



BEST PRACTICES WITH EXTEMPORE

Extempore is a brand new concept, and it will take your students a few days of regular practice to get used to it. Here are some tips to help you ease the process:

1. START EASY WITH THE “TIME TO REVIEW” FEATURE

When recording their speech for an assignment, many students are used to being able to write or prepare for their answers beforehand. Having a timer counting down the few seconds they have to start recording may be a bit unnerving. We recommend that you let them practice using the app with unlimited time to review first (you do this by not checking the “time to review” box when creating an assignment). Once your students have become comfortable with the app, you can start restricting the assessments by adding a time to review limit.

2. TRY IT YOURSELF FIRST

Same as you probably do with other types of assignments, completing an Extempore exercise before you release it to your class will allow you to anticipate questions. Your institutional account includes bonus students so you can open your own student account and test your assessments. If you chose a student-paid account, you received a one-time coupon to create a student account.

3. DEMO THE APP FOR YOUR STUDENTS OR SHOW THEM OUR TUTORIAL VIDEOS

If you can, project your mobile device on a larger screen in the classroom and demo for your students how to complete an assessment with the app. Alternatively, show in class or direct your students to watch at home the tutorial videos on the Extempore’s website. There are short videos for how to set up an account, how to take an assessment, how to check grades and feedback, and many others.

4. COMPLETE A PRACTICE ASSIGNMENT IN CLASS

A great way to make sure everybody knows how to use Extempore before an important assessment is to practice with it in class. Prior to the class when you plan to use Extempore, ask your students to download the app and create an account. Then, in class, ask them to complete a practice assessment. You will be able to circulate around the class checking on students and answering questions.



5. MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS HAVE THE LATEST VERSION OF THE APP

Extempore is regularly updated to add new features and functions. Make sure both you and your students have the latest version of the app from Google Play or the App Store.

6. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE LATEST VERSION OF CHROME OR FIREFOX

Some of the CMS functions, such as prompt recording and audio feedback only work on the latest versions of the two most popular internet browsers: Chrome and Firefox.