

## Twitter

Twitter is a microblogging service, accessed from your computer or mobile phone, that connects you to a worldwide network of people. Think of Twitter like a very short blog—Twitter’s “tweets” are microposts of a maximum of 140 characters. Like blogs, the tweets may contain videos and photos, but these are shown as links in order to stay within the character limits.

Just as you have readers and subscribers for your blog, you have “followers” on Twitter. Your followers see your messages (called tweets or updates) as you tweet them, along with the chronological tweets from all those they follow.

To find out more about Twitter and how you can use it, watch this short video: [Twitter in plain English](#). Then complete the activities below to get started with Twitter.



- Visit [Twitter](#) and create an account.
- Visit [Sue's site](#) that shares tips and tricks to consider when creating your Twitter account.
- Create a few tweets.
- To get started, follow a well-known connected educator like [@snbeach](#) or a connected organization like [@edconnectr](#), [@ascd](#), [@plpnetwork](#), or [@cueinc](#). View their lists of followers as well as who they are following, and then follow some users that are interesting to you. Want more people to follow? Check out this [collaborative list of connected](#)

# Day 3

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**Earn a badge:** Complete the activities on this page and earn the Baby Tweet badge!

Visit this link to grab the code and learn how to display the badge on profiles or sites you use.



educators to follow on Twitter. If you have suggestions of who to follow, add them to the document!

- Once you've followed a few educators, retweet someone's tweet. Look for the retweet link when you place your mouse over an individual tweet.
- Find great classrooms to follow at the [Great Twitter Classroom Connections](#) page.
- Make sure you update your profiles around the Web with your Twitter name so others can follow you.
- Watch the video below from [Sheryl Nussbaum-Beach](#) about why being a connected educator is important.



Great job! That's all for today. Tomorrow, we'll explore hashtags, and how you can use them for even more DIY professional learning.

## Who to follow?

Want some ideas on who to follow? Check out some of the great organizations who are sponsors of Connected Educator Month and follow them on Twitter!

@plpnetwork  
@3dgamelab  
@bookmentors  
@brainpop  
@brighttalk  
@teachingquality  
@classroom20  
@edublogs  
@edutopia  
@kновation  
@middleweb  
@learningforward  
@schooldl  
@schooltube  
@slidespeech  
@unplugd  
@cueinc  
@ncte  
@kutztownu  
@ascd  
@isteconnects  
@writingproject  
@metroschools