

Audio Feedback with Vocaroo

Have you ever found students not reading the comments you place on their papers? Have you had students misinterpret the good intentions behind constructive feedback? Vocaroo, a free online audio recorder, records your voice and makes the audio file available in a link to pass on to your students. Audio feedback brings your tone of voice to students, minimizing defensiveness increasing their attention to the feedback.

AUDIO FEEDBACK

Hi, Mike! I really enjoyed your take on this project. There's something important and under recognized about how we prepare students for college. I was eager to hear real-world examples of how this happens, perhaps at OU.

I hope you'll consider developing these ideas more in the revision, along with updating the APA style to make sure citations are consistent and match your References. Share a bit more about the people you interview as well. It sounds like you've done the hard work of research—now let's make sure it shines through.

Looking forward to seeing this argument develop!

AUDIO & TEXT FEEDBACK

Hi, Mike! I really enjoyed your take on this project. There's something important and under recognized about how we prepare students for college. I was eager to hear real-world examples of how this happens, perhaps at OU.

I have attached further points to consider for revision. Looking forward to seeing this argument develop!

As we prepare for revision, also consider the following points:

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Please submit these revisions by Friday, October 31, and be sure to use my office hours or the Writing Center for further assistance.

TEXT FEEDBACK

Dear Michael:

Congratulations on finishing this project! I especially enjoyed the argument you asserted about how freshmen students are, in many ways, prepared to fail rather than to succeed.

To accompany this idea, what evidence could you use? The more evidence you build up, the stronger your case is.

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- The Prof.

Read more about Vocaroo, and hear a Vocaroo recording at oakland.edu/teachingtips

Using Vocaroo to Give Audio Feedback on Assignments

Have you ever found students in your class not reading the comments you place on their papers? Have you ever had students misinterpret the good intentions behind constructive feedback? Do you wish to find a way to show students how to improve on an assignment and really “hear” what you are saying? Then let me share this resource with you: [Vocaroo](#).

Vocaroo is a great online audio recorder free to use. All you need is to access the link, use the microphone in your computer, record your statement, and share the link. It is easy, it is fun, and it is effective!

I have found the best thing to do is to keep it short and sweet. I point out something the student did well on the assignment and then point to something they can improve on. They hear the tone of my voice as being instructive and encouraging. They no longer immediately feel defensive about their assignment and actually listen to the feedback I am providing. I have found that most students will actually click on the link, listen to the guidance, and make the adjustments in their next assignments. This increases their interest in the class, increases their engagement in the assignment, and increases their success in the course.

You can paste the link on any digital document or forward in an email or a text. It can work for a traditional classroom setting or an online environment. It is also great for online discussion boards or announcements.

Give it a try — I bet you will like the results you see!

Here is [a sample voice recording](#).

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