

ADOBE SPARK VIDEO: A GUIDE FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS



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Introduction

Adobe Spark Video is a free iOS app and web tool which allows students to create multimedia slideshows to showcase their learning and promote speaking and writing skills in the languages classroom.

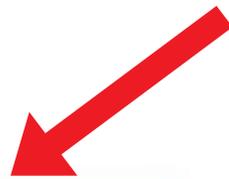
To get started

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If you are using an iPad, you need to go to the App Store and download the app. If you are using a Windows laptop, MacBook or Chromebook, you need to go to the Adobe Spark site and click on *Start now for free* to set up an account or Adobe ID or sign in with Google.

Web interface

Log in

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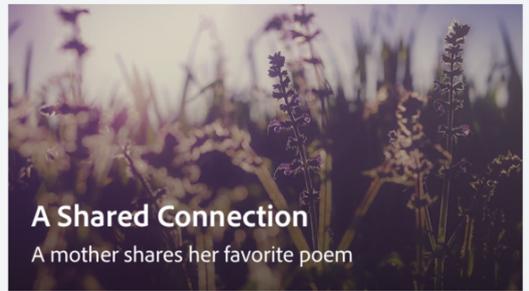


Susie's Lemonade Stand

A summer project gains traction

Susie Scanlan

Food 0:33



A Shared Connection

A mother shares her favorite poem

Loretta Lindsay

Lifestyle 0:22



Pensance Secondary School



Bersie's Boy Coming Soon!

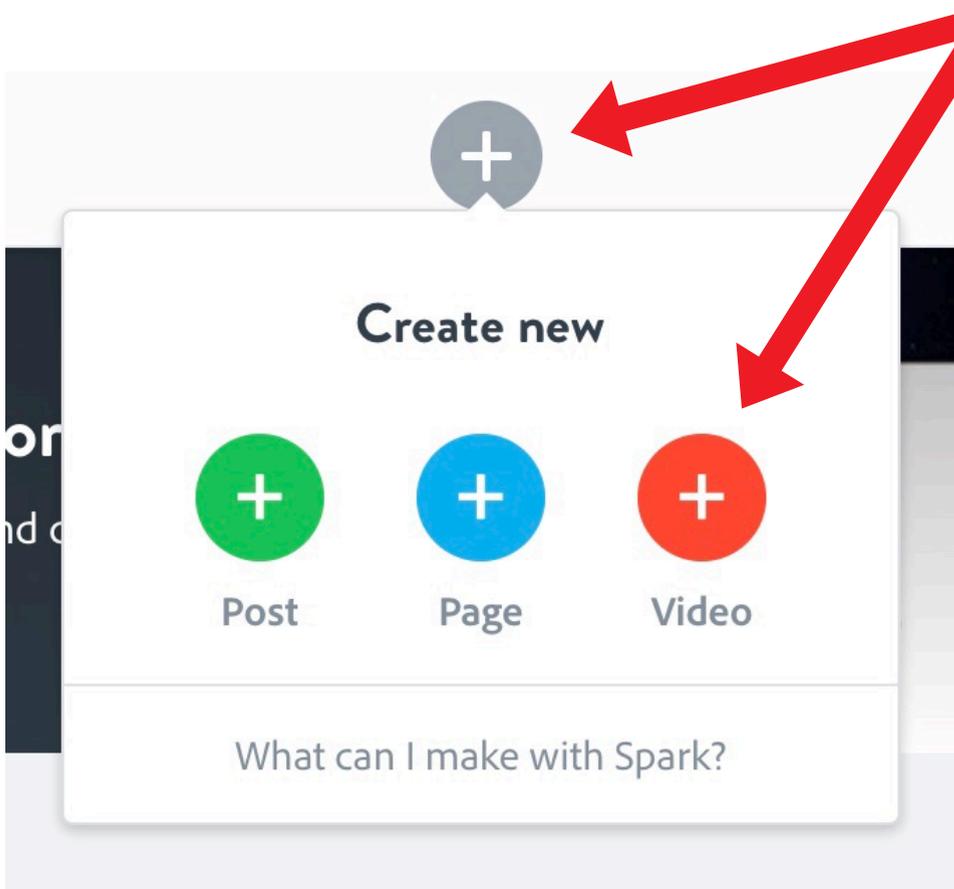


Inspiration



My Videos

Once logged into the app, tap on the red circle with a white cross in it.



In the web version, once you are logged in, click on the blue circle with a white cross in it which turns grey and then the red circle with a white cross in it.

NB. If your students are younger than 13 years old, they can use Adobe Spark Video as long as they are logged in by their teacher. They are not allowed to create their own accounts. See official [Adobe guide](#) for educators for clarification.

What's your story about?

Just a few words is great. It may be your title or just an idea.

Les sports

Share this

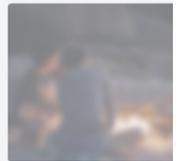
Next

Want inspiration? Here are some ideas...

Add a title and tap next to start your slideshow. To add accented letters on the iPad version, hold down your finger on the letter you want to add and accented versions will appear above. Slide on to the one you want. On a laptop, you could enable a foreign language keyboard or use keyboard shortcuts.



Pick a story template to work from or start from scratch.



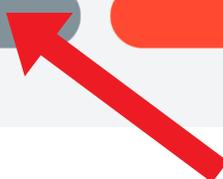
Promote an Idea

Create change and move your audience to action.



Start from scratch

Pick this one



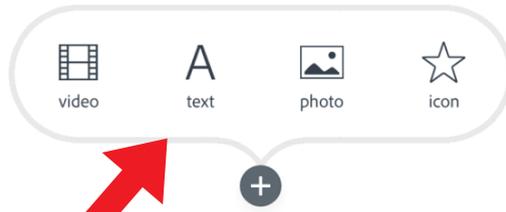
Choose a template you would like to start with or tap on Start from scratch.



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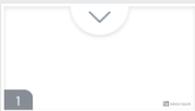


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Hold to record



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Tap on Text to create your title slide.



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Done



Add a title and tap Done.



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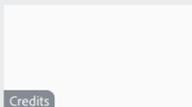
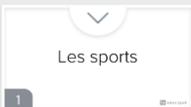
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Tap the + icon to create a new slide.



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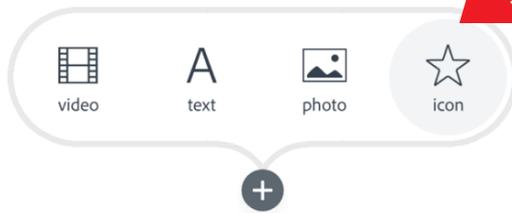
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soccer

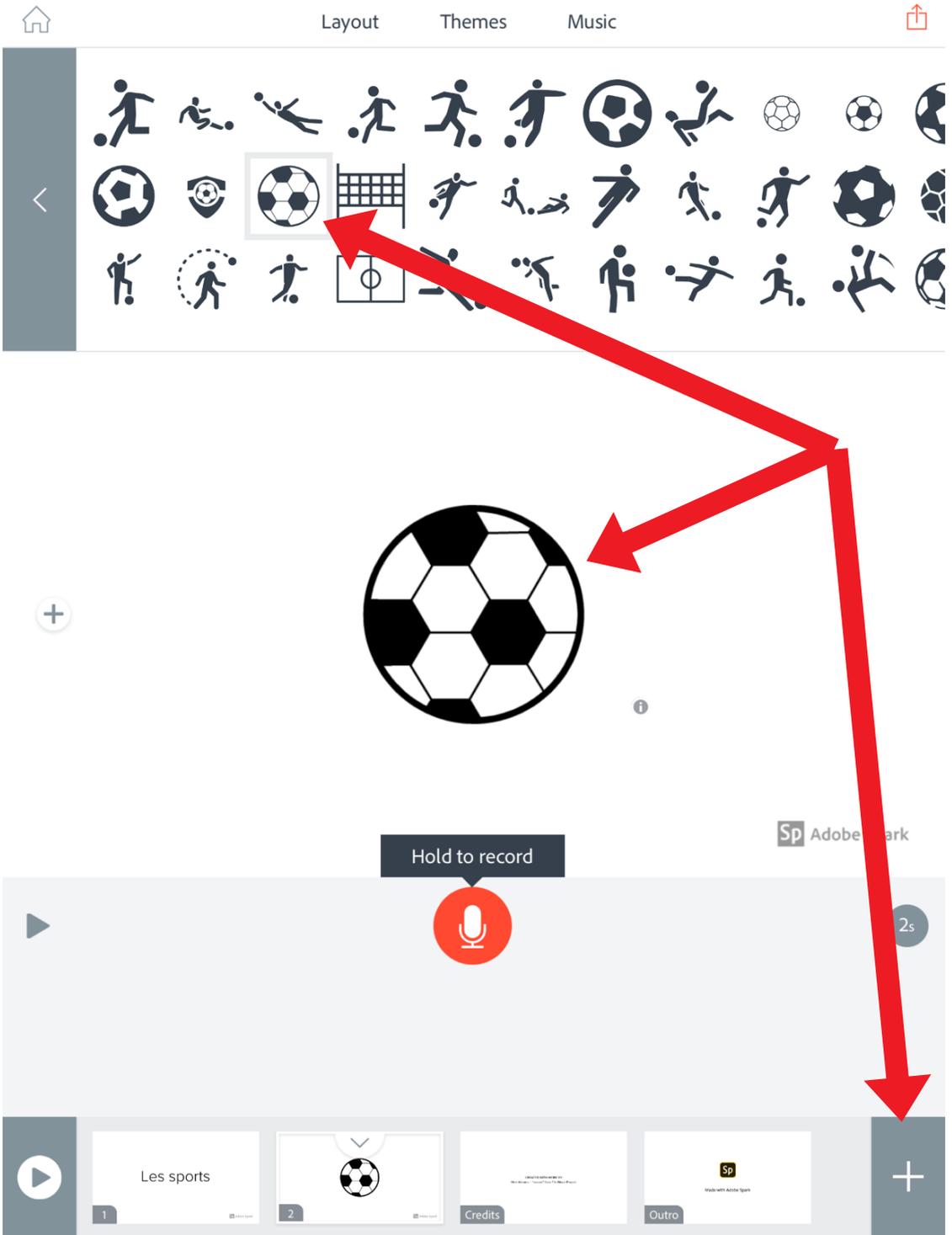
Spark Video searches tens of thousands of icons tagged as Creative Commons-licensed. [Learn more.](#)



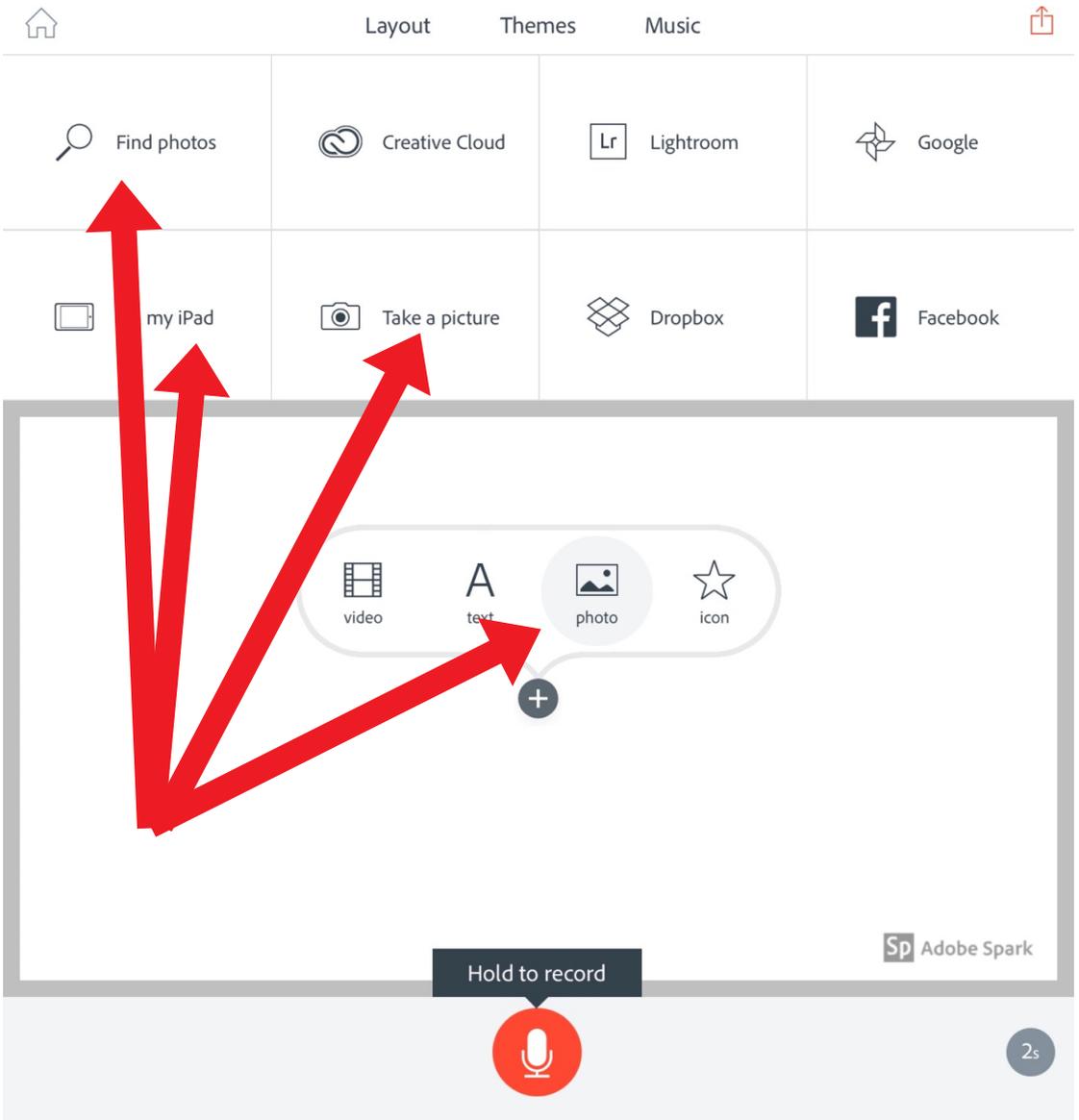
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Tap the icon icon and put in a search term to find an icon to add to a new slide. Tap Search.



Tap on an icon to add it to your new slide and tap the + icon to create a new slide.



Tap the photo icon and choose whether you would like to add a photo from your device, Take a picture or Find photos and put in a search term to find a royalty free photo to add to a new slide as in the next example.



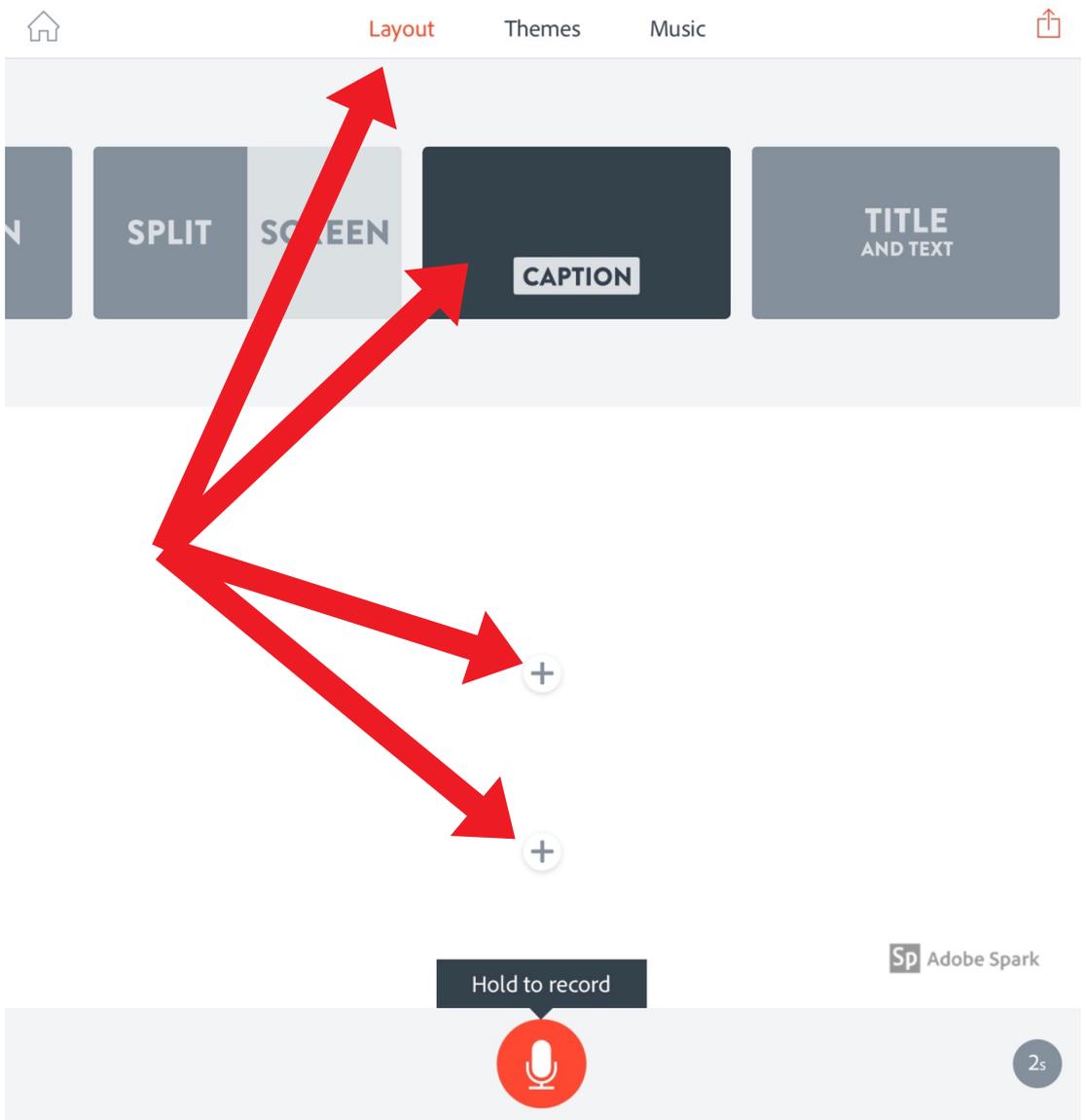
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Put in a search term such as 'rugby' in this example. Choose one of the results to add it to a new slide and tap the + icon as before.



To change the layout of a slide, tap Layout and choose from the selection. In this example, I'm choosing to add another icon and add text underneath like an electronic flashcard.



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Je déteste le badminton

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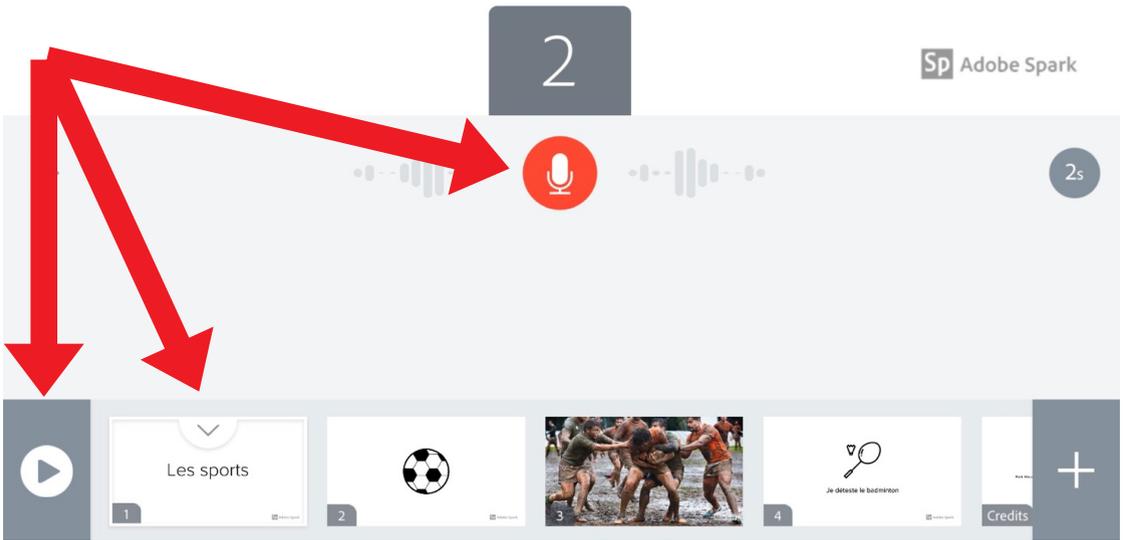
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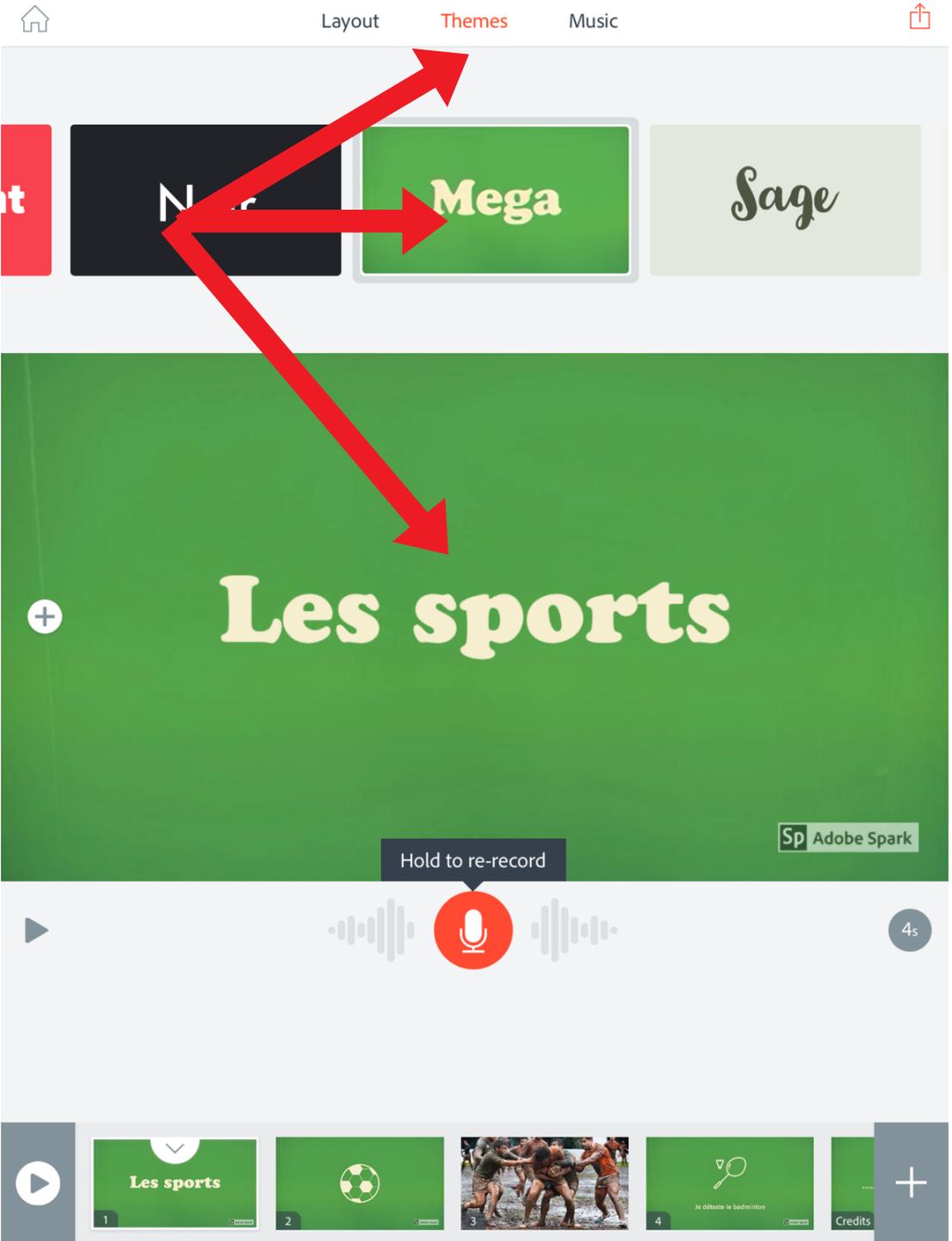
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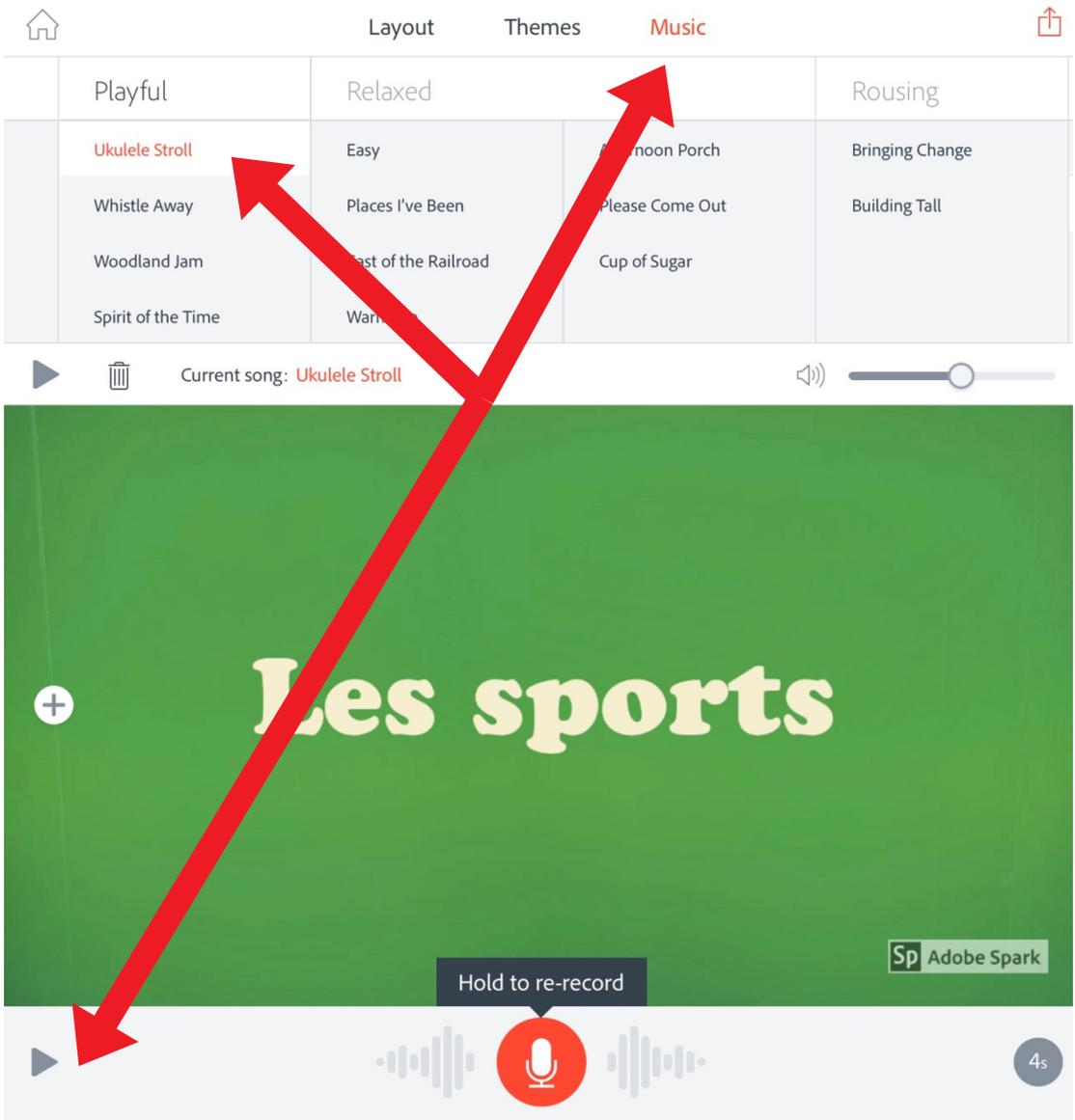
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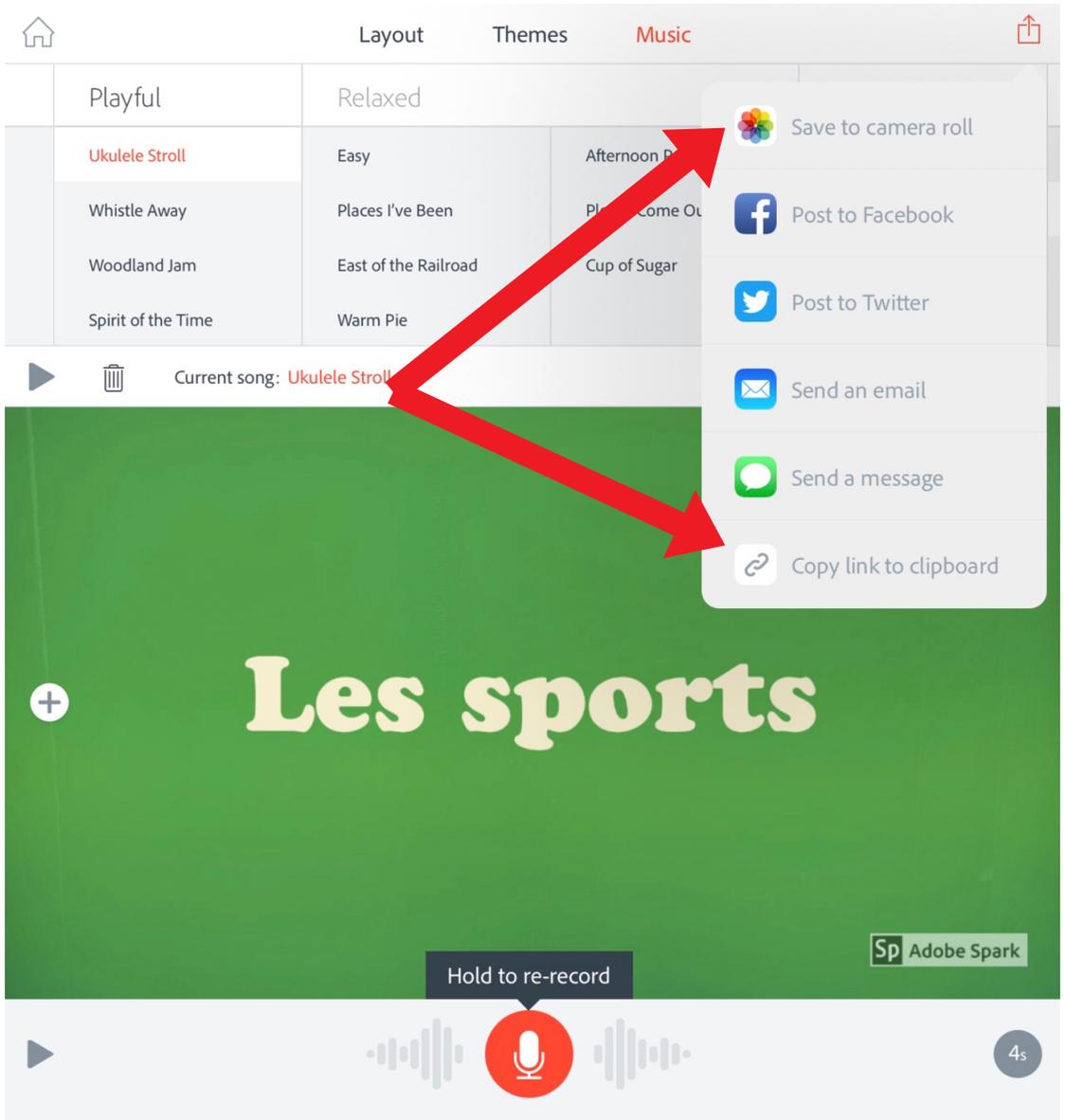
To record your voice, tap on the slide you would like to narrate then hold down on the red microphone button and speak clearly into the inbuilt microphone of your device. You can re-record as many times as you want. A great way of promoting speaking in the languages classroom.



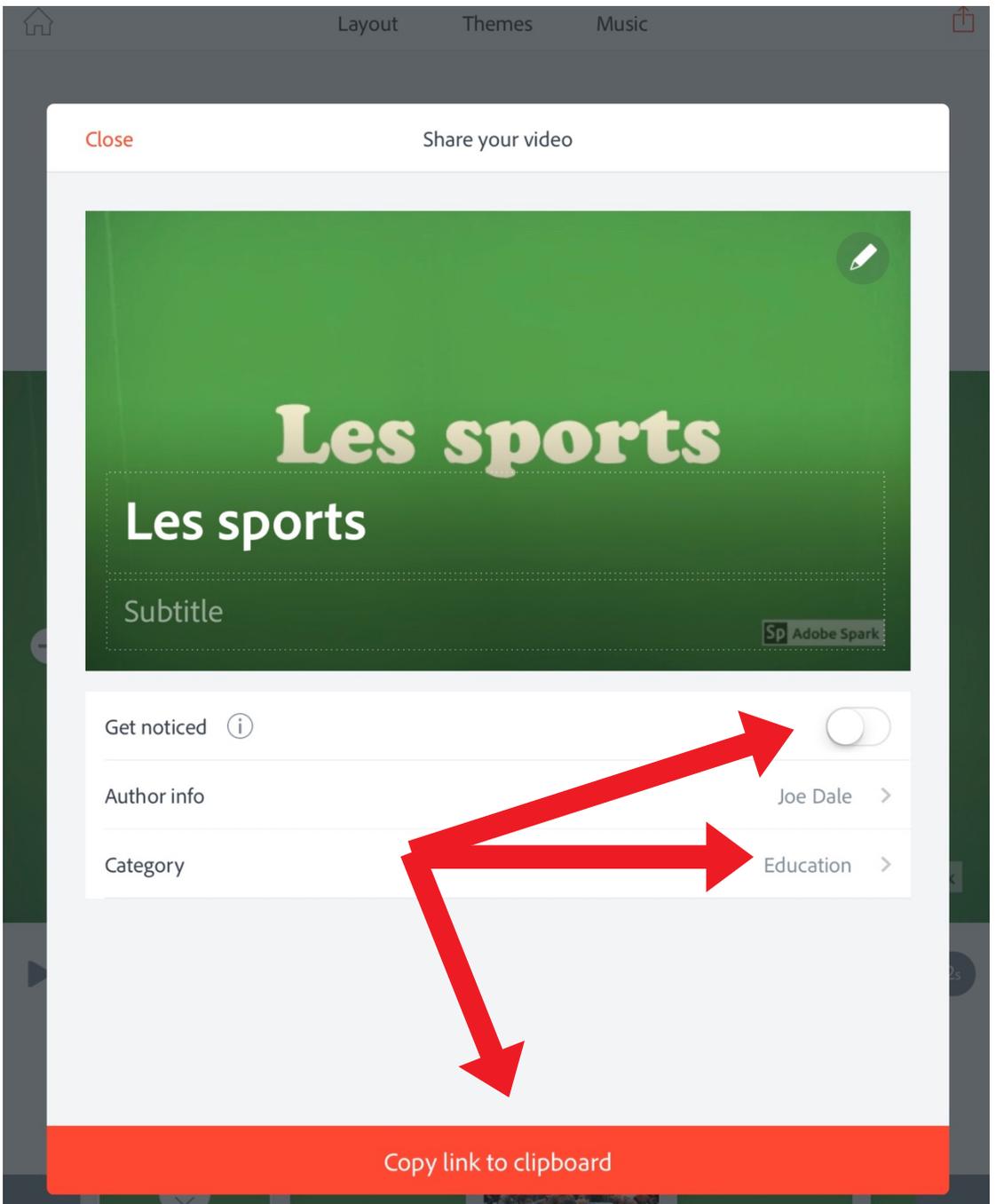
To change the theme, tap on Theme and choose one from the selection. Each theme has different animations and transitions.



To add a royalty free soundtrack, to your presentation, tap on Music and choose one from the selection. You can preview your slideshow by tapping on the play button button left of the main interface.



To export the final video on an iPad, tap on the sharing arrow or Sharrow and tap Save to camera roll. To publish your video to the web, first tap Copy link to clipboard.



Disable Get noticed and select a category such as Education under Category. Tap Copy link to clipboard to upload your video. Tap OK once it's finished uploading.

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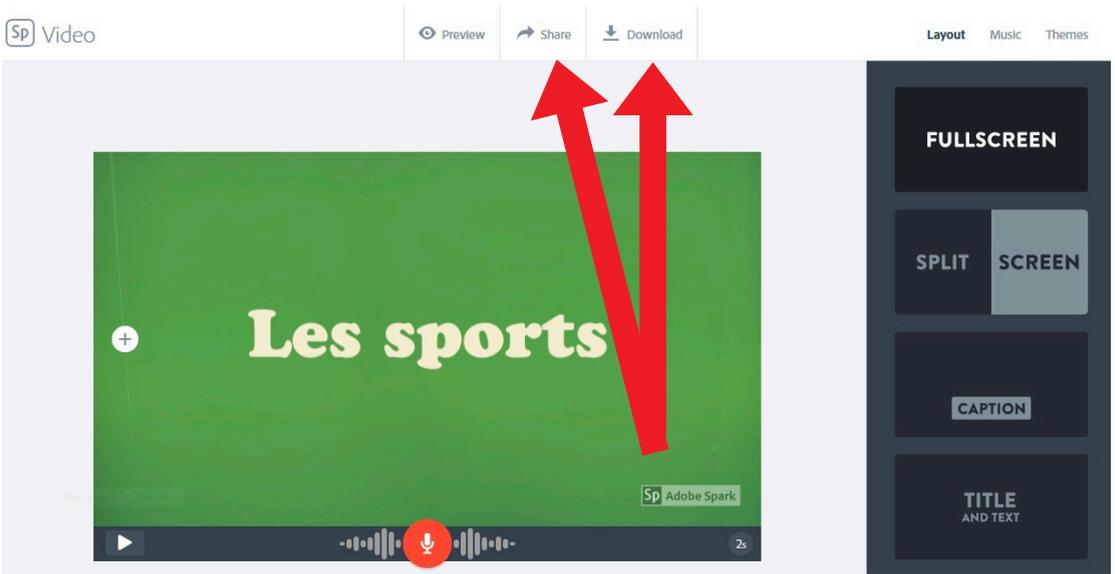
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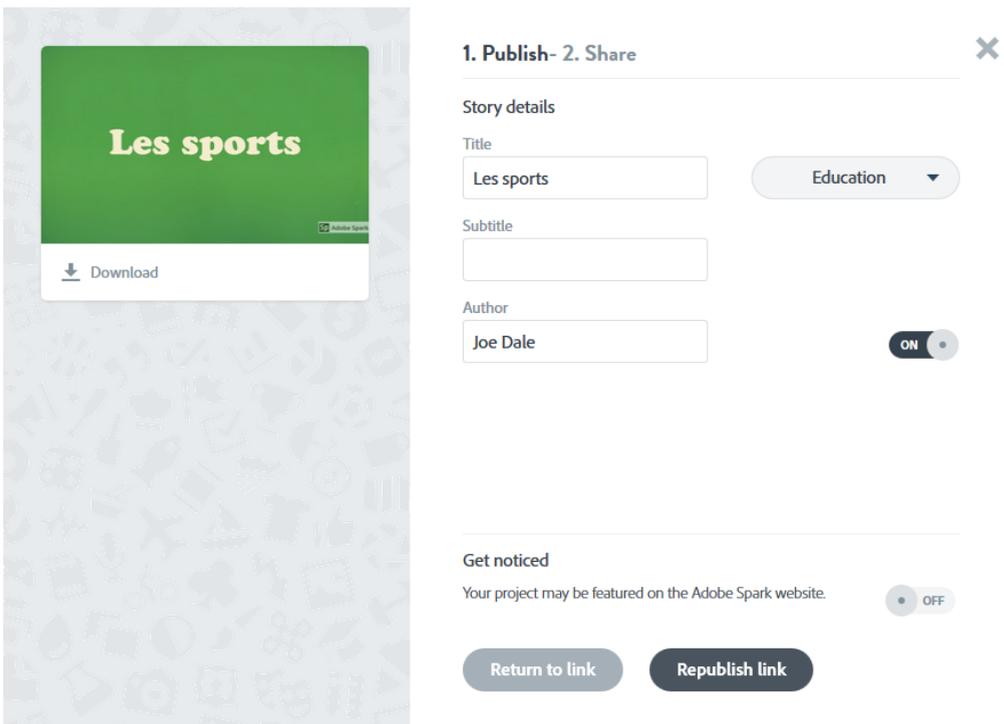
Go to this link or scan this QR code to see the finished example.



<https://spark.adobe.com/video/PiQxFo2JFEuRi>



To export the final video on a laptop, click on the download option and to publish it, click Share.



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I hope you've found this guide useful and it's given you some ideas on how you can use Adobe Spark Video to promote speaking and writing skills in your language lessons!

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