

Benefits of Providing Audio-Visual Feedback in Students' Written Assignments

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- Do you spend considerable time giving students feedback on their written assignments?

- How useful is my feedback to my students?
- What do they do with it?

Jing

- Screen capture software which can be used to record anything you can see on your computer screen
- Free and can be downloaded from <http://www.techsmith.com/download/jing/>
- Recording lasts no more than 5 minutes

Jing can be used to provide:

- Spoken feedback on written assignments
- Correct grammatical errors in Word document
- Explanations in the target language
- Highlight of recurrent errors (e.g. a verb tense)
- Positive feedback

The Written Project

- Students require to write 2000 words on a topic related to their area of study (e.g. law, economics, etc.)
- Feedback is provided and students self-correct and submit
- Assessment based on content, grammar and organisation

Pilot study: what was done?

- Feedback provided to students at Advanced Level on their Written Project
- Spoken feedback provided in the target language
- Explanations given on errors previously highlighted in the student's Word document

<http://screencast.com/t/qQdjnT8S>

How did you use this feedback?

- *“...There would inevitably be parts where I wasn’t exactly sure what exactly was wrong, or was stumped as to how to correct it, and the extra explanation provided by the video cleared up most of these problems.”*

What students think ...

- “...easy and engaging system...”
- “...experience felt more personal...”
- “...less intimidating than receiving a paper full of red biro marks...”
- “...much like having the teacher beside me in class...”
- “...nicer to be able to hear someone’s comments on your work...”
- “...provided a good opportunity to practice my listening skills...”

Advantages of providing **audio-visual** feedback

- Voice comments on written assignment
- The student can listen to explanations
- The student can see and easily follow the correction
- Feedback provided in target language or English

Student Feedback and Outcomes

- More personal and memorable feedback
- Helps students overcome misunderstandings
- Explanations in depth
- Caters for different learning styles
- Helps with listening skills
- Transferable to other disciplines

Further uses of Jing

- To generate a pool of generic language resources
- To show students around related websites
- To support academic writing
- To provide explanations of theory
- To involve students in making recordings
- To show how to use related technologies

Will this feedback work for your students and for you?

- Discuss with your colleagues possible challenges or difficulties in using audio-visual feedback
(3min.)

Thank you
Questions or comments?

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