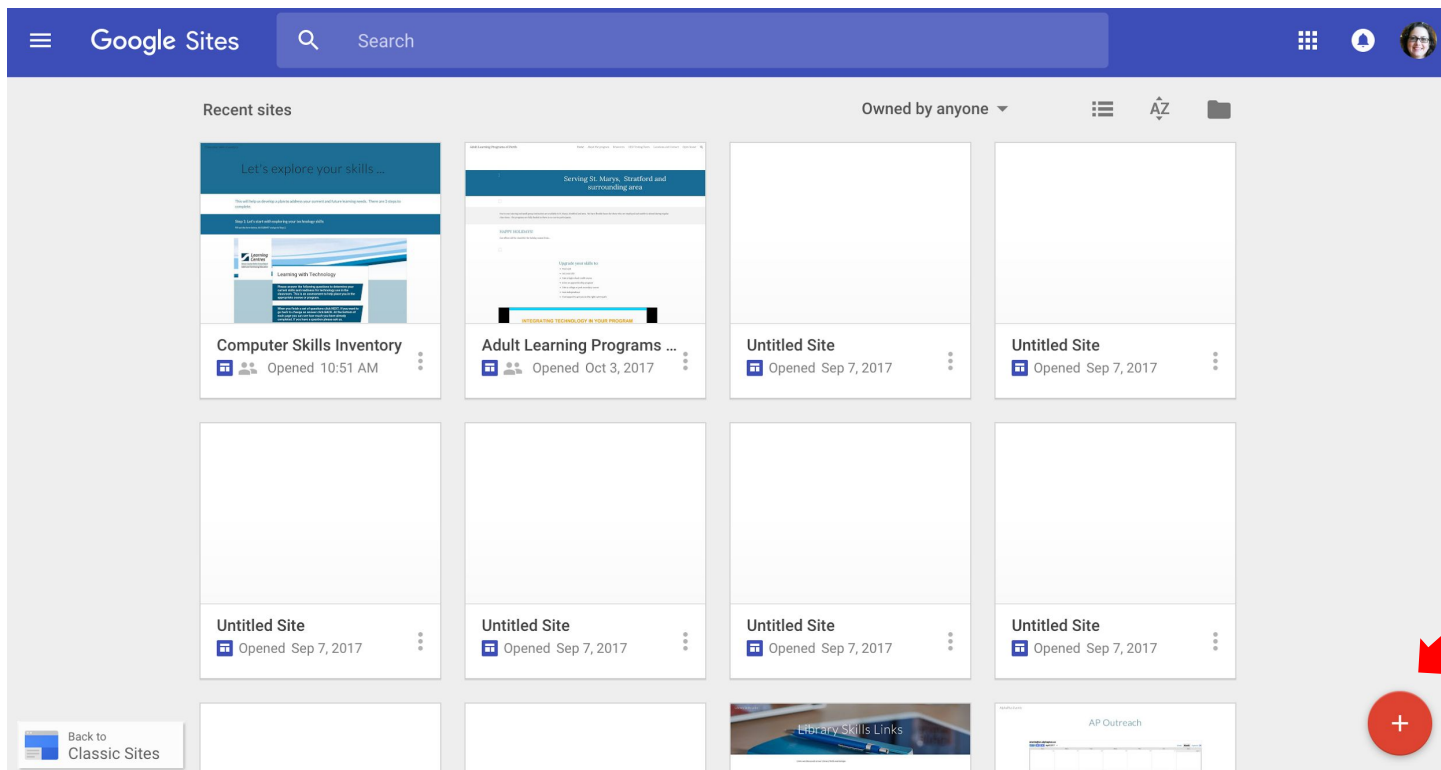
Browse Sites

New Google Sites 



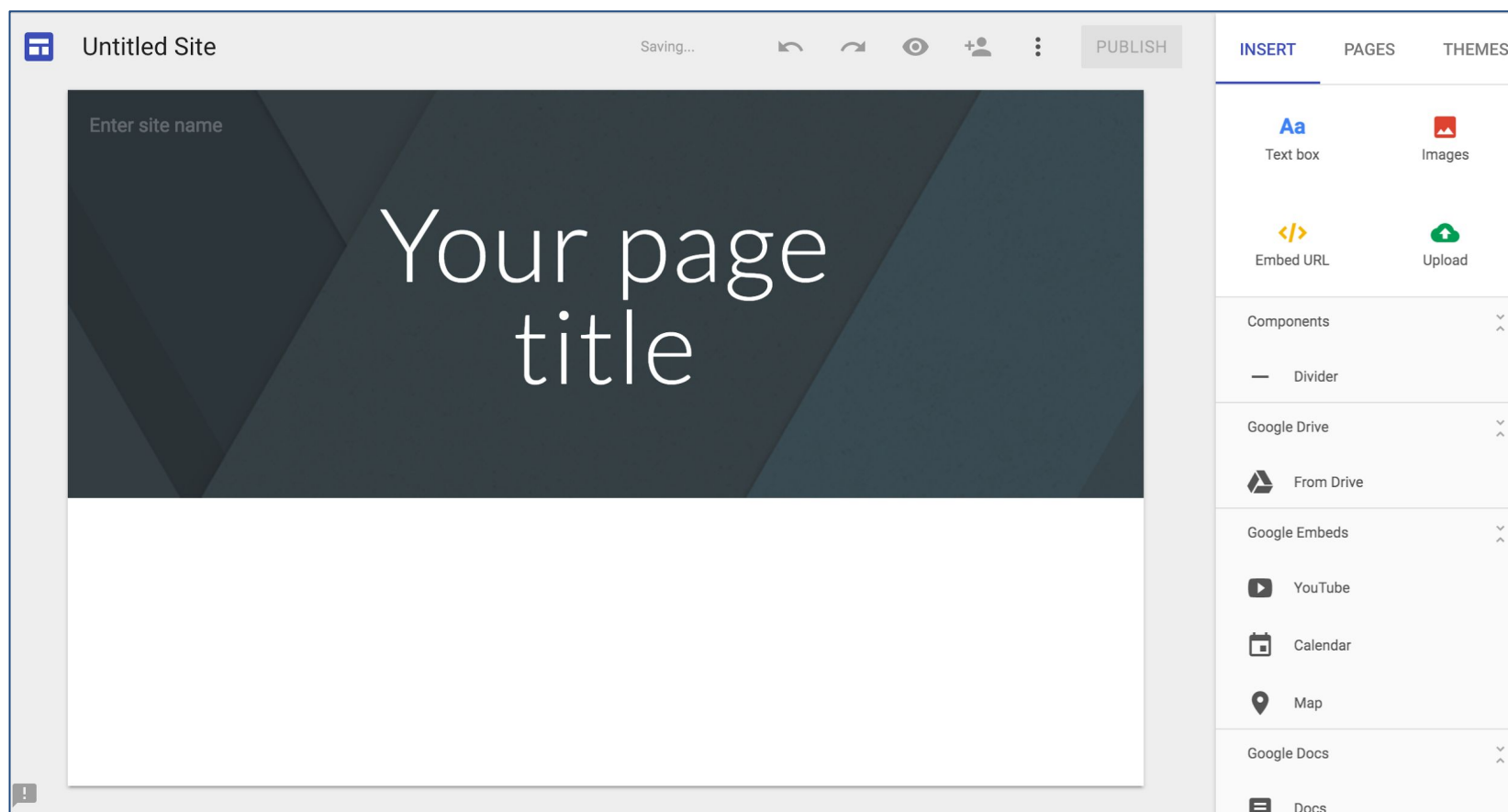
ADDING A NEW SITE

Click on a plus symbol to start a new site

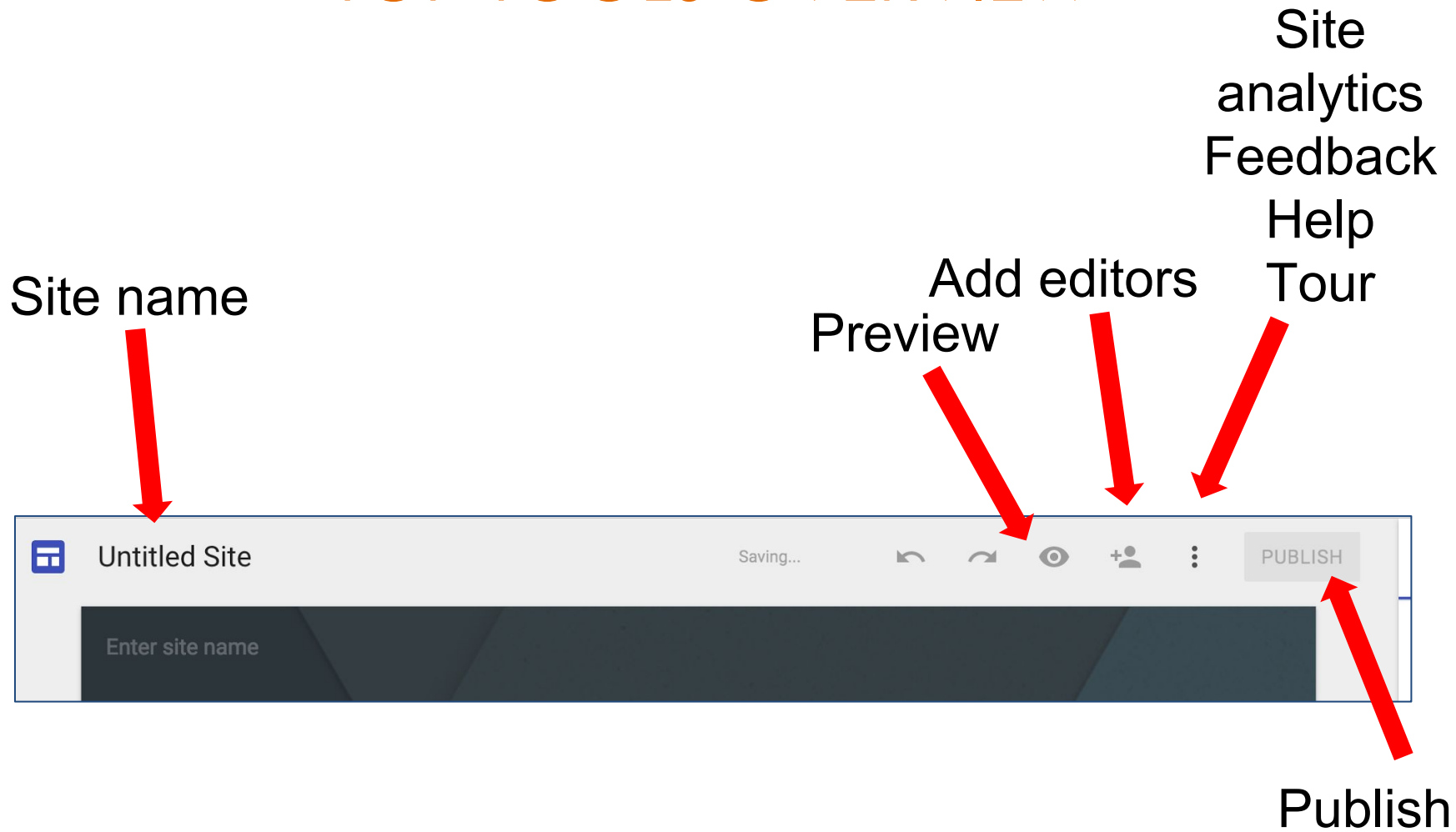


EDITING MODE

Visual editing allows you to easily update the site

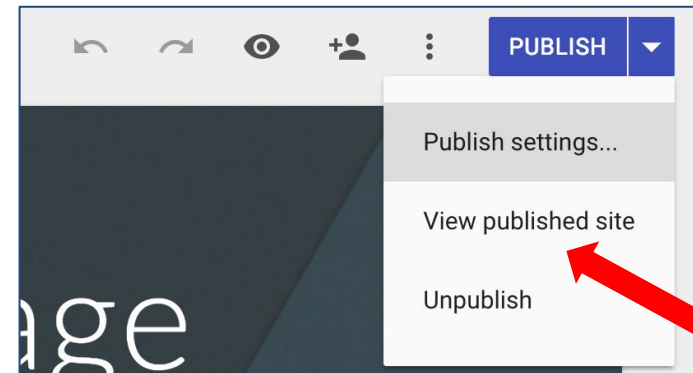
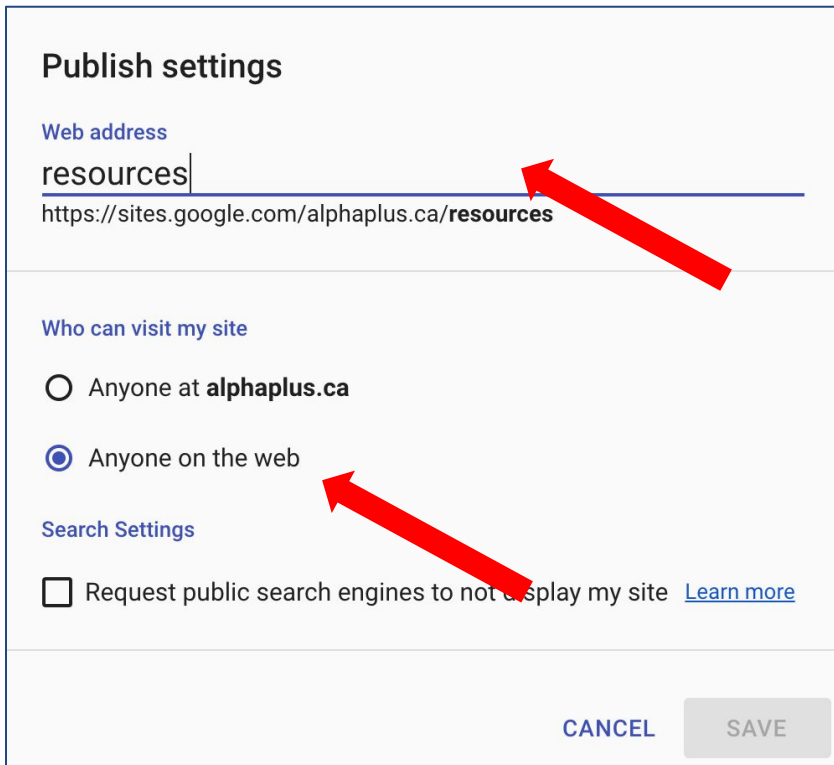
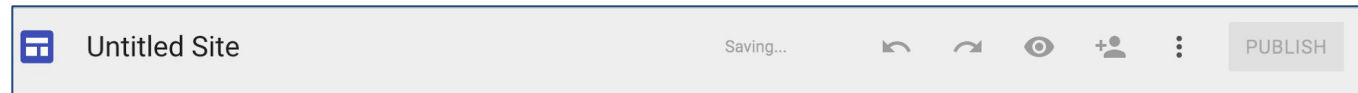


TOP TOOLS OVERVIEW



PUBLISH

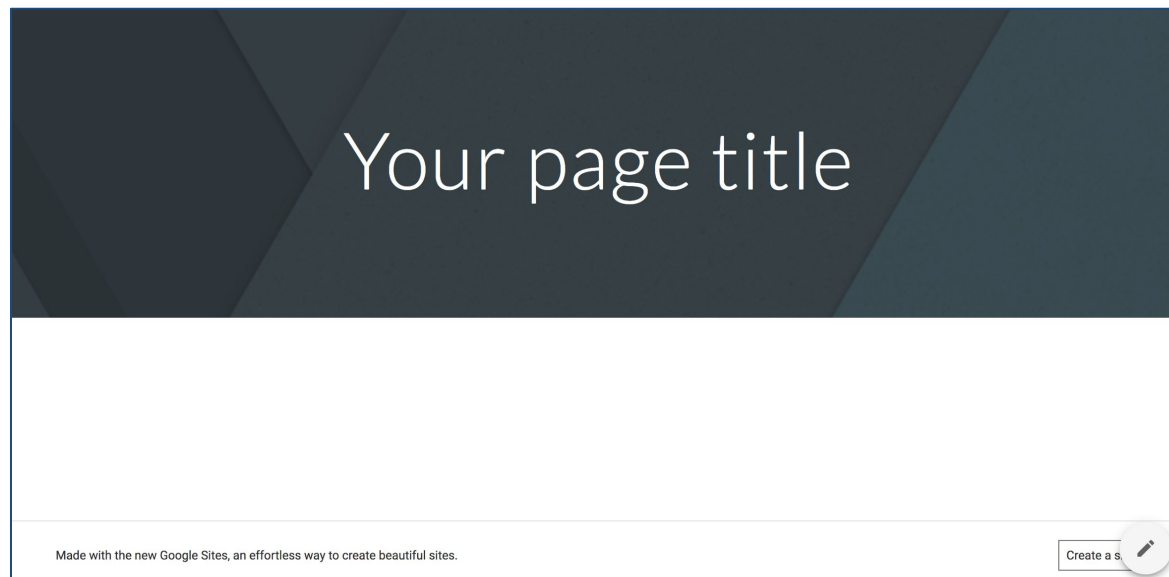
Make sure that you publish site to get website address



PUBLISHED ADDRESS

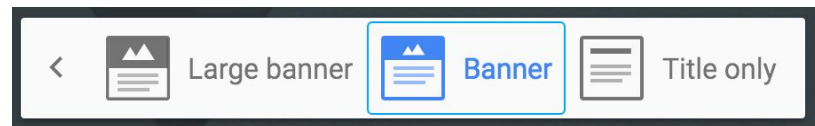
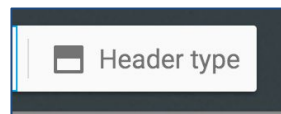
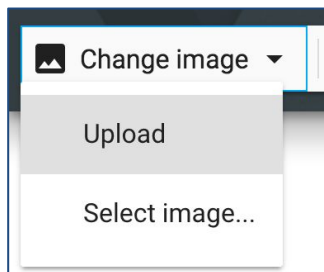
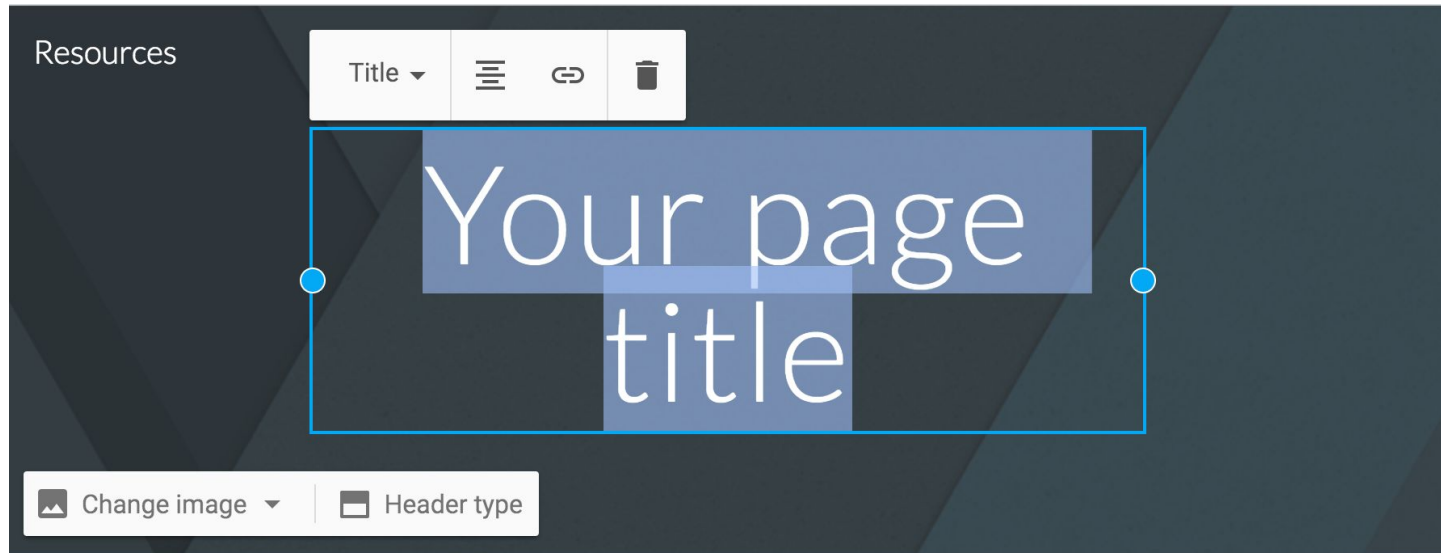
<https://sites.google.com/alphaplus.ca/resources/home>

Note that AlphaPlus has Google for Nonprofits, that's why there is alphaplus in the website address. Personal sites will not have that section in the address.

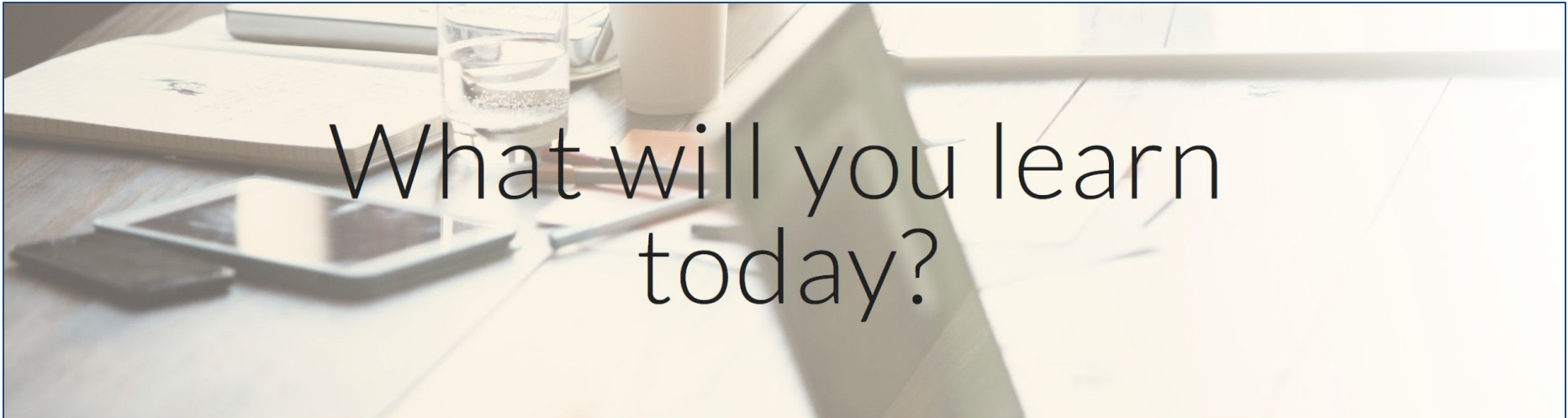


HEADER

You can change header type and add image



NEW HEADER



What will you learn today?

Made with the new Google Sites, an effortless way to create beautiful sites.

Create a site

Report abu



ADDING CONTENT



Resources

Undo Redo Preview Link User

PUBLISH

Enter site name

What will you learn today?

INSERT PAGES THEMES

- Text box
- Images
- Embed
- Upload

Components

- Divider

Google Drive

- From Drive

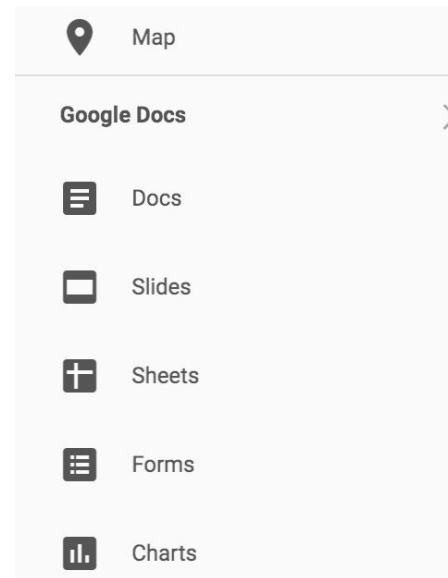
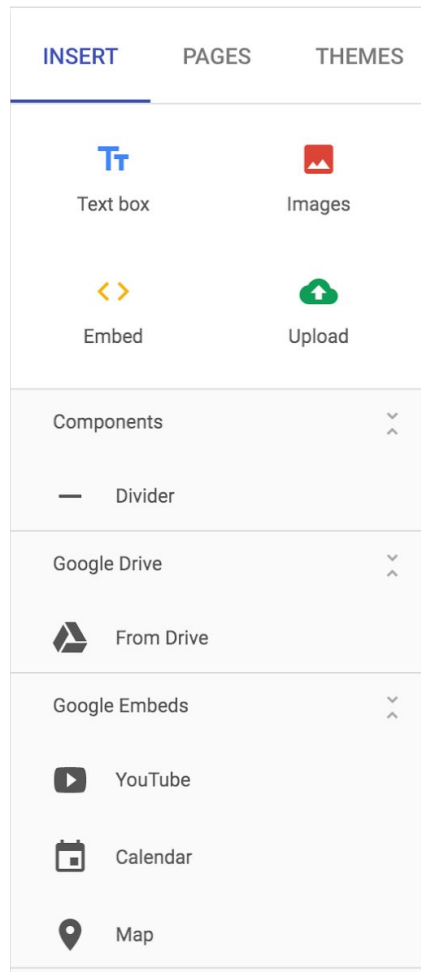
Google Embeds

- YouTube
- Calendar
- Map

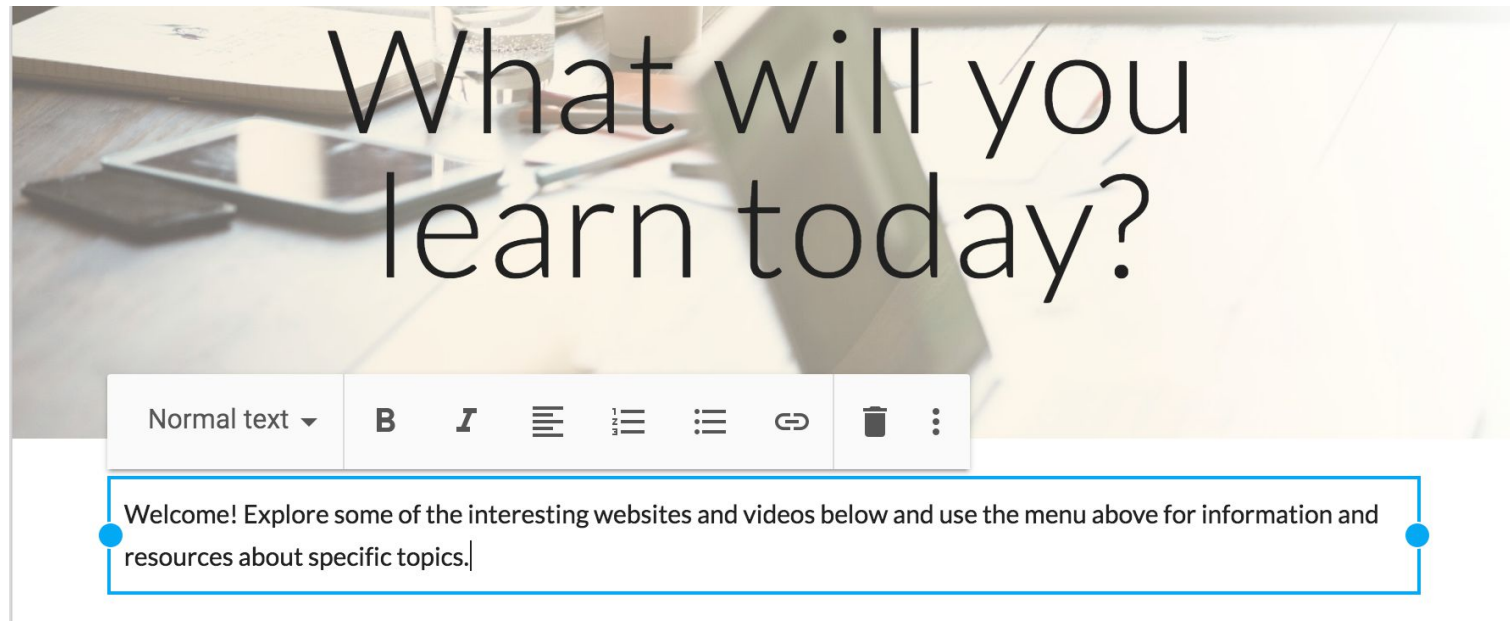
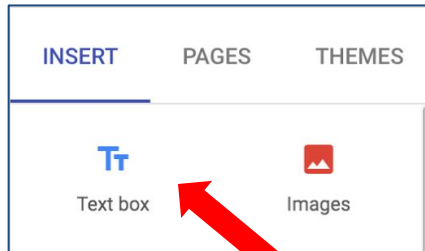
Google Docs



INSERT TAB



ADDING TEXT



CUSTOMIZING SECTIONS

The image shows the Google Sites editor interface. At the top, a blue-bordered section titled "Section background" contains the text "WEBSITES". Below this, a "Section Style" menu is open, listing four options: "Regular", "Emphasis 1", "Emphasis 2", and "Image". The "Emphasis 2" option is selected and highlighted with a blue background, and a red arrow points to it from the bottom left. To the right, a preview of the website is shown, featuring a header image with the text "learn today?", a paragraph of text, and a blue navigation bar with the text "WEBSITES".

Section background

WEBSITES

Section Style

- Regular
- Emphasis 1
- Emphasis 2
- Image

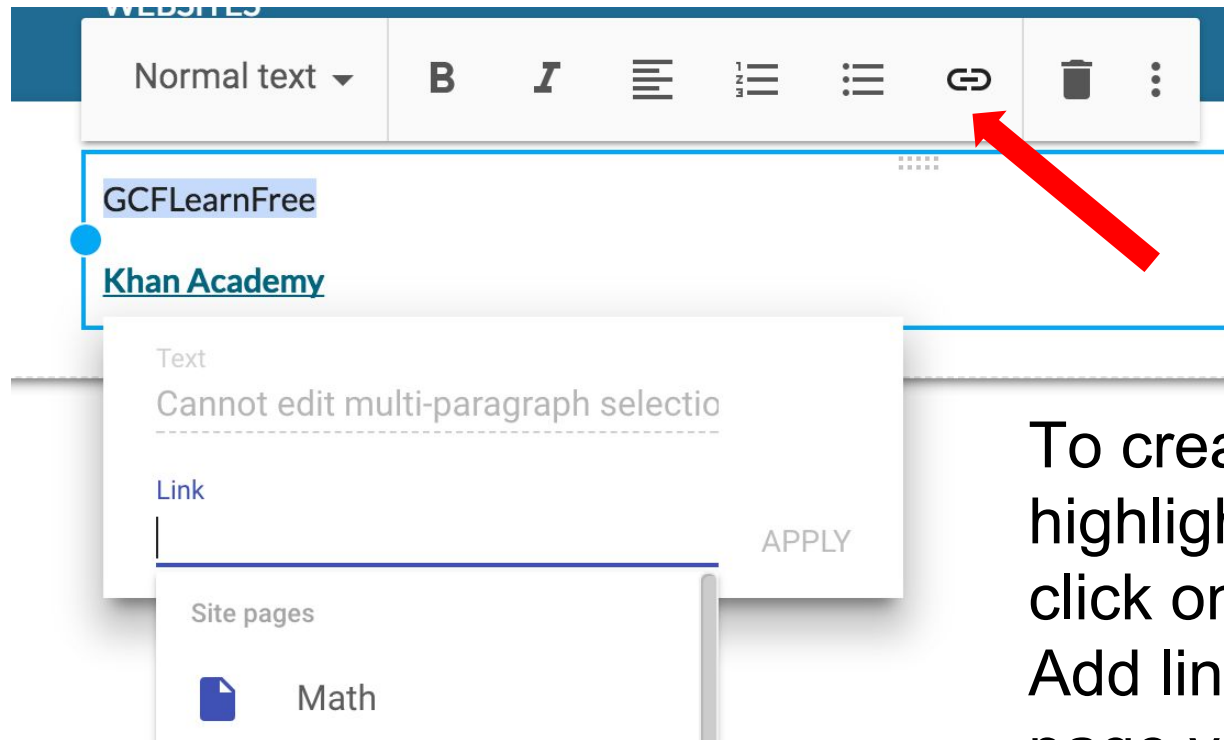
learn today?

Welcome! Explore some of the interesting websites and videos below and use the menu above for information and resources about specific topics.

WEBSITES



CREATING LINKS TO OTHER WEBSITES



To create a link, highlight text and click on chain icon. Add link or select page you want to link to.



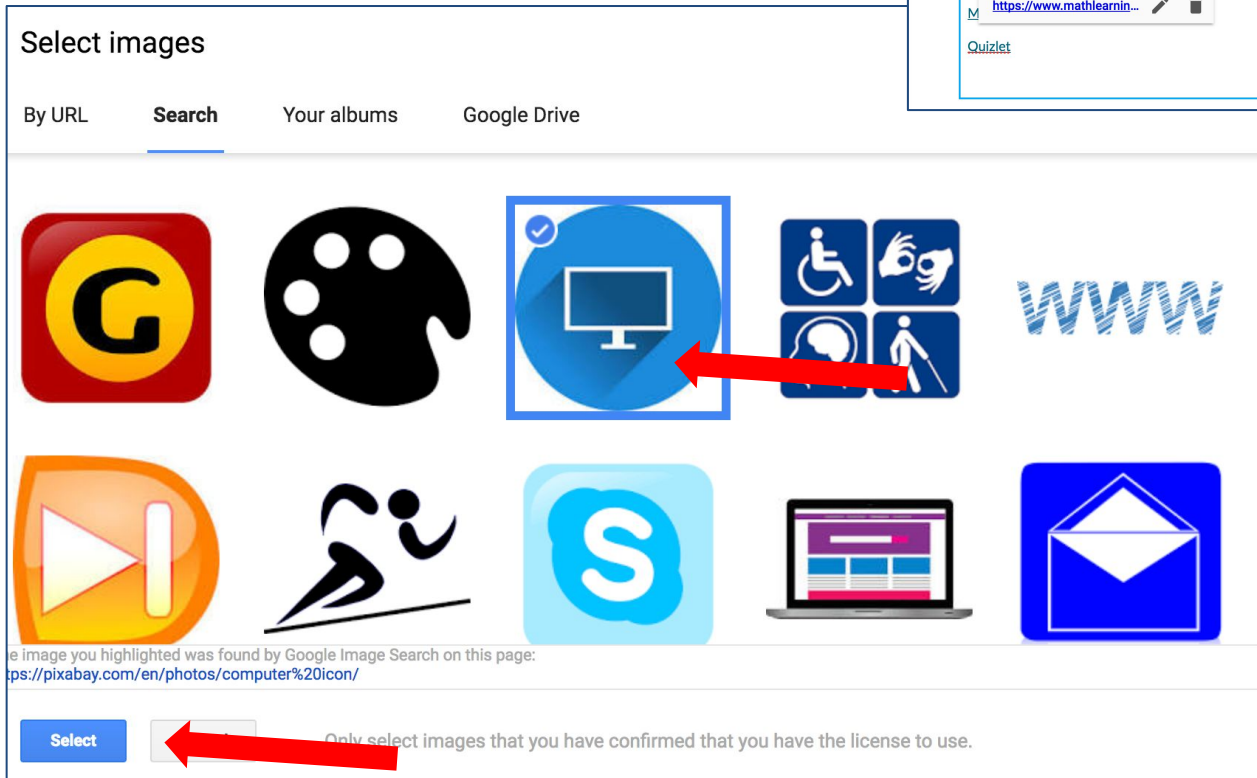
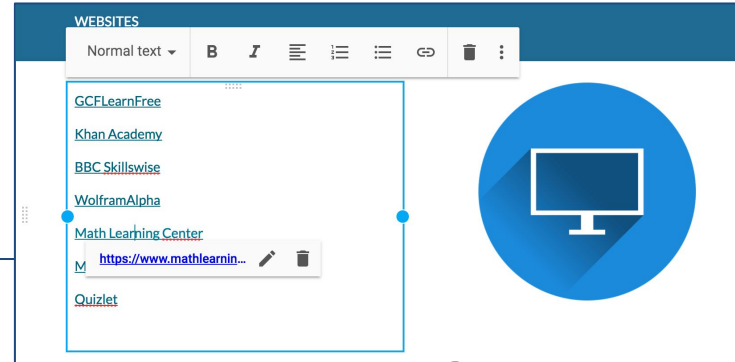
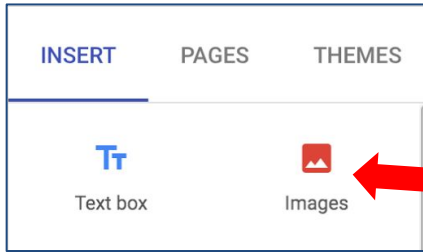
CUSTOMIZING SECTIONS

The image shows two overlapping screenshots of the Google Sites editor interface. The top screenshot shows a list of website links: GCFLearnFree, Khan Academy, BBC Skillswise, WolframAlpha, Math Learning Center, Math eyes, and Quizlet. The bottom screenshot shows the same list with a context menu open over the 'Math Learning Center' link. The context menu includes a link icon, the URL 'https://www.mathlearnin...', an edit icon, and a delete icon. Blue lines and handles are used to indicate how the content area can be resized. A red arrow points to the 'Math Learning Center' link in the bottom screenshot. To the right of the screenshots is a blue circular icon containing a white computer monitor.

Blue lines and handles allow you to resize boxes and add items next to it



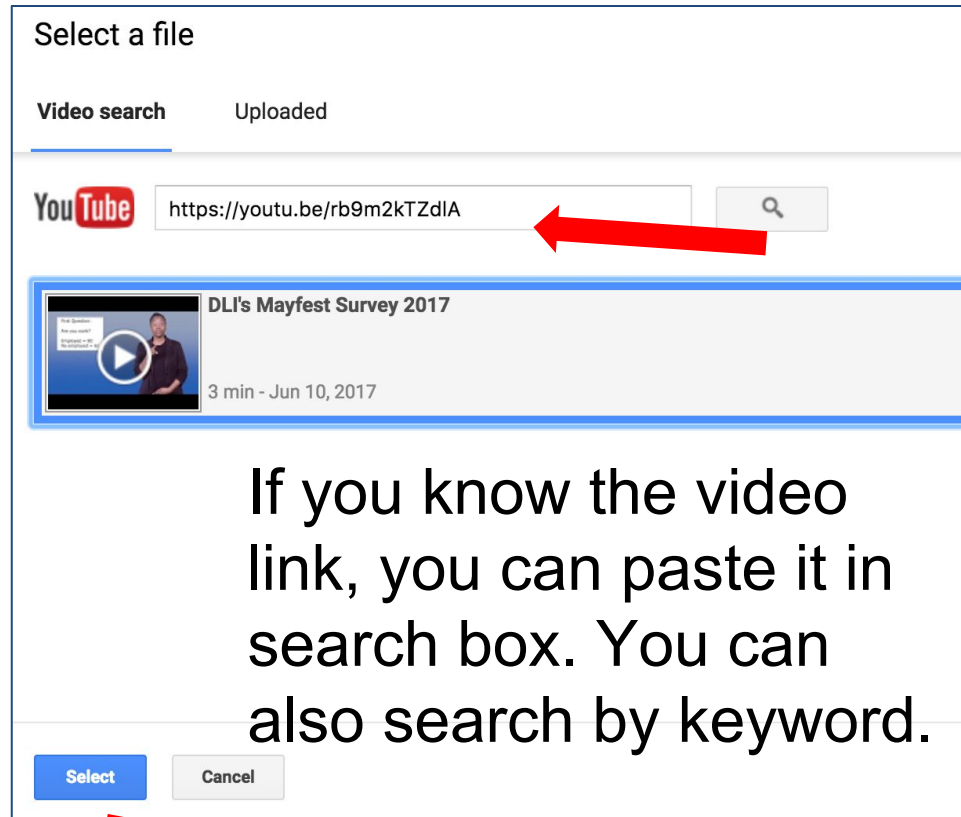
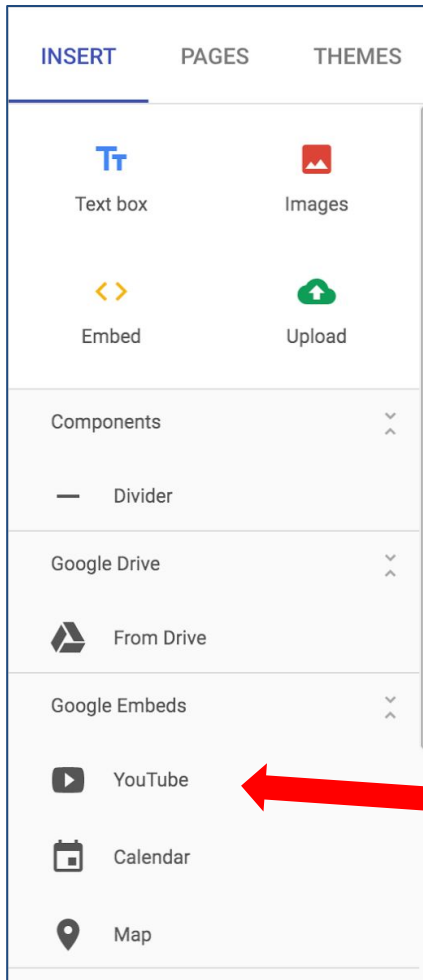
ADDING IMAGES



Google will search for images marked for commercial reuse so you don't have to worry about copyright.



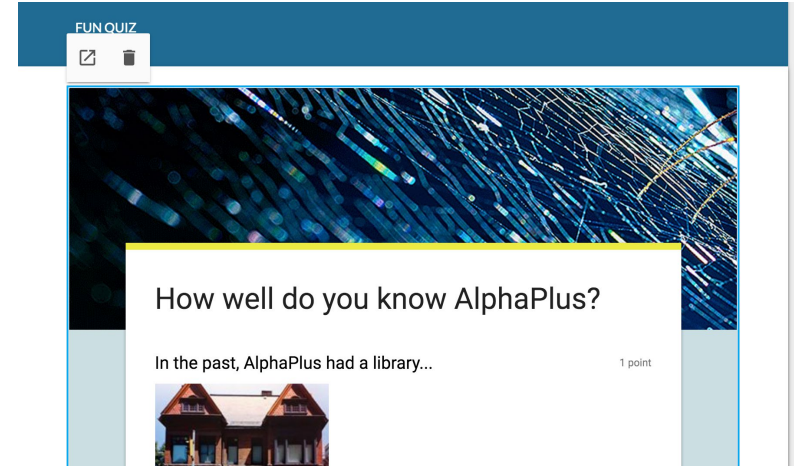
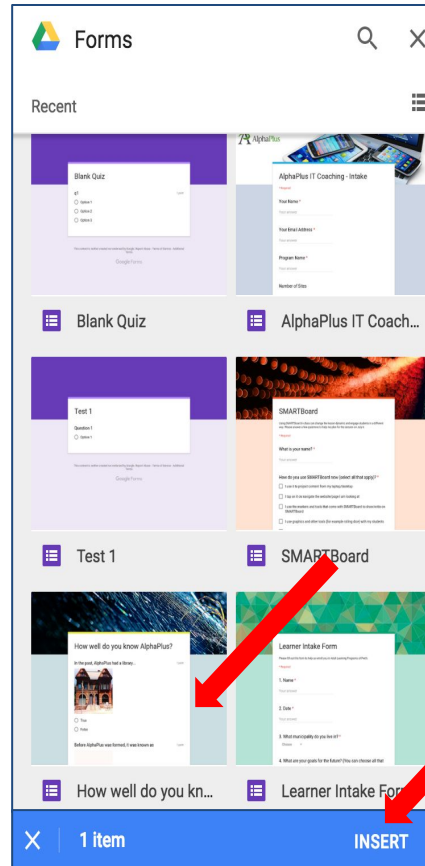
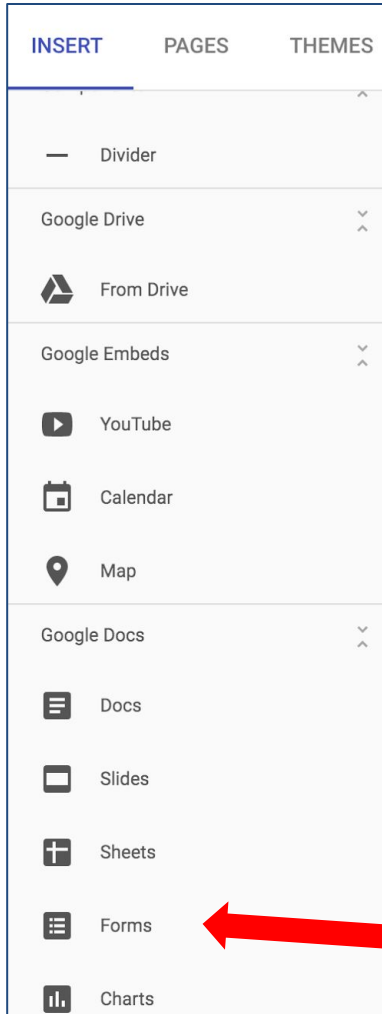
ADDING VIDEOS



If you know the video link, you can paste it in search box. You can also search by keyword.

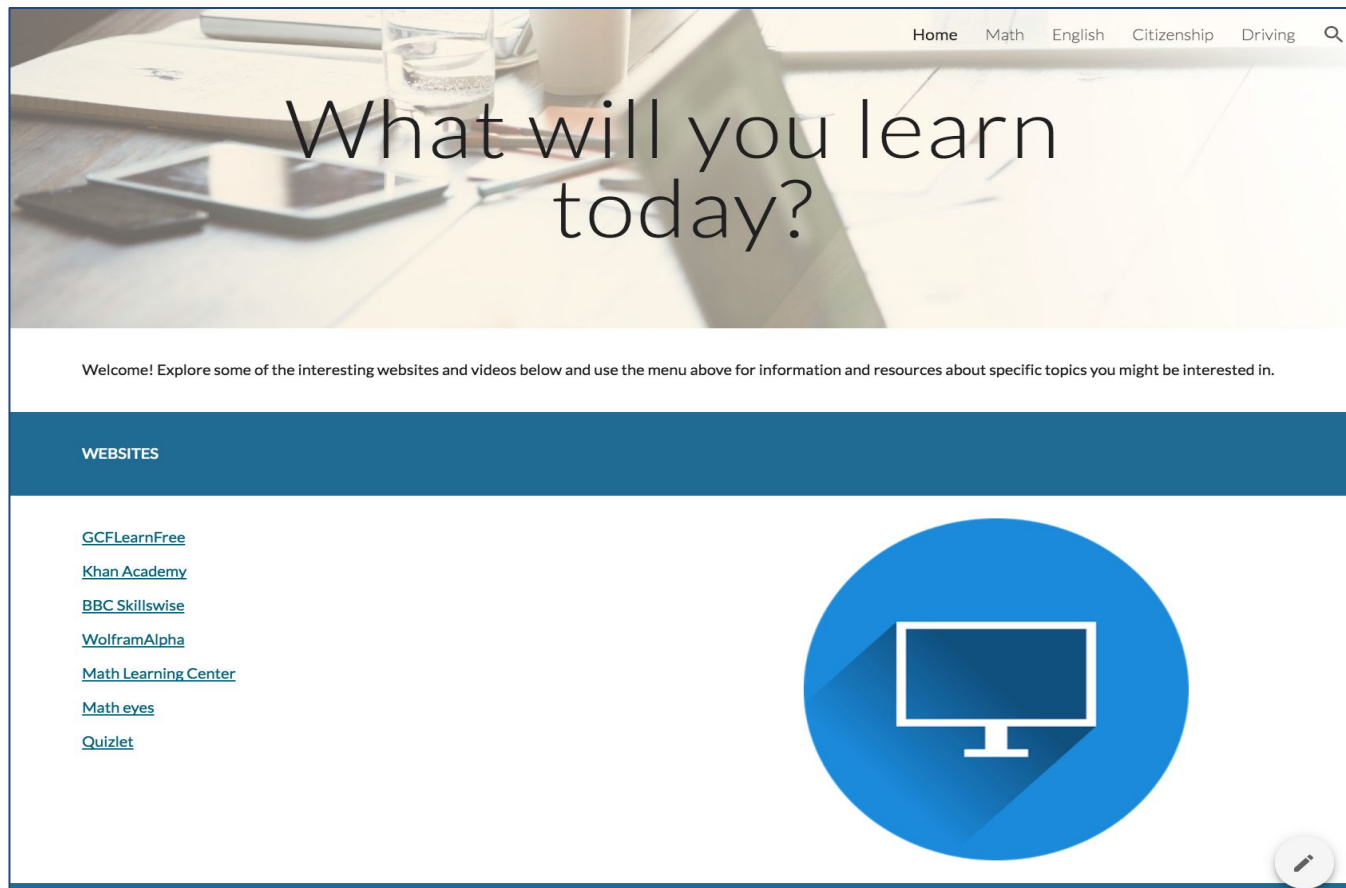


ADDING FORMS



WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE NOW?

<https://sites.google.com/alphaplus.ca/resources/home>



WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE NOW?

VIDEOS



WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE NOW?

FUN QUIZ

How well do you know AlphaPlus?

In the past, AlphaPlus had a library...

1 point



- True
- False

Before AlphaPlus was formed, it was known as

1 point

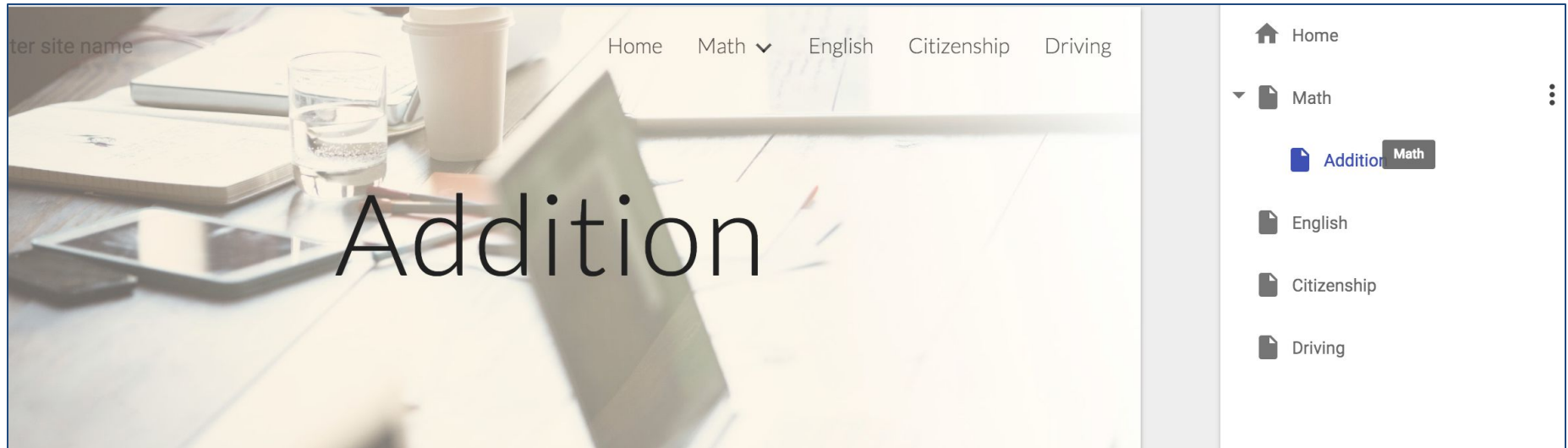


ADDING PAGES/MENU

The screenshot shows the Google Sites editor interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the word "Resources" on the left, a status indicator "All changes saved in Drive", and a "PUBLISH" button on the right. Below the navigation bar, the main workspace displays a background image of a desk with a laptop, a smartphone, a glass of water, and a coffee cup. The word "Math" is overlaid on the image. In the top right corner of the workspace, there is a menu with "Home" and "Math" items. A "NEW PAGE" dialog box is open, featuring a "Name" input field and a "DONE" button. On the right side of the editor, there is a sidebar with "INSERT", "PAGES", and "THEMES" tabs. The "PAGES" tab is active, showing a list of pages: "Home" (with a house icon) and "Math" (with a document icon). At the bottom right of the workspace, there is a circular button with a plus sign and a document icon, which is highlighted by a red arrow.



ADDING SUBMENU PAGES



You can click on page name and drag it onto another page name to create submenu. Note that when I dragged Additions over Math and dropped it, Additions became a submenu for Math. Also notice that each page is a menu item. You can reorganize them by dragging and dropping.



THEMES

INSERT PAGES **THEMES**

Simple

Font style

Aristotle

Diplomat

Vision

Secure | <https://sites.google.com/alphaplus.ca/resources/home>

Home Math English Citizenship Driving

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WEBSITES

[GCFLearnFree](#)

[Khan Academy](#)

google_sites.png Show All



TO SUMMARIZE

We explored examples of Google Sites and learned how to:

- set it up and publish it
- change header
- insert text, images, videos, forms
- create pages/menu and submenu
- change themes



Try it now and learn as you go! You can also insert files, folders, maps, calendars, presentations and more!



TIPS FOR GOOD WEBSITES



- Clear navigation
- Clear/plain English
- Relevant information/answers
- Be honest and trustworthy
- Home page = a summary of important information
- Create special pages for specific topics = menu
- Use pictures/videos to tell the story
- Keep the website up to date
- Use simple layout
- Make it easy to contact you

<http://www.susangreenecopywriter.com/articles/15-tips-killer-content.html>



RESOURCES

Help and overview:

<https://support.google.com/sites#topic=6372850>

Google Learning Center:

<https://gsuite.google.com/learning-center/products/sites/get-started/>



YOUR FEEDBACK

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dli_google_sites

