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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/](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.
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:*
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 - Linear View Example

Island Life is Unique

Ms. Bradock
28-06-2018 8:48am

Ms. Bradock
28-06-2018 6:38pm

Rosa Wells
28-06-2018 5:24am

Ms. Bradock
28-06-2018 6:38pm

Rosa Wells
31-07-2018 6:19pm

Rosa Wells
31-07-2018 6:38pm
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:** Crowdsourced 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.