

ASPIRE RESOURCES: EXTEMPORE

JS Group is delighted to announce that it has entered into a partnership with the US edtech company **Extempore** to bring their speaking practice app to the UK.

As universities are making changes how they deliver modules next year with a mixture of face to face teaching and remote learning, there is the need for language students and students looking to improve their English proficiency to be able to practice their speaking.

Extempore is the digital alternative to the language lab.

Speaking practice through your students' phones or tablets - anytime and anywhere!

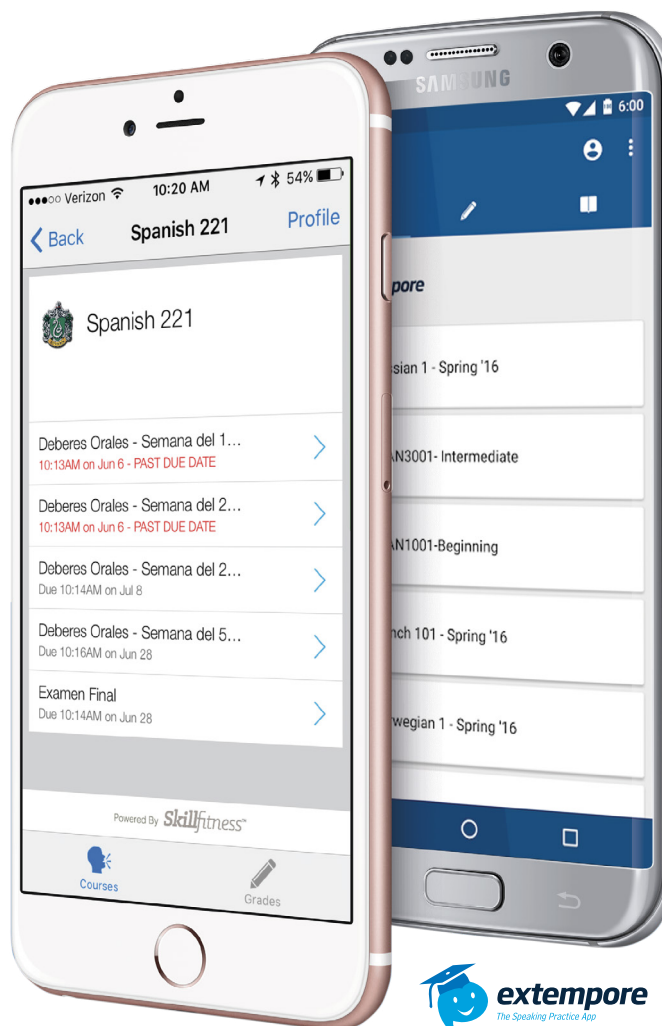
You want your students to practice speaking as much as possible, both inside class and out. However, you also know how difficult it can be to turn speech practice into routine.

If done during class, valuable teaching time is lost. If done outside of class, you're faced with dozens of recordings, which have to be organized and renamed, with no easy way of providing feedback.

HAVE STUDENTS COMPLETE ASSESSMENTS AS IF THEY WERE IN A LANGUAGE LAB

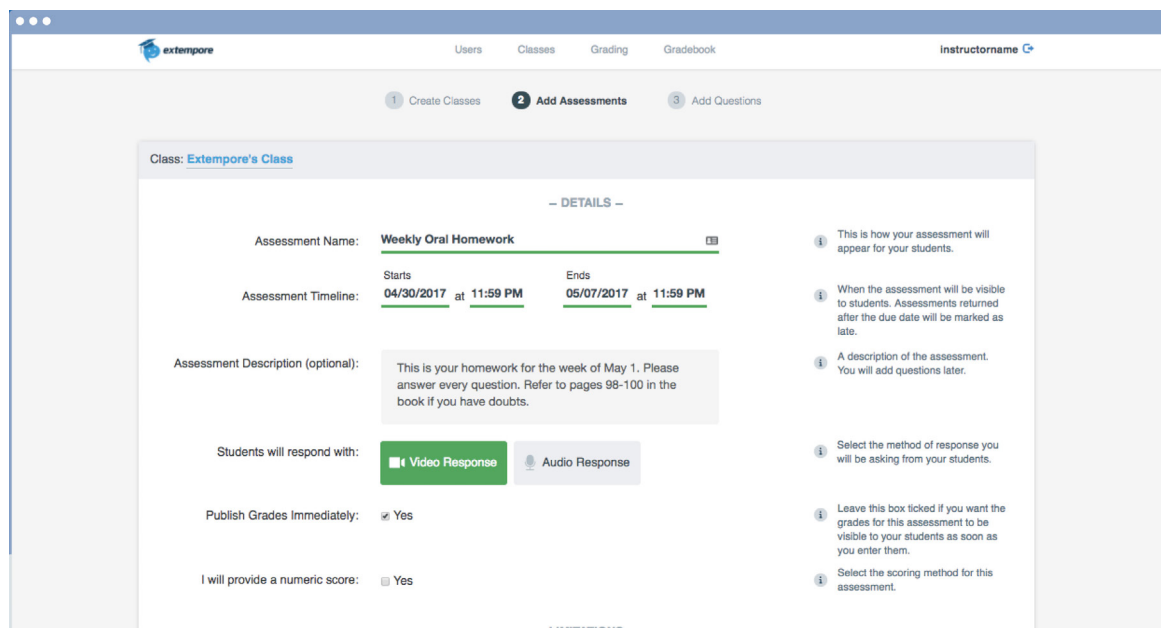
Extempore is the only platform created by and for foreign language teachers. **Extempore** allows instructors to assess authentic speech without having to schedule face-to-face meetings with each of their students.

Through the **Extempore** website, instructors are able to create assignments. These activities are then made available to students via their device or computer. On both platforms, students have the option of submitting answers through either video or audio. Once answers have been submitted, you'll have the ability to grade and provide written or oral feedback remotely from your mobile or desktop device. All of this can be done wherever and whenever you'd like! In school or even from the comfort of your own home



ENSURE A SPONTANEOUS RESPONSE

Unlike other tools, **Extempore** allows you to limit preparation time. The **Extempore Parameters (™)** allow instructors to determine how spontaneous they want their students' responses to be. For example, when configuring a final exam or any other form of summative assessment, a teacher may limit the time a student has between reviewing the prompt and answering the question. In the case of practice assessments, timing restrictions can be made more flexible. Additionally, the **Extempore** app allows instructors to decide whether or not students can re-record their answers.



PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND GRADE — ALL WITHIN EXTEMPORE

What makes **Extempore** so convenient is that all student responses are automatically stored in our system. For instructors, this means easy access, allowing them to grade responses remotely using **Extempore's** customisable rubric. Once grades and feedback have been submitted, scores are stored in **Extempore's** grade-book and appear on students' devices. You'll never have to leave our system or email dozens of files around. Extempore will handle everything!

BENEFITS FOR THE TEACHER

- Optimize your teaching time, instead of scheduling (and rescheduling!) interviews.
- Assess authentic speech instead of scripted responses.
- Grade on-the-go using your mobile device.
- Forget about file management; let Extempore do the work for you.

BENEFITS FOR YOUR STUDENTS

- Practice speaking and listening outside of the classroom.
- Reduce the anxieties caused by 1:1 interviews. Complete assessments whenever convenient. Track your speech progress in your portfolio.
- Review grades through your devices (no lost rubrics!).

KEY FEATURES

- All of your activities, responses and grades live in **Extempore**. There are no files to organize or lose.
- Spontaneity is ensured by limiting the time students have to prepare and respond.
- Rubric criteria are electronic and fully customizable to suit your needs and the needs of your class. Grades are sent to your students' devices with a simple tap.
- Your gradebook can be exported easily and imported into your Learning Management System.

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO ARRANGE A DEMONSTRATION

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