

Spanish Heritage Learners Speak Out: A Flipgrid-Based Journey to Fluency

Abstract:

Learn how Flipgrid, a dynamic video-based platform, empowers Spanish heritage speakers to enhance pronunciation and fluency. This presentation shares insights from ten students who created reflective video clips, showcasing Flipgrid's interactive approach. With external exams and self-evaluations, their progress was evident. Discover Flipgrid's potential in the Spanish heritage classroom, fostering community and celebrating linguistic heritage.

Description:

Spanish heritage speakers can significantly improve their pronunciation and fluency by utilizing Flipgrid, a dynamic video-based platform. In this presentation, we will delve into the progress made by ten students who created five reflective video clips on various topics. Flipgrid offers an engaging and interactive space for learners to practice speaking and receive valuable feedback. To assess the students' progress, an external examination was conducted, and each student also performed a self-evaluation.

Preliminary results indicate that when heritage speakers record themselves speaking in Spanish and share their videos, they can fine-tune their pronunciation, intonation, and overall communication skills. Previous research has already demonstrated the platform's effectiveness in enhancing students' oral performance (Kleftodimos, 2023; Mango, 2021, among others), and our study contributes to this growing body of knowledge. Attendees will gain insights into implementing this tool in their Spanish heritage classrooms, understand its potential for enhancing oral proficiency, and learn how to assess activities using this platform.

Furthermore, Flipgrid's peer-to-peer interaction feature facilitates meaningful conversations, nurturing a sense of community and cultural connection among users. This recording tool empowers Spanish heritage learners to take charge of their language development and progress towards greater fluency, all while celebrating and preserving their linguistic heritage. The presentation will follow a symposium format to encourage discussions on similar interactive educational tools, fostering a collaborative learning environment.

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