

# Collaborative learning in the Internet Era

## Lingowalk Editor 2.0



When you want to tell your friendship school abroad about your hometown or school, the Internet-ready tool **Lingowalk** is a clever way to do it. Even a virtual tour of a field trip, an onsite learning experience, or a nature trail is an interesting type of a report, which allows the learner to share his or her experience with others.

**Lingowalk** originated as a virtual tour for language learners. Through the computer screen, learners move along with a narrator who guides them from place to place. Learners also react to commands from the narrator. When needed, they get clarification for difficult words or expressions by the program.

**Lingowalk Editor** is an easy-to-use tool for making virtual tours. It helps teachers in getting their students to create virtual tours as group work, and it allows students to show their skills in a broader way.

Creating a Lingowalk is a new way of learning by doing.





## FOCUSING ON COMMUNICATION

The purpose of the Lingowalk Editor is to facilitate the technical side of making good virtual tours, and thus move the focus onto the creative aspect. However, a tour doesn't materialize from thin air. The creators need to be able to take digital pictures, record audio onto a computer, and save everything onto the computer's hard drive. When this is done, the virtual tour can be built by filling in forms which tell which pictures and sound are interconnected and in which order the pictures belong.



## LEARN BY DOING

When creating a Lingowalk virtual tour, the students work in groups to figure out where they want to take the user, what details they want to show, what they want to tell and how it will be photographed. They'll also choose the pictures as well as write and modify the text in a foreign language. As they're working on a Lingowalk, they'll learn important words and grammatical structures both while making it and showing it.



## SITES AND SOUNDS

The key factor why Lingowalk Editor is easy to use is the forms which are built into the program to put the virtual tour together. Each site in the virtual tour is built by choosing suitable pictures and audio from a folder, and adding the text to the script by cutting and pasting. Each site can easily be tested before adding it to the tour.

