Tools for Online Language Classes Outside MoodleRooms

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Objectives:

- 5 sites/apps for speaking practice;
- 5 sites/apps for writing practice;
- Generate ideas for how to use these tools in your classroom.

Speaking Practice

Site/App	Features	Uses (write your ideas here)
Vocaroo.com (no app)	Web-based recorder (free). Recorder can be embedded into MoodleRooms or other webpage. Audio can be downloaded and shared or the link to the audio can be shared.	
Voki.com (no app)	Create speaking avatars (basic service is free). Record up to 60 seconds for free. Or type words which will be spoken by the avatar (not available for other languages). Finished Voki can be emailed, shared on social media, or embedded in MoodleRooms or other websites.	
Voicethread.com (app for Apple)	Upload visual aids and record speaking about them (basic service is free). Not a "threaded" discussion. Strength is show **AND** tell.	

Site/App	Features	Uses (write your ideas here)
Voxopop.com	Web-based group audio discussions (free). Not exactly "threaded" discussions, but topics can be grouped together. Quality of recorder is not as good as most others.	
Soundcloud.com (app for Apple; Android app does not do recording)	Web-based recorder (basic service is free). 2 hours of free recording time. Audio can be shared via social networks, emailed, downloaded, or embedded into MoodleRooms or other webpage. This site is designed to be similar to a podcast site, but the emphasis is on storytelling. It is like the audio version of Instagram (you can connect your Instagram account also).	
Honorable Mentions		
Chirbit.com and chirbit app	Same as Soundcloud.com, but Apple app is easier to change file name and share without any account sign up.	
Tellagami app (Apple and Android)	Basically an app that works like Voki.com, but not able to embed it into a webpage. Only 28 secs. of recording allowed.	
Podomatic.com	A traditional podcasting site with a built-in recorder or the ability to upload audio files. This is like blogging with audio.	

Site/App	Features	Uses (write your ideas here)
Woices.com	Record travel dairies. Plot out destinations on a map and then record about those places.	

Writing Practice

Site/App	Features	Uses
Educreations.com (Apple app available)	Record lessons – like a screencast recorder (free). Upload images, use handwriting (no typing except in app), and record voice. Teachers can connect to Mt. SAC and create their class. Teachers can add feedback questions to their lessons. Students use code provided by teacher to access lessons. Students can make their own "lessons" when they click on their profile. Teacher then sees it when they click on students or the student can email the link to them. No webcam cababilities which simplifies privacy rights issue.	
Screenchomp (Apple app only)	Basic screencast recorder (free). Same capabilities as educreations, but student shares link to video created. No webcam cababilities which simplifies privacy rights issue.	

Site/App	Features	Uses
	FYI—take iPad screenshots by holding the "home" and "sleep" buttons at the same time. These screenshots can be imported into Screenchomp or Touchcast.	
Touchcast.com (beta PC download version, Apple app)	Advanced screencast recorder (currently free). "Looks like TV, but feels like the web" (Touchcast ad phrase). While recording, can switch from a webcam background to a solid whiteboard. Can type and write on either. Can add interactive links, polls, questions, and others. Can upload directly to YouTube, but lose the interactivity. Can access via TouchCast site or app the interactive version.	
Hello Talk (app only Apple or Android)	Social networking app for language learners (free). Based upon a language exchange model. Allows text and audio to be exchanged.	
docs.google.com (also app)	Online version of Microsoft Office for free. Can type in multiple languages. Create a "Drawing" to "scribble" on the page.	

Site/App	Features	Uses
Honorable Mentions		
Glogster.com	*Infographic creator (basic service is free).* *English and Arabic only.* *Can be embedded into MoodleRooms or other website.* *Link can be emailed.*	

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