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FREE WEB APPLICATIONS:
Tools for at home practice
Listening, oral production, reading & writing!

Voicethread: slideshows or video with audio and text bubbles

Teachers: register as an educator for more free Voicethreads
Teachers and students tell stories with pics, words and voice
Students comment on or answer questions about stories by writing and/or speaking
Students add details to embellish a story
Students make up their own story upon viewing pictures teacher has posted
Students make up their own story and post pictures to illustrate it
Students send links to teacher and other students
Students review other students' work, summarize story, upload comments, questions, add details
Teacher shows students' work to class, students listen to classmates, teacher evaluates, students evaluate

Vocaroo: a language lab at home using your computer's microphone or an outside telephone line

Teacher emails messages to students
Students record responses to teacher prompts (stories, questions, statements)
Students can repeatedly listen to their own and teacher's recorded responses
Students listen to teacher prompt and try to repeat for pronunciation practice
Teacher evaluates recordings, gives feedback individually or at class level

Voki: Who's your avatar?

Create your persona and make them talk. Share by posting on your site or emailing.

Teacher creates and sends animated character to students (via link delivered by email)

Teacher and/or students record messages (story, questions, prompt) using own voice OR

Teacher and/or students type message and choose native speaker voice with a variety of accent choices

Skype: a video phone call

Students practice dialogs, asking/answering questions, reading aloud one on one from home.

Can also be used for assessment! Have students call you and practice phone etiquette.

Find international contacts in target language, set up class calls.

Photobooth: your computer's camera lens and its possibilities

Students and teacher create pictures to use as icons for their online identity on Voicethread, email

Go Animate: for those about to laugh, we salute you!

Make animated videos using your voice or a native speaker (Argentina costs; Spain is free!)

Students make own videos to finish story, character analysis