Mobile Phone as a Voice Recording Tool in the ESL Classroom

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Dear Oksana,

My name is Melody Qiu. I am taking your ESL 411.14 class this semester. Please complete assignment "Making a Speech Recording."

See you tomorrow,
Melody Qiu
English speaking.m4a

Time: 1:28
Voice Recording Activities

• Learning Needs Assessment
  Ex. Speech Survey

• Assessment of Learning Outcomes
  Ex. End - of - Unit Speaking Assessment

• Discussion Board

• Student Self – Reflection
  Ex. Listening to students’ own dialogues and conversations
Advantages of Voice Recording in an ESL Classroom

• Provides more effective assessment
• Increases opportunities of more oral output
• Builds up student confidence and comfort
• Provides opportunities for self-reflection
• Provides an opportunity to promote more sophisticated and complex use of vocabulary and language form
• Gives an opportunity to archive student’s oral outputs
• Individualized feedback
Advantages of Using Cell Phones as a Voice Recording Tool

• Availability of cell phones
• Ease of use
• You do not spend time learning how to use tools
• Familiarity with the technology
• Quality of the recording
• Virtually no technological glitches
• Gives a technology break
• Helps build classroom community
What do Students Think of Cell Phone Voice Recordings?

- “It is a great way to practice because we will more concentrate on our voice, volume and intonation.”
- “It’s useful for my TOEFL test.”
- “It is fun to hear my English voice.”
- “I can change the recording and it makes me feel better.”
- “I can improve English.”
- “It is useful because I can hear my voice, I can know the sounds. So I can change my voice and improve quickly.”
- “It is a good way to correct the pronunciation. After recording my voice I would listen to it again. I want to hear fluent sentences from my recording. So I do it very carefully.”
- “Voice recordings can practice my listening.”
- “It saves time.”
How much do students say they practice before recording?

- A half an hour
- Five minutes
- More than three times
- Once or twice
- About 10 times
Is Re-Recording Useful?

- “I think it is a good idea to try again because you will be better and better.”

- “It’s a good way to check my recording.”

- “I can know which part is wrong and which part I still have to improve.”

- “It is an opportunity to practice.”
Discussion