

## About Blogs

- A Blog is like an online journal or diary.
- It's a single page, with posts or content shown in chronically order.
- There are no rules, a Blog can contain text, photos, videos and audio as well as links to your favourite websites, links to order blogs.
- It is interactive, your visitors can comment, link to it or email you.
- You can control who reads or writes on your blog, it can be a select few or open to the public.
- It can be a group blog with lots of authors or a single author.

Creating a simple blog is free and really only takes about five minutes.

You enter your name, email address and a few other pieces of information. You select "the look" (template) for your blog from a set of standard templates. Click a few buttons and you're done!

The most popular and simplest blogging platforms are Blogger and Wordpress.

Check out [www.blogger.com](http://www.blogger.com) or [www.wordpress.org](http://www.wordpress.org)

Some children's art and schools blogs to check out

<http://artmartstudios09.blogspot.com/>

<http://funart4kids.blogspot.com/>

<http://artlessonsforkids.wordpress.com/>

<http://www.deepspacesparkle.com/>

<http://myadventuresinpositivespace.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.bigredhat.com/> not a blog but some fantastic videos.

## Creating a Blog

Go to [www.blogger.com/tour\\_start.g](http://www.blogger.com/tour_start.g), it will take you through the process step by step.

Create a Gogle account (you may already have a gmail)

Name your blog

Blog title

Blog url address ([http://\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_blogspot.com](http://_____blogspot.com))

Choose your template

It really is that easy!!

Once you have started with the basic's you can play around with your design and layout.

- Click on template designer at the top left to change background colours and design templates.
- Click on the edit button in any sections to make changes ie upload an image or logo for your header section.
- Click on dashboard – top right to see your account summary.

Then just start posting!

Note: By default your blog on blogger is completely public and can be read by anyone. If you want to set it to private view or by invitation only go to Setting > Permissions > blog readers > add readers. You can change this back to public any time you wish.