

# Online Resources for the 21st Century Classroom



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By utilizing technology and making the right resources available to students, educators have unprecedented opportunities to encourage and enable autonomous learning to empower students to achieve their language learning goals. Here are some of the most useful resources available to teachers right now.

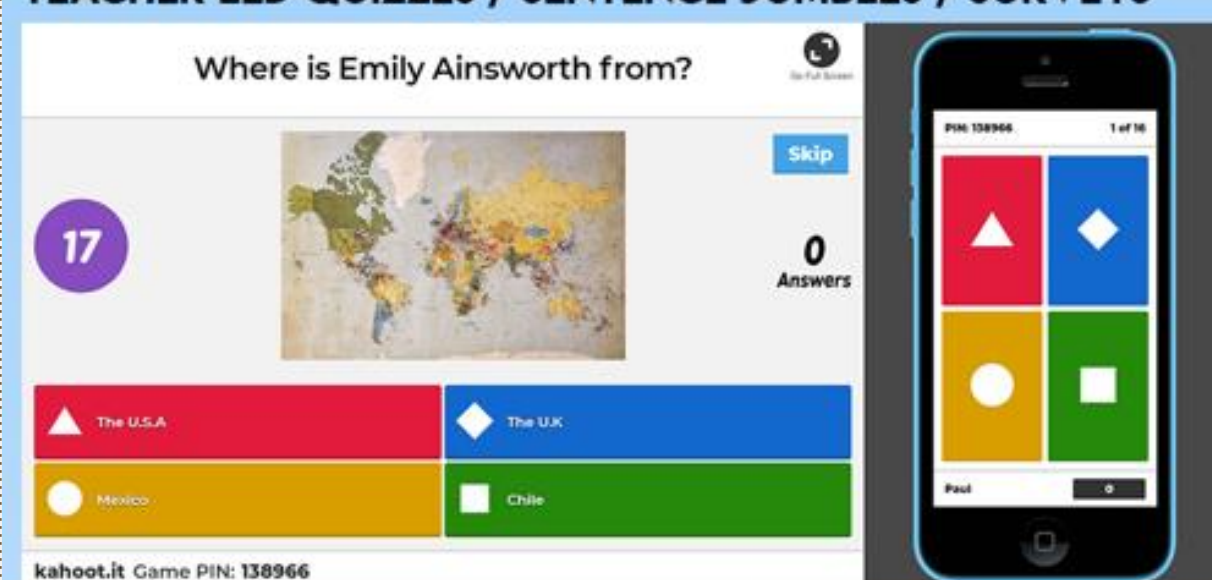
This guide demonstrates various ways in which smart devices can be utilized both inside and outside the classroom to build a more connected learning environment. These resources, which enable learners to use technology appropriately for language study, aim to promote learner agency as well as improve teacher efficacy.

Educational institutions around the world now embrace technology to support teaching and learning. This is increasingly the case in Japan, where learners in most tertiary institutions have access to CALL facilities, and according to a recent survey, 96% of Japanese under-35-year-olds are smartphone users (Taylor & Silver, 2019). This high usage of handheld smart devices allows for the incorporation of rich, immersive learning experiences into courses, of which the range and availability has increased exponentially in recent years. Appropriate use of such technology can support 24/7 learning, help develop technological skills and increase student engagement and motivation.

There are many well-known websites and applications being used for language learning, such as Quizlet and Kahoot, but the rapidly growing range of resources means keeping up with current trends can be difficult and time consuming. This guide showcases new uses for familiar apps as well as introducing some newer, lesser-known resources, which teachers can implement into their own courses.

## KAHOOT

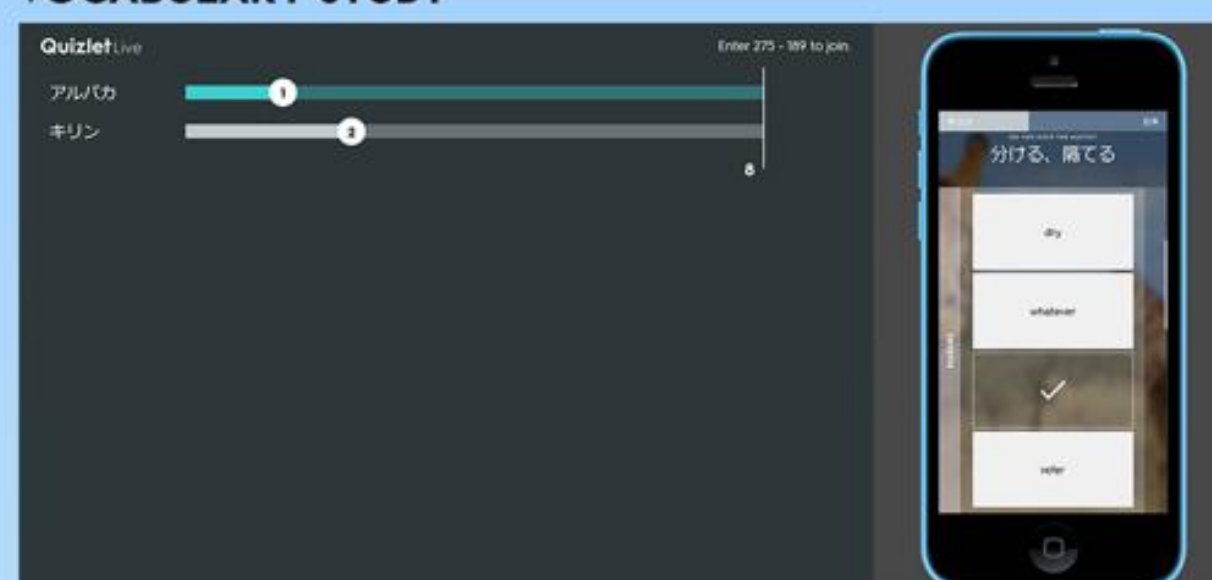
TEACHER LED QUIZZES / SENTENCE JUMBLES / SURVEYS



- + INTUITIVE USER INTERFACE MAKES IT EASY TO CREATE CONTENT.
- + WIDELY USED; EXISTING CONTENT AVAILABLE FOR MANY TEXTBOOKS.
- USERS CAN DROP OUT OF QUIZZES IF INTERNET CONNECTION IS UNSTABLE.

## QUIZLET

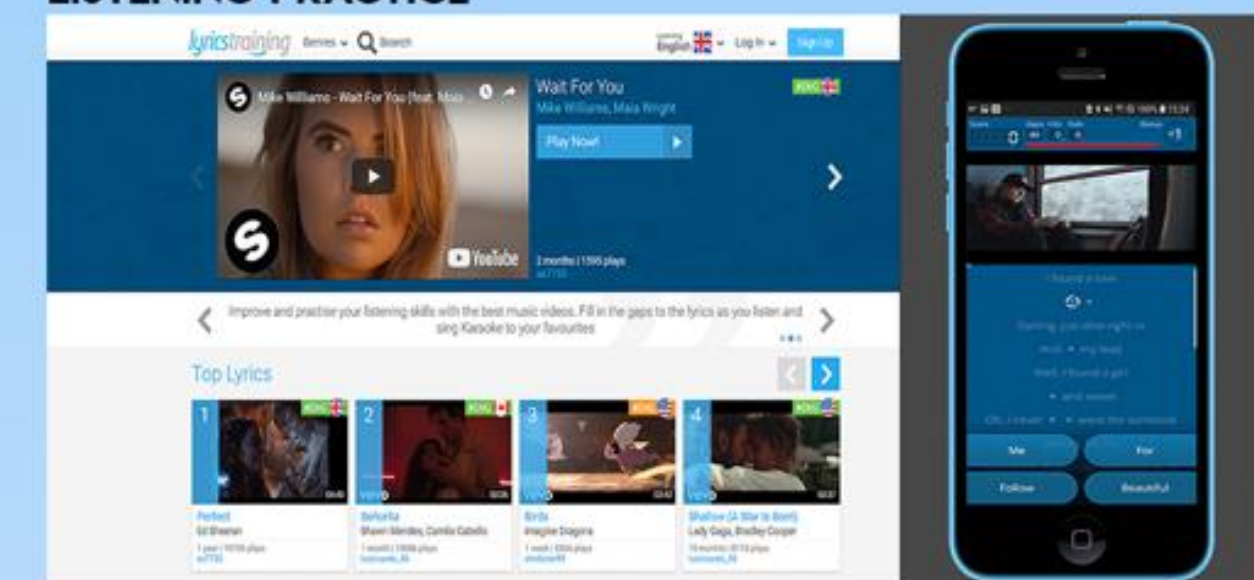
VOCABULARY STUDY



- + QUIZLET LIVE POPULAR BECAUSE OF COMPETITIVE ELEMENT.
- + VOCABULARY LISTS CAN BE UPLOADED FROM .XLS OR .CVS.
- LIMITED FLEXIBILITY IN ASSIGNING LEARNERS TO GROUPS IN QUIZLET LIVE.

## LYRICS TRAINING

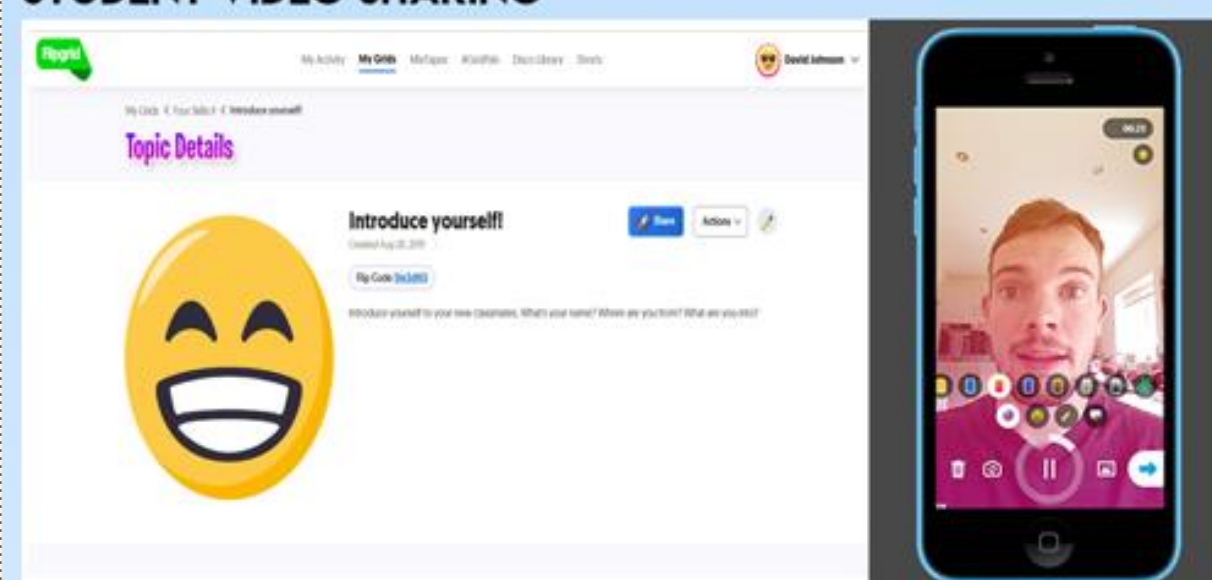
LISTENING PRACTICE



- + GAMIFIES LANGUAGE LEARNING.
- + USERS CAN TRACK PROGRESS AND CHALLENGE FRIENDS.
- LIMITED TO 3 VIDEOS PER 30 MINUTES WITH FREE ACCOUNTS.

## FLIPGRID

STUDENT VIDEO SHARING



- + SIMPLE WAY TO ADMINISTER AND GRADE SPEAKING ACTIVITIES.
- + LEARNERS CAN VIEW AND REACT TO CLASSMATES' VIDEOS.

## BRAINSCAPE

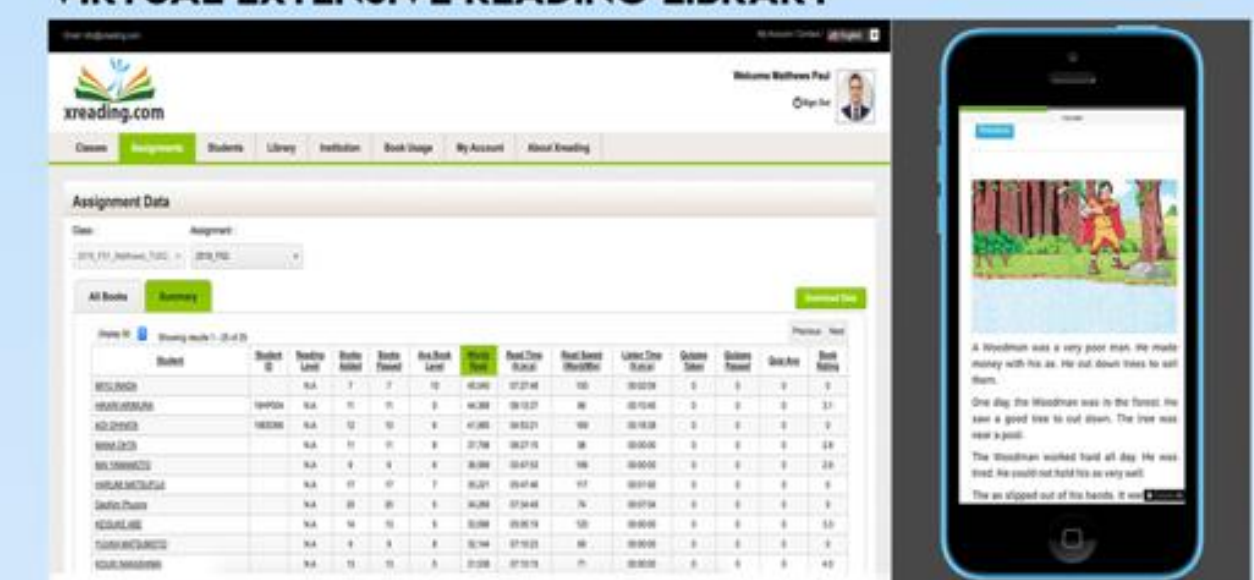
VOCABULARY FLASHCARD STUDY



- + SPACED RECOGNITION - MORE EFFECTIVE THAN REGULAR FLASHCARD USE.
- + EXISTING READY TO USE MATERIALS AVAILABLE.
- ACCESSING SOME PRE-MADE MATERIAL REQUIRES A SUBSCRIPTION.

## XREADING

VIRTUAL EXTENSIVE READING LIBRARY



- + HUNDREDS OF EASILY ACCESSIBLE GRADED READERS.
- + LMS TRACKS LEARNER PROGRESS.
- NAVIGATION CAN BE DIFFICULT FOR SOME LEARNERS.



SCAN TO READ:  
MATTHEWS & JOHNSON (2019) A GUIDE TO UTILIZING ONLINE MATERIALS IN THE CLASSROOM