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Place: SUPSI Manno

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**TEXTBLENDER**

Languages tested	English, Italian							
Online dictionaries tested	Wordreference							
1= <b>not very</b> easy / useful / likely 5= <b>very</b> easy / useful / likely						<i>Number of answers</i>		
						<i>Total</i>		<i>Average</i>
	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>			
How do you rate the ease of use of the html file?	3	10	5	1		19	72	<b>3,79</b>
How do you rate the ease of use of the Textblender software?	6	5	7	1		19	73	<b>3,84</b>
How useful are the Textblender files to language learning?	13	6				19	89	<b>4,68</b>
How likely are you to use Textblender in the future?	2	13	2		2	19	70	<b>3,68</b>
	<b>24</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>4,00</b>

**STUDENTS' COMMENTS**

I couldn't cancel the asterisk where I had to insert the text, so the text looked like a title.

It is slow and it sometimes gets blocked.

The number of characters allowed is limited. It would be better to point the cursor on a word to see its meaning, without having to click on it.

It is useful to work on professional/specialised texts, or for school research (x2).

I had problems saving the file. Explanations should be written in our language too and not just in English.

Very useful, but I will probably never use it because I will soon forget the address of the website.

I had problems saving the html file.

After I saved the text, it disappeared.

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## WORDLINK

Languages used in the test	Italian, English							
Online dictionary used in the test	Wordreference, Etymonline							
<p>1= <u>not very</u> easy / useful / likely</p> <p>5= <u>very</u> easy / useful / likely</p>						Number of answers	Total	Average
	5	4	3	2	1			
How do you rate the ease of use of the Wordlink online software?	3	7	7	2		19	68	<b>3,58</b>
How useful is the Wordlink software to language learning?	6	8	3	2		19	75	<b>3,95</b>
How likely are you to use Wordlink in the future?	3	6	9		1	19	67	<b>3,53</b>
	12	21	19	4	1	57	210	<b>3,68</b>

## STUDENTS' COMMENTS

It's inconvenient to have to return to the text page every time. There are problems with the words that already were links in the original site: it is impossible to translate them, because you will be sent to another webpage.(x2)

You have to open too many pages, and some words are not linked to the dictionary.

It doesn't work with all sites.

It is useful when working on professional texts, but not to learn a new language.

The software is difficult to use.

It is important to become familiar with the use of the software.

Longer procedure than with Textblender.

It would be better to select the language directly from the main page. It would be easier if the software automatically kept the language selection made for the first word.

It's very useful for us because we have a lot of scientific texts to read.