

# The eKidz.eu Recording Function



NEW! Recording function! Students can now record themselves reading aloud and retelling eKidz.eu stories. Dive into languages with this exciting feature

**Reading fluency:** Students can listen to their own reading, reflect and become motivated to continue practising and re-recording until they are happy

**Pronunciation training:** The recording function supports pronunciation training for students learning English, Spanish or German as a second language.

**Emphasised reading and comprehension:** Reading a text with appropriate intonation, speed and pauses helps the student comprehend the story and when they re-tell it, conveys the student's reading comprehension.

## Ways to implement the new eKidz - feature in your classroom



Stiftung Lesen published a detailed introduction to our new features that you can download above. Our favourites ways of using the recording feature are:

**A. Introduction to reading:** Using only the illustrations can reduce reluctant readers' inhibitions and awake curiosity. What do you think the story is about? What type of person do you think this character is? In groups, the students can formulate their thoughts or write down keywords in individual assignments.

**B. Reading aloud / picture book cinema:** Projecting the illustrations-only view, a story can be used as a picture book cinema. Let your students read the dialogue aloud from their devices and actively involve them by asking questions. Swapping the reader keeps students concentrating as they may be asked to read next! This encourages listening comprehension and enhances concentration. At home, your students can use the read-aloud function independently.

**C. Productive text work:** Using the text-only story view, your students can create their own illustrations based on the characters and the events described in the text.

**D. Narrating and recording:** Students can use the illustration-only story view as a prompt, and record themselves retelling the story in their own words. This will give teachers insight into their comprehension as well as pronunciation. Students can also use the whole view (illustration and text) to record themselves reading the story.

**E. Recordings and Rewards:** Teachers can leave audio feedback for each of the student's recordings: What did they do well? What can they work on? And when they read that tricky word correctly, improve their fluency, get the tone correct... Reward them! Send them one of eKidz.eu's in-app, direct messages to tell them how pleased you are with their progress and how well they are doing - see their motivation grow!

