

Bonfire

Is your phone the only device available to your students? No problem! Let's get closer together and share it.

1. Sit in a circle

Sit the classroom in a circle (adapt to your classroom as you see fit).

2. Log in and dip your toes

Hold the device and sign in to Duolingo. If you are on the app, select a lesson to work on. If using a browser on your device, go to your Duolingo Dashboard, select your classroom and click on "Classroom Practice" button. If the button is grayed out, make sure the classroom has a target language selected.

3. Start the lesson and read out loud

The idea is to work through the exercise together as a group with the participation of as many as possible, without sharing the screen with the group. This way, everyone can work through each exercise out loud and learn from each other's thought processes. Start the lesson and read the first question out loud to your students. Allow them to raise their hands or speak out to help you through the exercise. Ask if anyone disagrees and encourage a friendly debate until they reach a consensus. Submit the answer and get through the lesson together.

4. Other rules and notes

- If there are images in the exercise, try to describe them. The fun of this entire challenge is that no one gets to see the screen until the answer has been submitted (even then, it's optional).
- If it is an audio exercise, repeat/read what the device is saying and submit the answer suggested by the group.
- If this works for you, students can write things down on a small board or paper to help them figure out the challenges and show you how they believe certain things should be spelled.
- To change things up a little, it is highly recommended that you pass the device around so that each student gets a chance to be the Duomaster (ask the circle/group for the answer).
- When the lesson is over, everyone wins!

Curriculum Area

- World Languages

Ages/Languages

- Flexible

Materials/Requirements

- Internet connection
- (optional) mini white boards/markers & paper

Devices

- One portable device

Before teaching

- If you are on the app, pre-select a lesson to work on. If using a browser on your device, go to your Duolingo Dashboard, select your classroom and click on "Classroom Practice" button (if the button is grayed out, make sure the classroom has a target language selected).

Teacher Objectives

- Encourage thinking, listening, and speaking in target language
- Students learn through a hands-on activity
- Social interactions and relationships drive the learning/teaching process

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Parents and home school Families can play this together. This can also be done with one parent and one student. Encourage your child to work things out as much as they can and ask as many open questions as you can (that means questions that cannot be answered with a simple "yes" or "no"). If you need extra help and are on the browser or Android version of Duolingo, you can select "Discuss Sentence" after each correction to see if you can find a previously submitted explanation to your questions.



Make it less challenging by guiding the students more if the exercises are a little too difficult. Encourage and challenge students to try to figure out as much as they can.



/Make it more challenging by having students—instead of submitting the obvious translation that first comes to mind—try an alternative way of saying the same sentence and see if Duolingo considers it correct. If the classroom thinks this should be an accepted translation but it was marked incorrect, select the flag icon that appears in the correction (Report a Problem) and select "My answer should be accepted." If the teacher knows it is incorrect, he/she can ask students why they think it wasn't accepted and guide them to figure out the reason.