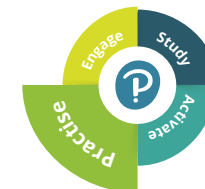


Distance Teaching

How to practise speaking



PRACTISE

Practising new language in an interactive environment

- interactive online exercises
- instant feedback for students
- checking students' performance online

Creating opportunities for students to practise speaking can be extremely challenging in an online class, especially if some of your students are unable to join the online class in a synchronous mode. Using digital tools like Flipgrid can help you sort out this problem.

Recording and sharing videos via Flipgrid

Flipgrid is a response system that allows students to record short videos of themselves speaking and share these videos in a safe online space. Flipgrid then takes these videos and places them in a grid for easy viewing and access by the teacher and other students. This tool will work well for the "class vote" type of activities and they can be set as homework. For example, you can tell your students to record a 1-2 minute video in Flipgrid answering the question "Would you like to test new gadgets? Why/Why not?" and start the next lesson on technology discussing the results of this short survey.

Assigning tasks via Flipgrid

To assign a task via Flipgrid you need to:

- Create a teacher's account.
- Write a question you want students to answer or present their opinion on.
- Share it with your learners with the help of an automatically generated code.
- Learners record short videos of themselves answering the assigned question and share the videos with you and their classmates.
- Flipgrid videos can be turned into interactive online exercises where classmates can comment on each other's videos.
- Flipgrid answers can be set as homework, so students can work in an asynchronous mode at their own pace.
- The teacher can review students' videos, and give feedback in comments or private emails.

Alternatively...

What if you want your students to give short answers orally to the topic questions to set the mood for the next synchronous lesson in Zoom, but don't have time to learn a new online tool? You can ask your students to record voice messages answering the topic question and send them to you via a common group chat. You can even create a class group in the group chat so that all the classmates can listen to each other's messages and comment on them.