

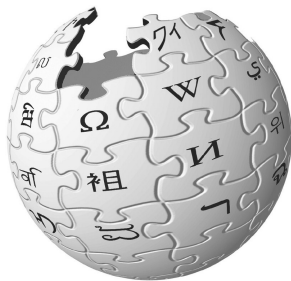
This weeks letter is 'W'. What words would we waste when working with Wikis whilst wondering why would we worry with widgets? Well..... (Ok we'll stop it only because W's too hard to think of any more words). What are Wikis? Wikis are web pages grouped together by hyperlinks as opposed to a website hierarchy. The page content (unless restricted) can be added, edited or deleted by anyone wishing to contribute.

Week Five: Wiki's and Widgets

Wiki's

One of the largest and better known examples of Wikis is "Wikipedia" an online encyclopaedia with a mass of information on just about anything you can think of. We've been known to use Wikipedia as a dictionary, finding books in a series, biographical information and film and book reviews. Have a browse and see what you come up with.

Optional: If you want the low down here's [What is a Wiki?](#) Library success' presentation on explaining Wikis.



Step 1: Have browse around [Wikipedia](http://www.wikipedia.org) (www.wikipedia.org)

Step 2: Browse the [Library Wiki](#) and see what you think

Step 3: Find some Wiki's of your own (Google a topic and the word Wiki or visit <http://plcmclearning.pbwiki.com/>)

Step 4: Tell us what you thought of Wikis and the addresses of the ones you explored

Here's some Wiki's we stumbled on:

- [The Orchid Wiki](#)
- [Horse and Pony Wiki](#)
- [Collaborative Landscape Wiki](#)

Widgets

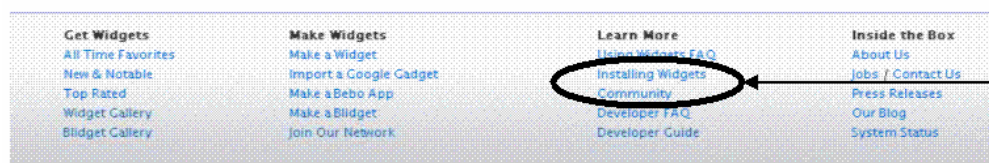
The term Widget has been borrowed for the Internet for Web Gadgets (sorry for the younger generation who thought they created a new word). These gadgets can be added to your blog or you'll find heaps in your Facebook account.



Step 1: Explore [Widgetbox](http://www.widgetbox.com) (www.widgetbox.com) The bottom of the page has handy tutorials/help to **Get Widgets**, **Make Widgets** or to **Learn More** about them.

Step 2: Find and play with some widgets that interest you and let us know about them in your blog.

Step 3 (optional): Install a Widget to your blog or Facebook account (Widgetbox shows you how for a variety of services [here](#))



Installing
Widgets