

Lesson 5 - Give Feedback to Your Students

Description:	Students need meaningful feedback on their performance in order to grow as learners. By providing students with constructive feedback, teachers enhance their students' learning, by helping them understand what they have and haven't learned. Providing feedback is also a way to connect with students, as well as help students identify their strengths, and areas which need improvement. In order to provide feedback, teachers spend a lot of time grading papers and assignments, providing numeric scores, grades, and written comments. While it would be great to provide students with in-person, verbal feedback daily, in reality, teachers know this is just not always possible. A different way of approaching this, is providing feedback through video. Additionally, if your students have submitted assignments digitally (maybe through Google Docs, PowerPoint presentations, Word Docs, etc.), it's very easy to create a quick video screencast, giving your students feedback while referring to specific parts of their assignment. By creating videos, you can go more in-depth with your feedback for students, and explain your critiques in a rich, meaningful way. You can also create the videos on your own time, when it's convenient for you, and students can watch them over and over, and also share them with their families. These videos can be a great tool for you to reference during meetings such as parent-teacher conferences. Finally, for students who cannot read or write, providing them with video feedback is a great way to personally connect with them, and provide them with a source of encouragement and support.
Goal:	By the end of this activity you will be able to create a short video, with meaningful feedback for your students.
Materials:	 Mobile device (tablet, smart phone, etc.) TechSmith Fuse Mobile App Tripod for your mobile device (optional) Physical copy of student's work or Laptop or desktop TechSmith Relay Desktop Recorder Microphone (if your computer does not have one built-in)
	Webcam (optional)Digital copy of a student's work
Procedure:	1. Use your mobile device and the TechSmith Fuse app to record yourself providing the student with feedback. This approach works great if you just want to create a quick, personal video with feedback for one of your students. Maybe it's feedback on an assignment they submitted, or maybe it's feedback on classroom behavior, etc. This approach also works great as a means of communicating with students' families, if you want to create a quick video message to send home. 2. Use the TechSmith Relay Desktop Recorder to create a video with feedback for the student. This approach works great if your students submit their assignments electronically (in





the form of a Word Doc, PowerPoint, Google Doc, Prezi, etc.). Using this procedure, you can open up the student's assignment and actually reference specific parts of the assignment during your feedback. If you are using a rubric to grade the assignment, you can also pull this up to reference during your video. You can also use webcam integration to add yourself to the video, for a more personal touch.

Steps:

1. (Optional) Create an outline for your video. What do you want to say to the student? What specific parts of the assignment do you have feedback on? What did the student do well? What can the student improve upon?

Pro Tip: When providing your students with feedback, consider the following:

- What are the positive or successful features of the assessed work?
- What are the less successful features of the assessed work?
- What could the student improve upon in this piece of work?
- How might the student do better on future assignments?
- 2. (Optional) Practice what you want to say. Take a few minutes to go over what you want to say to your students. Remember to act naturally and just be yourself. You may want to practice what you want to say in front of a mirror or with a friend or family member.
- 3. Record your video using the TechSmith Fuse app or Desktop Recorder.
- 4. If you're satisfied with your video, send your video to your TechSmith Relay account for sharing.
- 5. Make your video interactive! You can add a quiz to your video in TechSmith Relay, to make your video more engaging. You can also insert an open response question to see if your students have any questions for you!
- 6. Share your video with your students! Share the link from your video in an email to students, post it on your class webpage, or post it in your LMS for viewing. You may even want to make this a homework assignment for students.

Pro Tip: If you plan on using video to given students individualized feedback throughout the year, you may want to create a Group for each individual student in TechSmith Relay. This way, every time you have feedback for a particular student, you can add the video to his/her Group, and they will receive an email notification letting them know there is a new video available for them to view.

*Please Note: In order to view the video, the students will need to have a TechSmith Relay account, or will need to create one. If your students have not yet created an account, you may want to create a handout with instructions, similar to the one provided here.

7. See who's watched your video. Once you've shared the video, you can check the analytics on the video to see who's watched it and how much of the content they have viewed.

Modifications:

• Use the document camera and a hard copy of your students' work to create a video: If you have a document camera connected to your computer and can display the document camera capture on your desktop, you can display a hard copy of your students' work under the document camera and then use the TechSmith Relay Desktop Recorder to create a video this way as well. You may do this because you don't have a digital copy of your students' work, or because this feels more comfortable to you.





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- Additional trimming with Snagit: If you have Snagit (version 11 or later), you can upload your video to Snagit, using the TechSmith Fuse mobile app, or use the Snagit Desktop Recorder to create your video. You can use Snagit to trim your video at the beginning, in the middle and at the end, if need be. To learn more about using Snagit with TechSmith Relay, click here.
- Additional editing with Camtasia: If you have Camtasia Studio (version 8 or later), you can upload your video to Camtasia, using the TechSmith Fuse mobile app, or use the Camtasia Desktop Recorder to create your video. With Camtasia you will have additional editing capabilities such as trimming, combining multiple video clips into one video, audio editing, adding hotspots, adding transitions, callouts, animations, etc. To learn more about using Camtasia with TechSmith Relay, click <u>here</u>.

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