

 Week 6 Discussion: Google Alert (Make 3 or more posts to this topic for full credit)
1st post due by Wednesday

Earle Oda submitted Apr 9 at 3:12pm

*All discussions run from Monday to Sunday

1) Visit the website for Google Alerts at: <http://www.google.com/alerts>[Links to an external site.](#) Set up a Google alert on any subject you choose. (Example: I set up an alert/ search query on "English learners and technology"). Then answer the following questions in the discussion board below:

- What is your alert?
- Why did you pick it?
- How often is the alert being sent to you? Daily?
- Will you be likely to use this in the future?
- What google alert topics can help you with teaching?

2) Make a word document with all of your past discussion posts from THIS class. Include the question and your initial response. (SAVE for the portfolio- you do not need to attach them here)

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3) Name one thing that you learned in this course that you will definitely use again.

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- What is your alert? [English teaching methods](#)
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- How often is the alert being sent to you? Daily? [At most once a week](#)
- Will you be likely to use this in the future? [Yes, I hope so. I am eagerly looking forward to benefiting from these alerts and taking advantage of ideas and techniques for activities in the classroom.](#)
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Alerts

Monitor the web for interesting new content

🔍 English teaching methods

How often	At most once a week	⬆️⬆️
Sources	Automatic	⬆️⬆️
Language	English	⬆️⬆️
Region	Any Region	⬆️⬆️
How many	All results	⬆️⬆️
Deliver to	Earle.Oda@gmail.com	⬆️⬆️

[Create Alert](#) [Hide options](#) ▲

The submissions for this assignment are posts in the assignment's discussion. Below are the discussion posts for Earle Oda, or you can [view the full discussion](#).

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May 6, 2026, 3:22 PM

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Thank you, Jericho. Google AI Studio is one that I had not looked into. So, it is one I will definitely add to my list and explore.

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May 6, 2026, 3:24 PM

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Hi Dede - thank you for mentioning Vengage and Pictograph. I will definitely add these to my list of tools to explore.

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May 9, 2026, 5:37 PM

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Hi Sooeem,

1. You made a good point about Google alerts. I don't think we are limited to just one, right? I plan to have multiple alerts for different purposes.

2. Many classmates are using Google Drive. I guess I should look into it. I've been doing everything the old-fashion way and storing it on an external drive.

3. I agree with you 100% about AI and technology tools.

Earle