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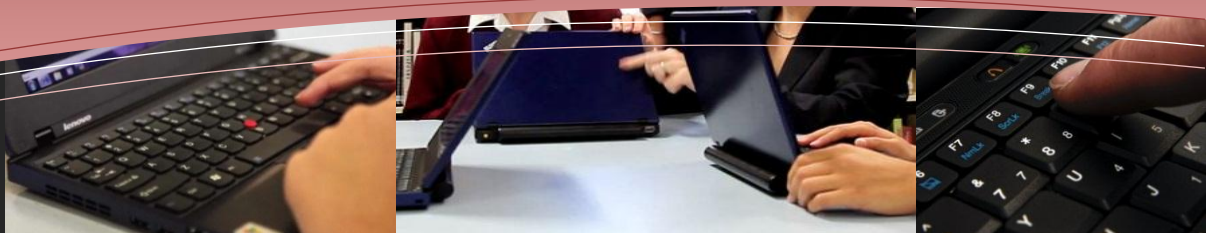
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## Creating an avatar using

### What is 'Voki'?

'Voki' is a web-based application designed to create talking, animated characters or 'avatars' in different settings. You can share your avatars with other people via email, post them to a social media profile or you can embed your avatars into your website, blog or moodle. 'Voki' is unblocked for all students K-12.

### What does a 'Voki' avatar look like?



Above: Examples of avatars created in 'Voki'

### Where can I find 'Voki'?

'Voki' is located at the following URL:  
<http://www.voki.com/>

### What does Voki cost?

Nothing. You can create a Voki account for free. You can also create a Voki Classroom account at a cost of \$29.95/year (or \$44.95 for two years) which allows you to add and manage classes, lessons and students without your students needing to register online.

### Do I need a Voki account?

Yes. Click on the **GET VOKI** button on the home page and complete your personal details to create your free Voki account.

### How does Voki work?

On the Voki home page you will see a row of five tabs:



Click on the 'Create' tab to get started!



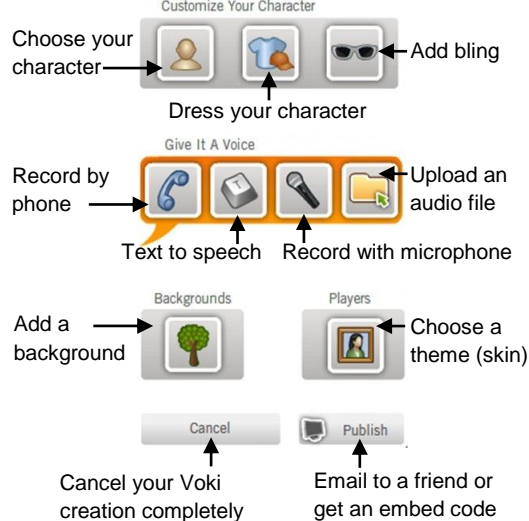
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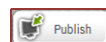
Creating a Voki avatar is a two-step process:

- 1) Creating and adding voice
- 2) Publishing and sharing



### How do I share my Voki avatar?

Once you name and save your Voki avatar you can choose to forward your Voki avatar via email or click on



the button to copy the embed code to embed your Voki into your blog or website. You can also copy a standard link for people to use to access your Voki avatar.

### How can I integrate Voki into my teaching program?

There are endless opportunities for the relevant integration of Voki into your teaching program, particularly where students are required to communicate information or ideas or provide their interpretation of events. Here are three ideas that you might like to try using Voki for in your classroom:

#### 1. Welcome to a blog or website

Create a Voki avatar with a welcome message or lesson instructions and embed it into your blog or Moodle lesson for your students.

#### 2. Fictional character interpretation

Have students create a Voki avatar of a specific character from a class text they have been studying, give their character an appropriate voice and explain aspects of the text from their character's perspective.

#### 3. Learning foreign languages

Students can create a Voki avatar and use their own voice to introduce and tell something about themselves in the language they are studying.

Check out the Lesson Plans section of the Voki website for more ideas on how to use Voki in the classroom!