

Voki Hangouts

Getting Started Guide

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1. What is a Voki Hangout?

A **Hangout** is a student learning community designed to foster intelligent student conversations using Voki speaking avatars.

Each Hangout contains teacher defined **Topics** for which students can provide related **Thoughts**.

Students can then **Reply** to student *Thoughts*.

Topic *Thoughts* are displayed in a teacher managed, conversational grid which aims to promote an ongoing dialogue and learning experience between students.

Voki Hangouts is available to all Premium Voki subscribers. Try Hangouts free today at <https://www.voki.com/hangout/>.

2. How do I create a Voki Hangout?

A *Hangout* is simply a group of students. Examples of a *Hangout* title might include Honors Biology, Debate Team, Summer Readers and Basic Math (to name a few).

Each *Hangout* should be determined by the teacher for the purpose of discussing various topics suited to specific groups.

Hangouts Homepage - Student View Example:

The screenshot shows the Voki Hangouts homepage. At the top is a green navigation bar with the Voki logo and menu items: CREATE, PRESENT, CLASSROOM, HANGOUT (highlighted), PRODUCTS, and PRICING. Below the navigation bar, there's a header area with "My Hangouts" on the left, "Teach | Support" in the middle, and a "Personal Account" for Marge Bradock on the right. The main content area features a "Select all | sort by" dropdown menu and a "View Archived" checkbox. A large dashed green box contains a "+ ADD HANGOUT" button. Below this are three hangout cards: "Honors Biology" (3 ideas, 9 questions, 9 answers, 85 views, 0 likes, 18 members), "Debate Club" (0 ideas, 0 questions, 0 answers, 0 views, 0 likes, 4 members), and "Math Enthusiasts Forum" (2 ideas, 0 questions, 0 answers, 0 views, 0 likes, 12 members). Each card includes a description and a red notification badge.

a. Topics

Within each *Hangout* teachers can then create points of discussion related to the *Hangout* to group. These are defined as **Topics**.

Topics Page - Student View Example:

The screenshot shows the Voki interface for a Hangout titled "Honors Biology". The top navigation bar includes "CREATE", "PRESENT", "CLASSROOM", "HANGOUT", "PRODUCTS", and "PRICING". Below the navigation, the user is logged in as "Personal Account Marge Bradock" with a notification badge showing "4". The main content area features a large image of a monarch caterpillar on a leaf with red flowers. Below the image, the title "Honors Biology" is displayed, along with statistics: 3 likes, 9 comments, 9 shares, 85 views, and 0 posts. A description states: "This aim of this discussion group is to make you more curious. Together, let's discover the right questions!". The "Topics" section includes a search bar, a "View Archived" toggle, and a list of topics. The first topic is "ADD TOPIC" with a green plus sign. The second topic is "Island Life is Unique" by Rosa Wells, dated 31-07-2018 at 6:38 pm. The third topic is "Is extinction necess..." by Fred Archer, dated 26-07-2018 at 2:03 pm.

b. Thoughts & Replies

Once a *Topic* is defined, students (or teachers) can contribute spoken **Thoughts** pertaining to the overarching topic. Each *Thought* is represented by a speaking Voki avatar and then displayed in a conversational grid. Each *Thought* also allows for individual students to **Replies**. This format allows for a continuous, engaging and intelligent social conversation between group members!

Thoughts Page - Gallery View Example

The screenshot shows a Voki interface with a green navigation bar containing 'CREATE', 'PRESENT', 'HANGOUT', 'ASSIGNMENTS', 'HELP', and 'LEARN'. Below the bar, the breadcrumb path is 'My Hangout > Honors Biology > Island Life is ...'. A notification bell icon shows 0 notifications, and a user profile for 'Welcome Rosa Wells' is visible. The main content area has a header image of a tropical beach and the title 'Island Life is Unique' with the text 'Please consider the advantages for living things in this environment.' Below the header is a link 'More about the topics - check it out!' and social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+, Email, and Print. There are 3 replies and 2 thoughts indicated. The grid contains four thought cards: an 'ADD THOUGHT' button, and three cards for 'Ms. Bradock' (7 replies, 172 views, 3 likes), 'Ms. Bradock' (0 replies, 5 views, 0 likes), and 'Rosa Wells' (1 reply, 29 views, 2 likes). A fourth card for 'Fred Archer' (1 reply, 9 views, 3 likes) is partially visible at the bottom left.

Thoughts Page - Linear View Example

Island Life is Unique

REPLIES FEEDBACK SHARE

Ms. Bradock
26-05-2018 - 6:46am 2
Original Thought

Ms. Bradock
13-07-2018 - 6:38pm 0

Rosa Wells
25-07-2018 - 10:54am 1

Ms. Bradock
26-07-2018 - 8:55am 0

Rosa Wells
31-07-2018 - 6:19pm 0

Rosa Wells
31-07-2018 - 6:38pm 0

Fred Archer
1 9 3

3. What else do I need to know about Hangouts?

a. The Voki hangout hierarchy

Hangout > Topic > Thought > Reply

Real world example for reference:

Science 101 (Hangout) > Can we colonize Mars? (Topic) > Students Vokis Avatars (Thoughts) > Student Replies to Thoughts

b. Voki Hangout (3 distinct views)

1. **Teacher View** - This view is for teachers only and allows for controlling the *Hangout* settings (grading, sharing, etc). Teachers can also view and participate in the *Hangout*.
2. **Student View** - The student view is largely defined by the teacher and their preferred settings. Students can participate and view all *Topics* within a *Hangout* for which they are a member.
3. **Visitor View** - Teachers can allow limited viewing of a *Hangout* grid by approved 3rd parties. These parties can include parents, administrators or other teachers/classes.

4. Student Safety, Moderation & Control

Each *Hangout* is fully managed and monitored by teachers and contains safeguards to prevent bullying and abuse. Teachers can require approval before student *Thoughts* are displayed as well as hide or remove students and their related *Thoughts* from the hangout.

5. Use Cases

Debates: Further inspire a passion for learning by moderating educational debates around teacher defined *Topics*.

Problem solving: Inspire students to work collaboratively and de-construct problems in a group setting.

Storytelling: Develop educational and/or whimsical stories between students to further inspire creative thinking.

Idea Building: Crowdfund ideas and creative thoughts from groups of learners to bring great new ideas into the classroom.

Games: Get creative with games that leverage the conversational grid style of Voki Hangouts. Did someone say Karaoke?

Interpretations/ Opinions: Engage students with their shared perspective on literature, art or other *Topics* of your choosing.

Teachers: Educators can participate, create and share Voki *Hangouts* and share them with colleagues, student and/or parents!

Greetings: Greet new students and visitors to your school or classroom with a Voki introduction from each student!

Language Learning: Create multi-language conversations using spoken voice or Voki's Text-to-Speech (TTS). Supported in over (+25 languages & dialects).

Endless possibilities - With the ability to define the group of students as well as the *Topics* for discussion - the learning possibilities are truly endless!

6. Additional support

For additional support please contact support@voki.com or visit www.voki.com/site/support.