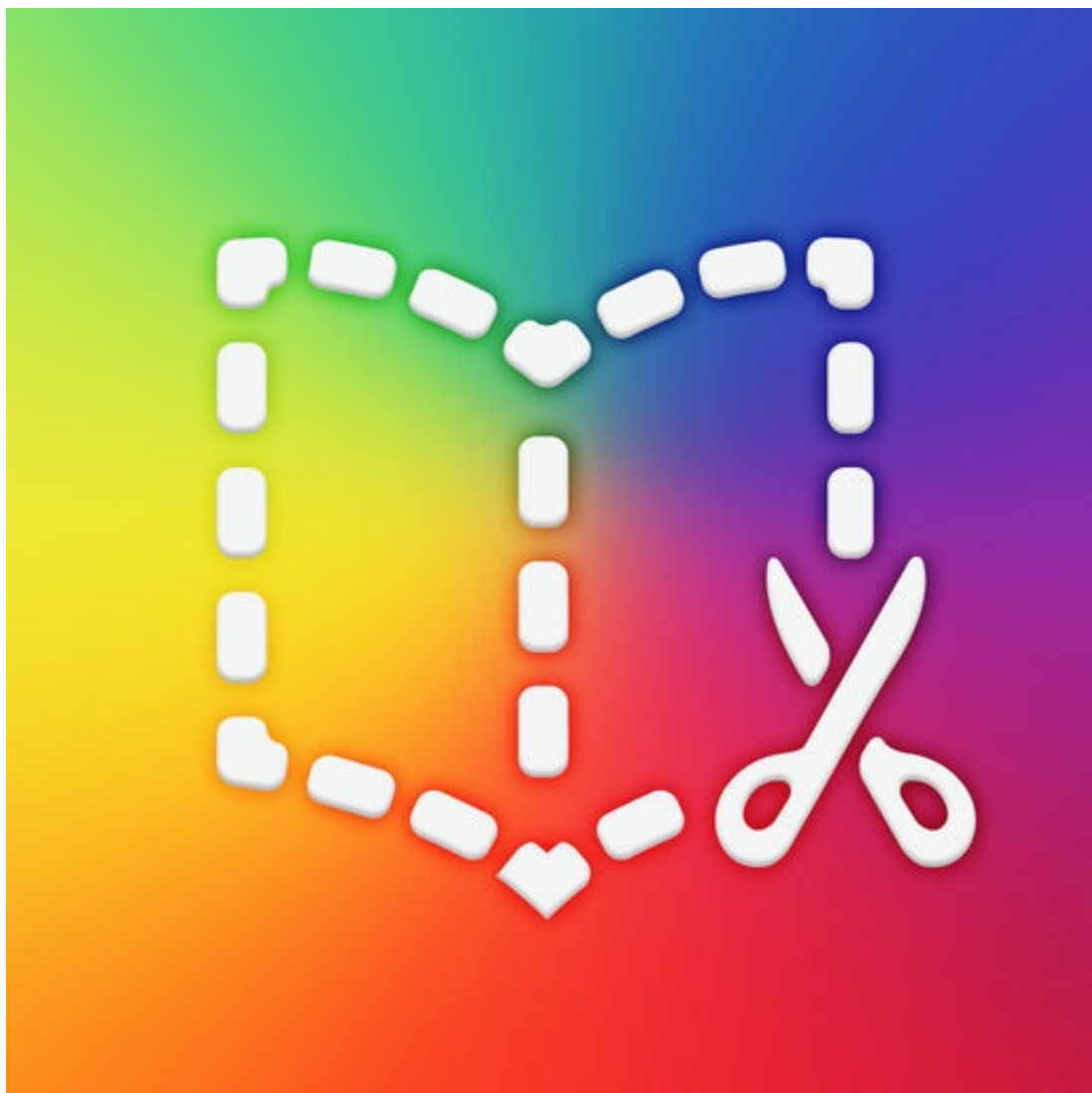


BOOK CREATOR: A GUIDE FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS



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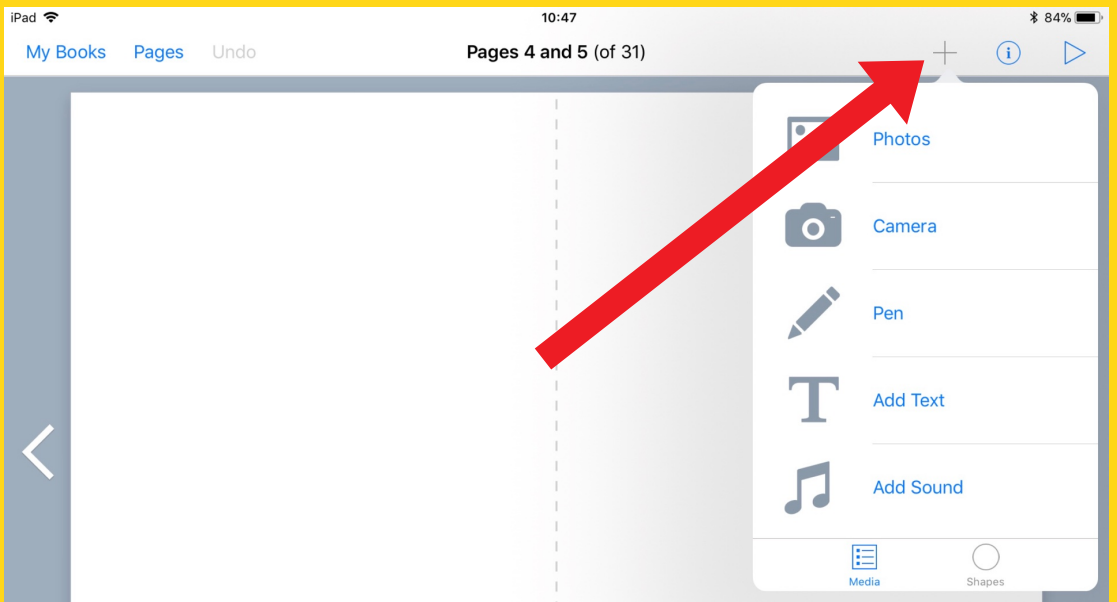
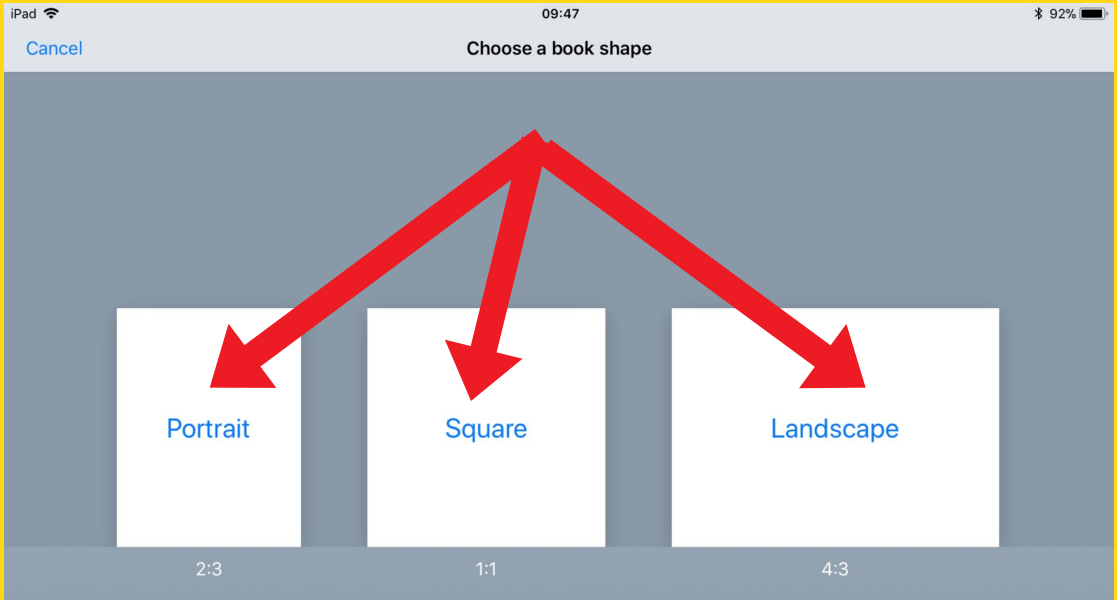
Introduction

Book Creator is an 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 as well as create an e-portfolio to showcase their work over time.

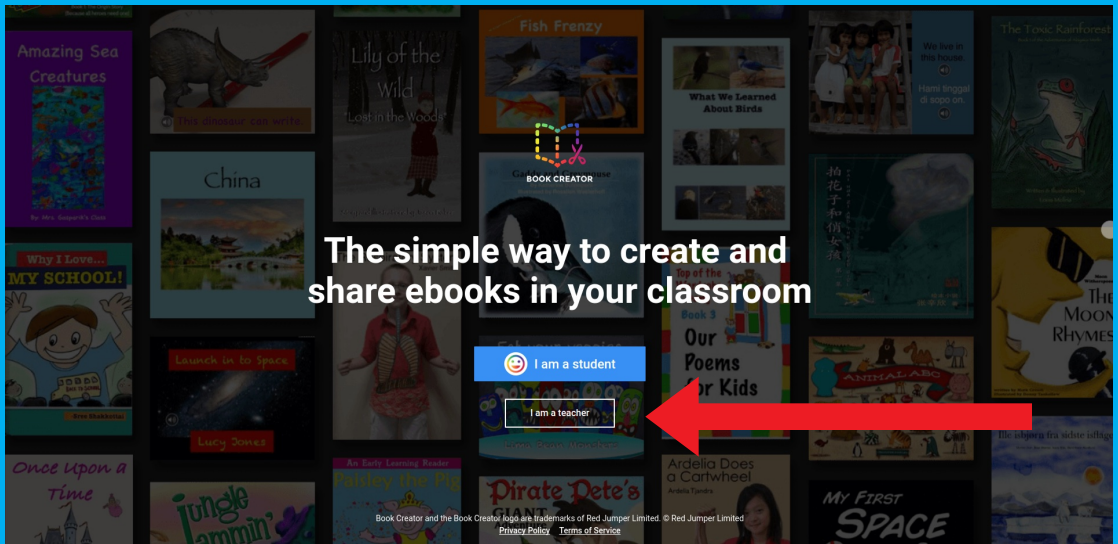
To get started

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If you are using an iPad, you need to go to the App Store and [download the app](#). There is a free version to get started called [Book Creator One](#) which lets you make one book. The full version lets you make an unlimited number of books plus other features. If you are using a Windows laptop, MacBook or Chromebook, you need install the Chrome browser and to go to the [Book Creator for Chrome site](#) which lets you make up to 40 books for free. To distinguish the two versions, the iPad app notes have a yellow background and the Chrome notes have a blue background.

In the iPad app, tap New Book top left and select a Book Shape. In the full version, you can choose a comic version too.

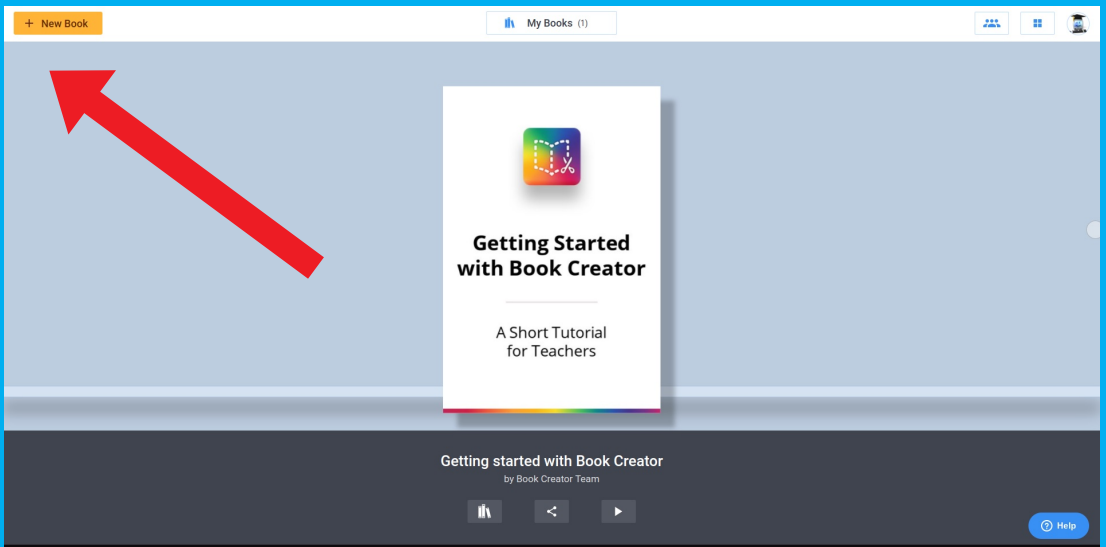


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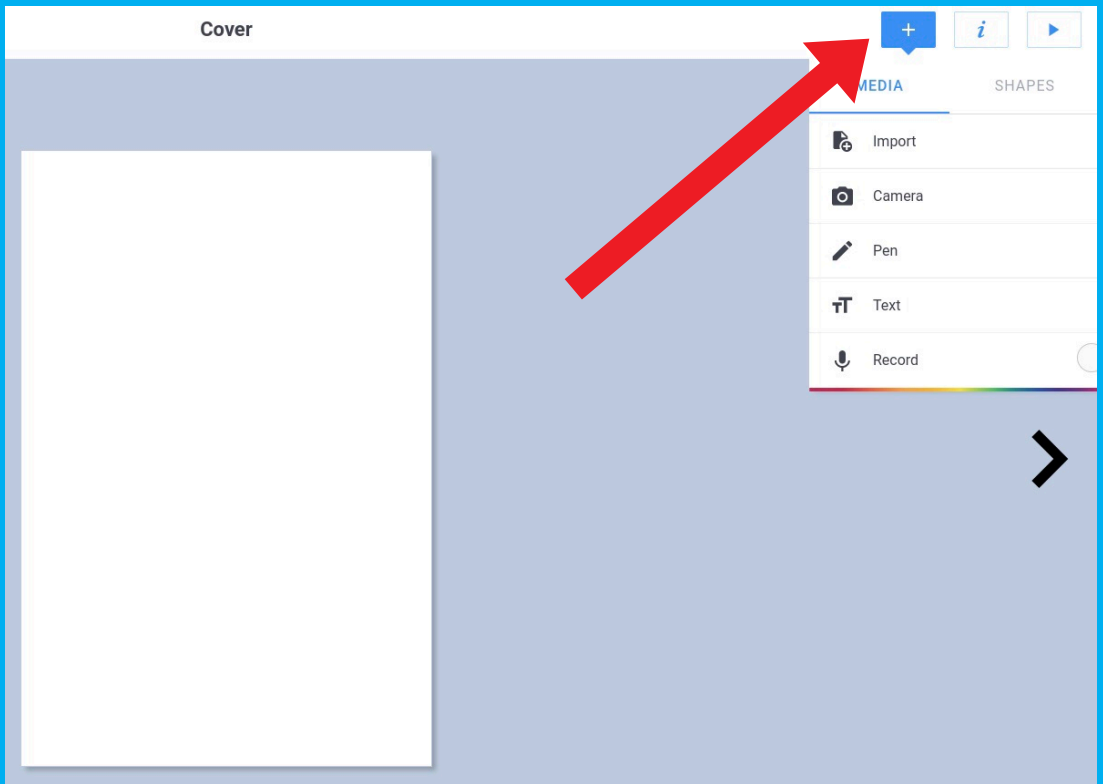
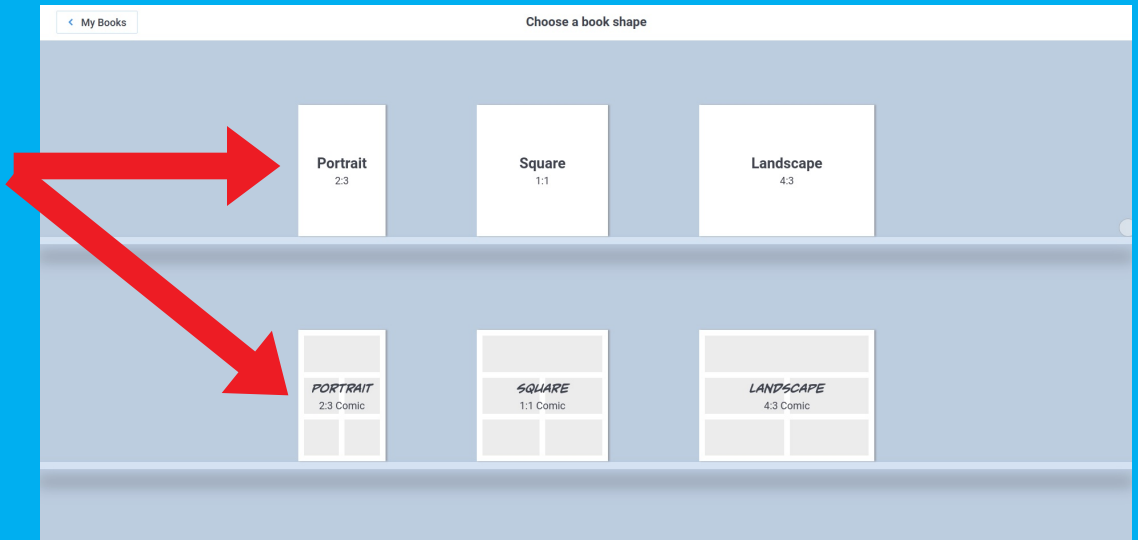


The simple way to create and share ebooks in your classroom

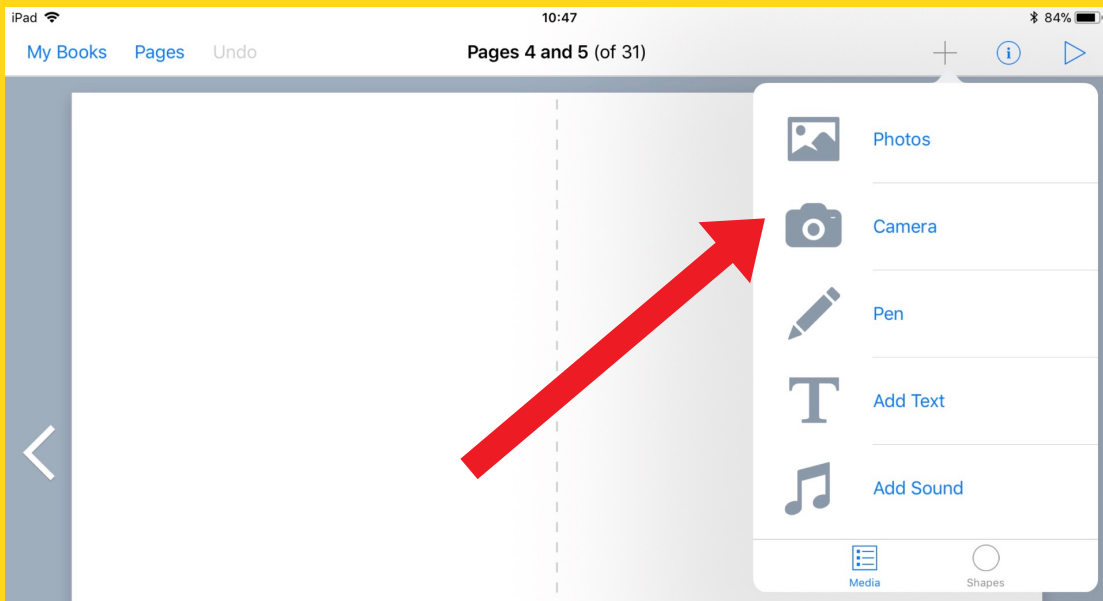
In the Chrome version, click, I'm a teacher to set up an account or sign in with Google.



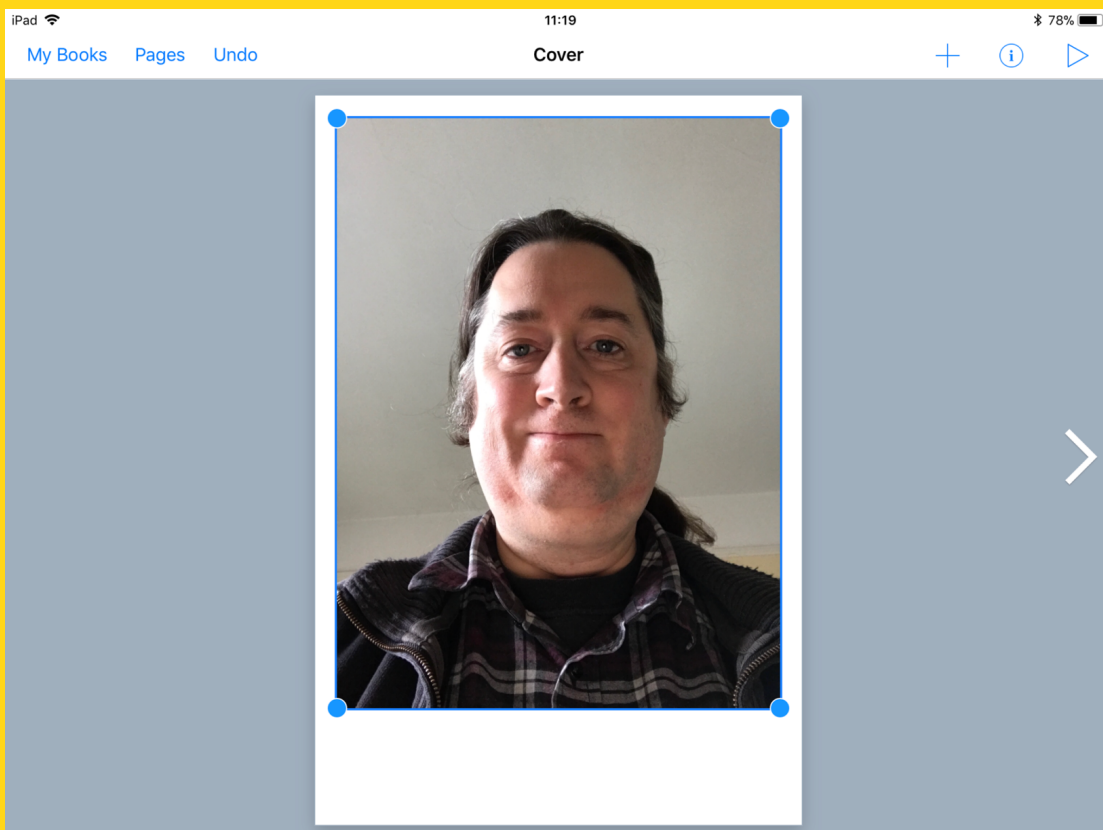
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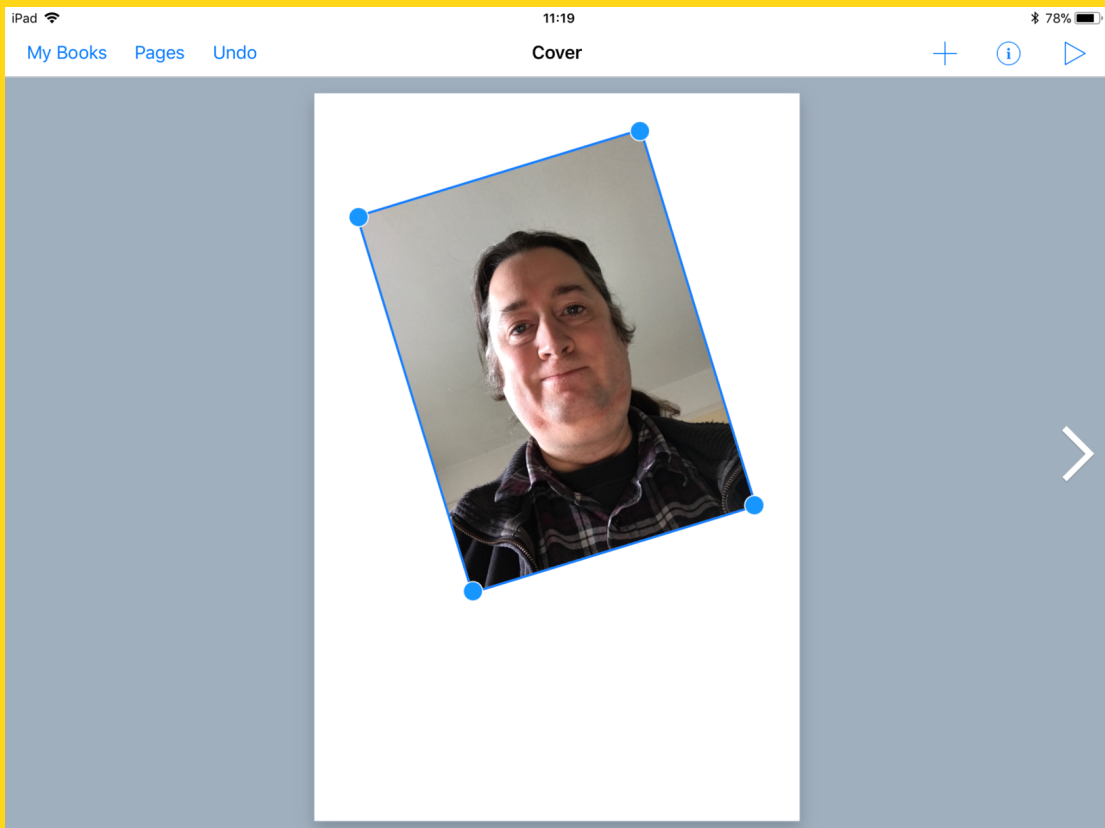


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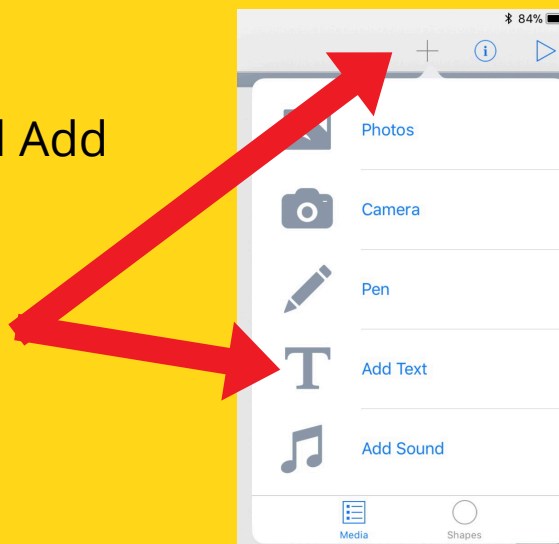
In the iPad app, tap the camera icon to take a photo and add it to your cover.

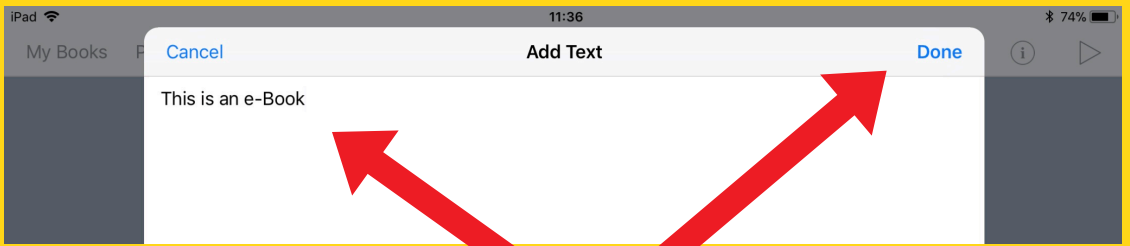




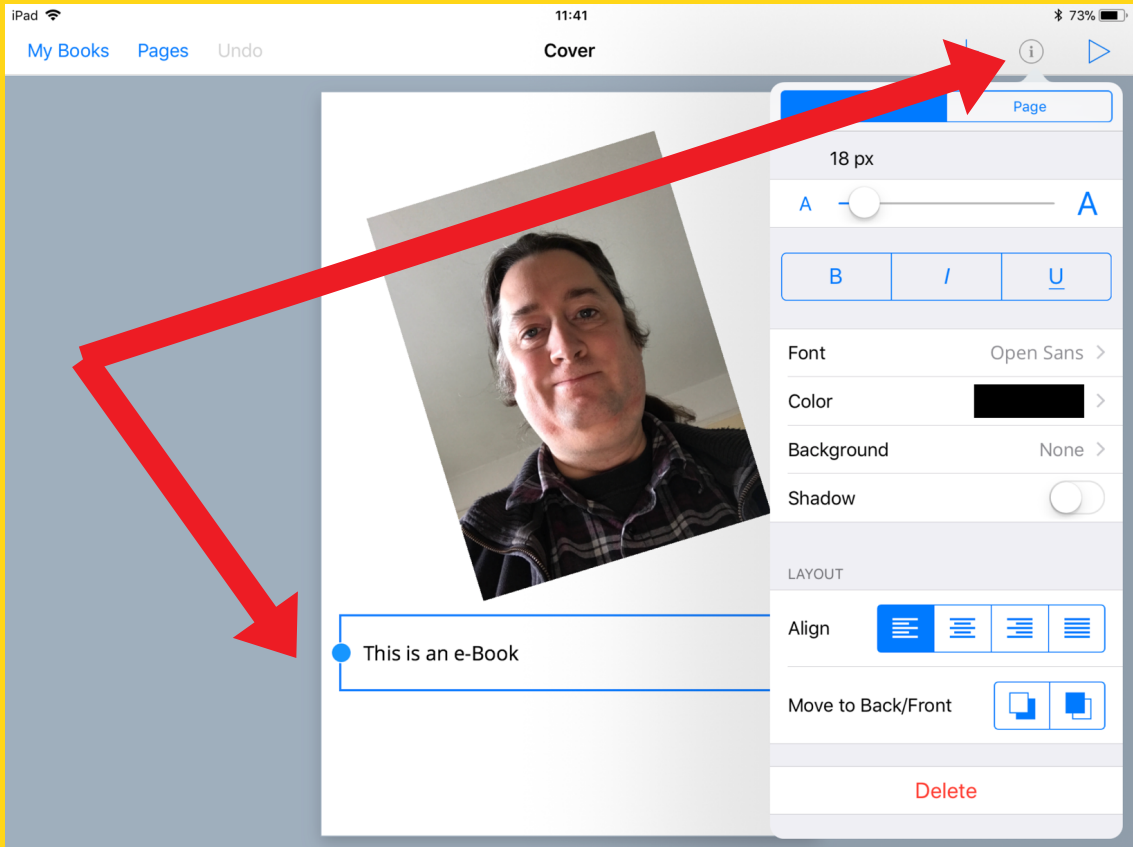
Reduce or increase the size of the image by dragging one of the blue corner handles diagonally. Change the orientation of the photo with a two finger pinch.

Tap the + icon again and Add Text to add a title.

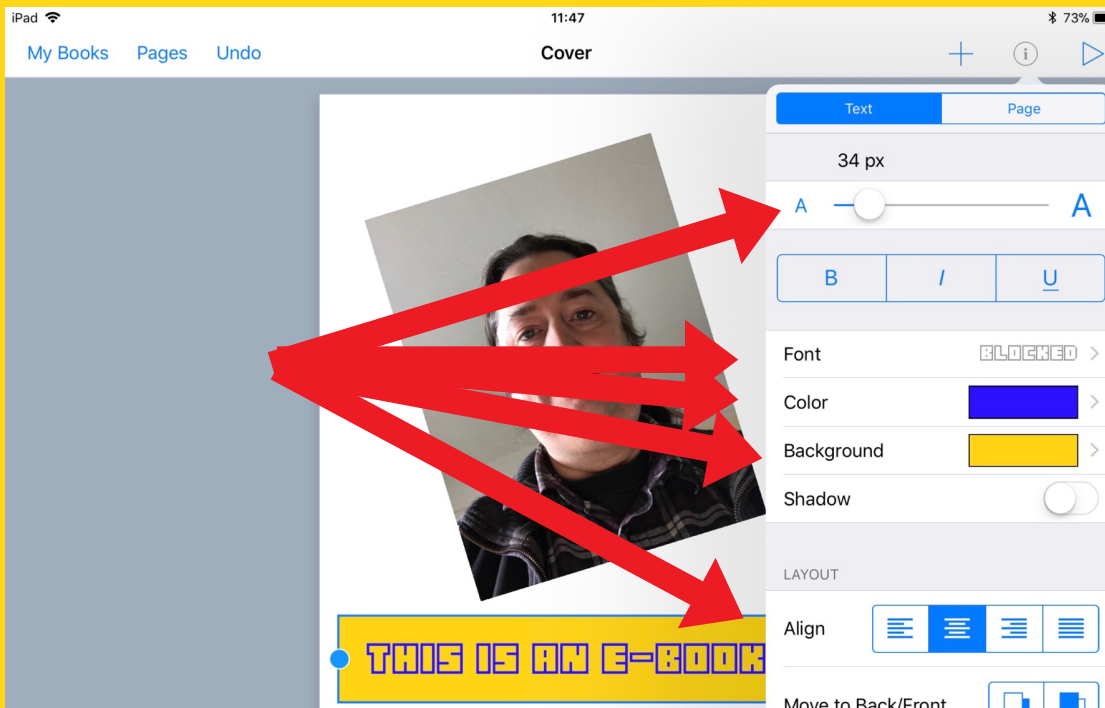




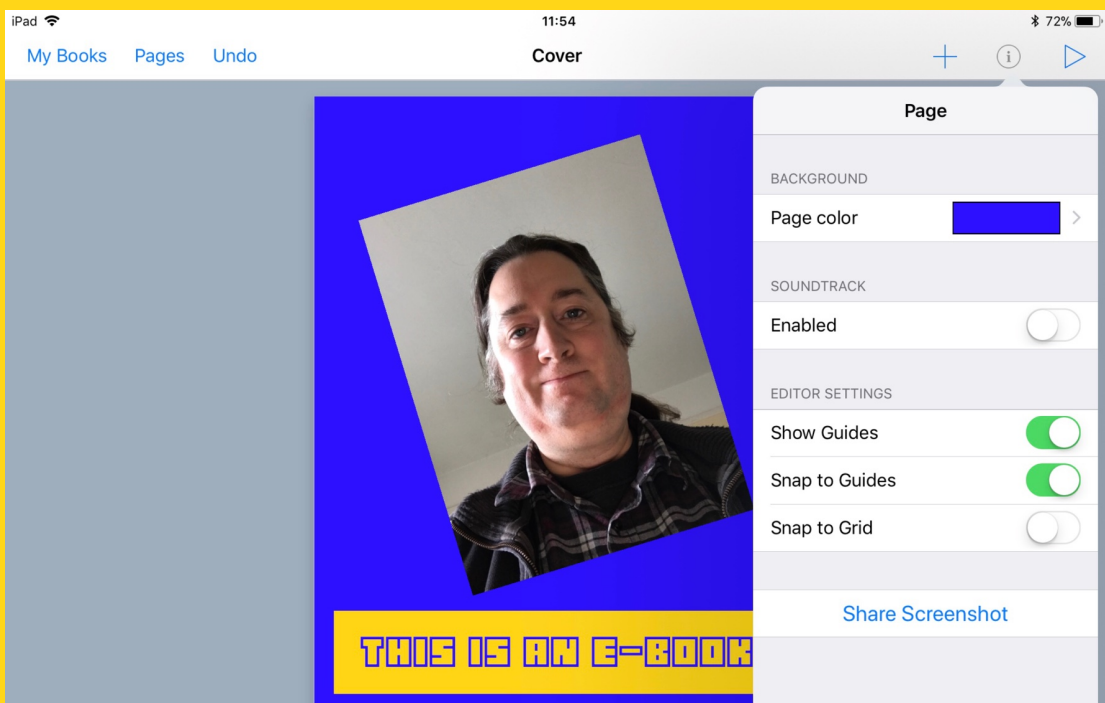
Write your title and tap Done.

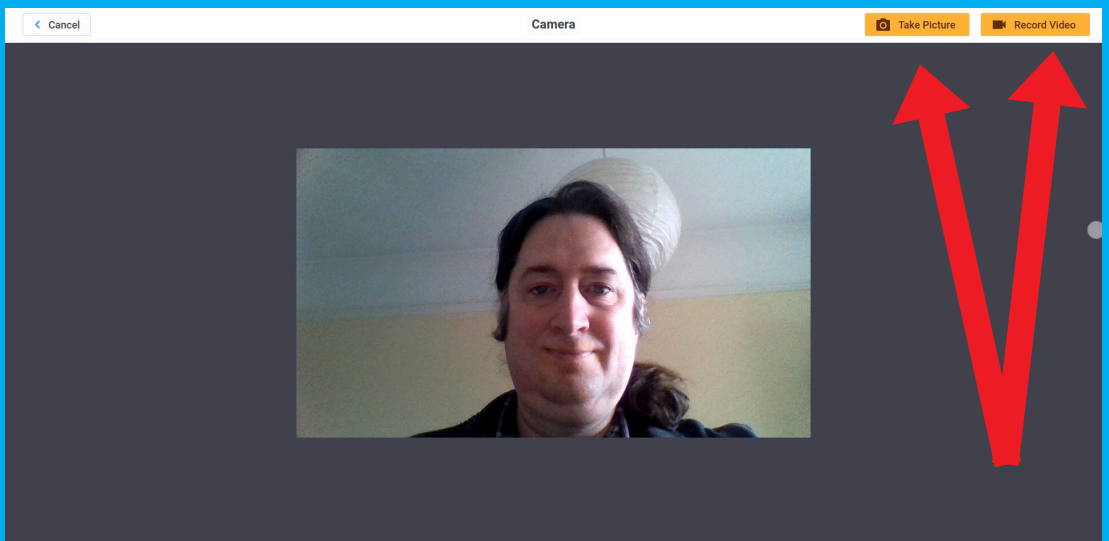


Position your text box where you would like and drag the handles to the size you want. Tap the i icon to format the text. Change the size, font, text and background colour and alignment.

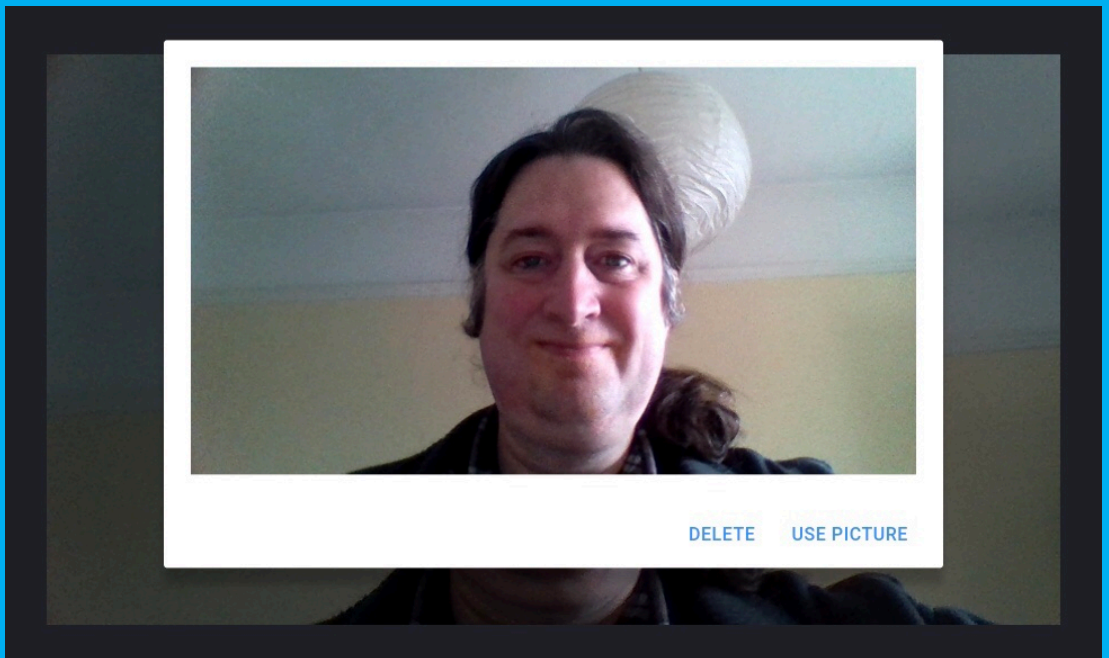


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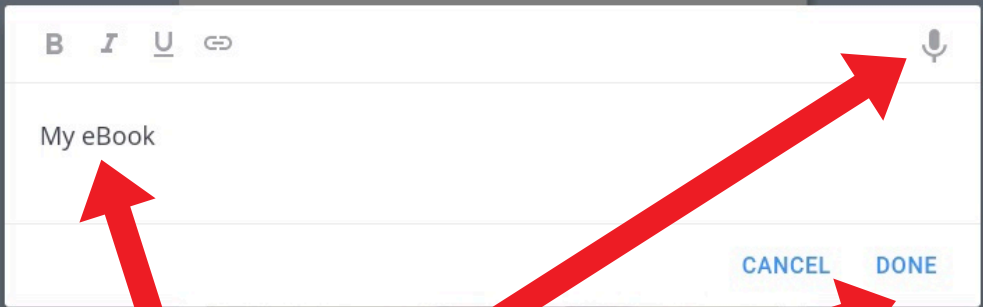




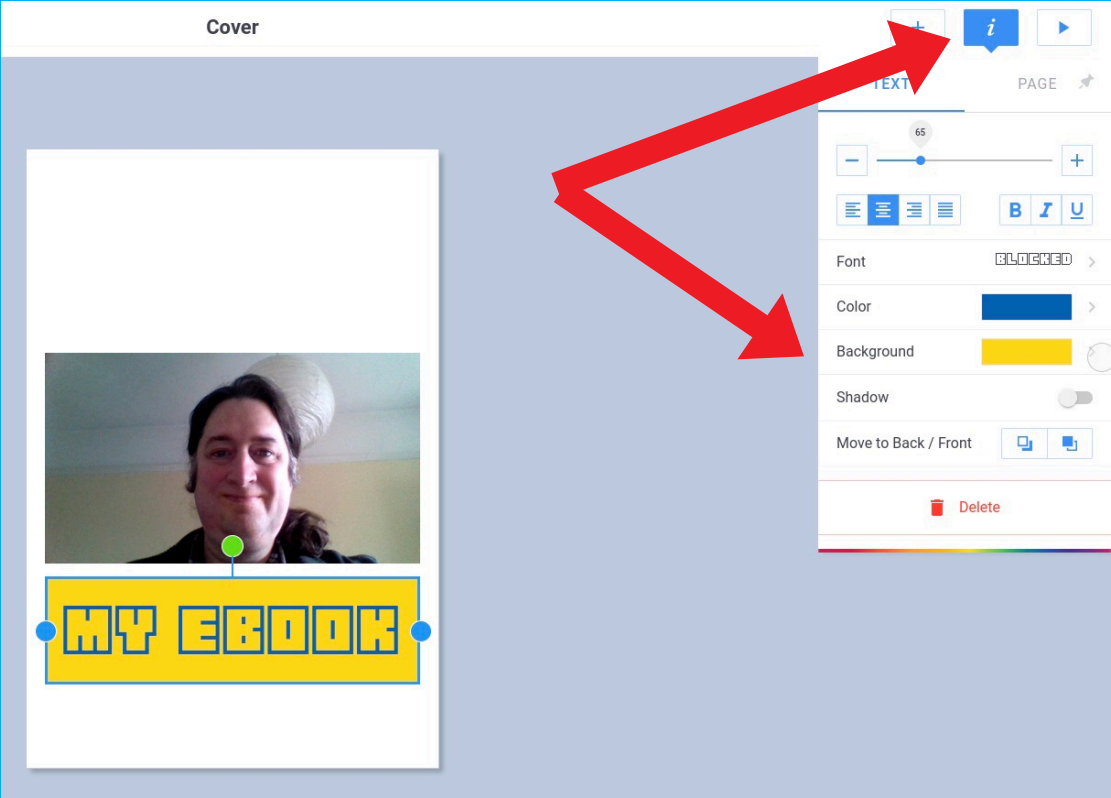
In the Chrome version, click, on the + icon and Camera. Click Take a Picture.



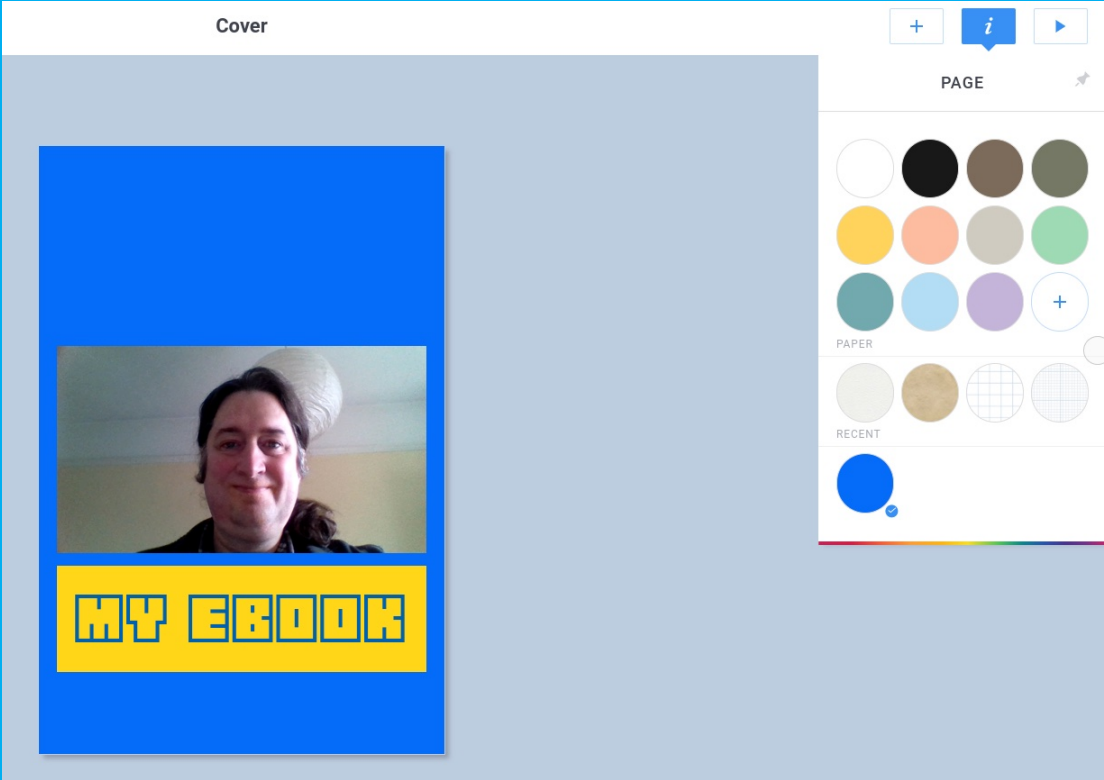
Click USE PICTURE.



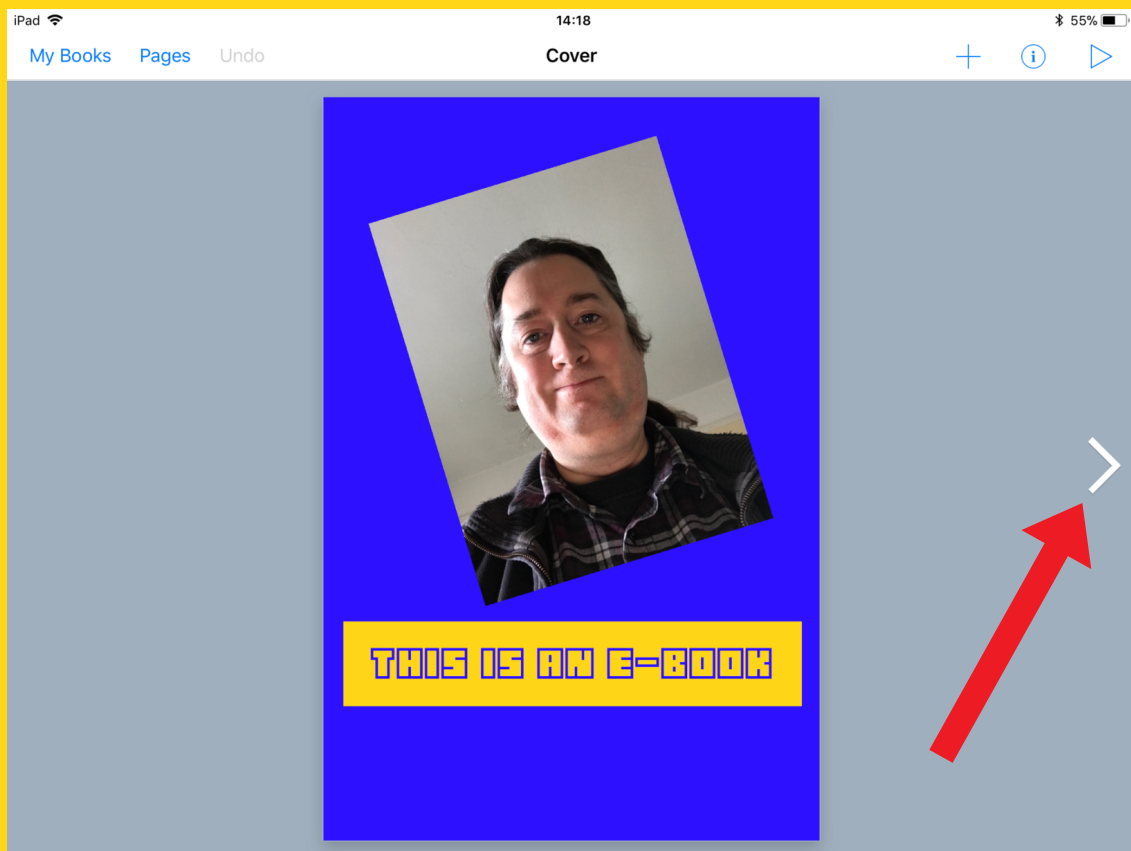
Click, on the + icon and Text. Add your title and click DONE. You can dictate your text by clicking on the microphone too. To do this in a different language, you would have to change the input language in Chrome.



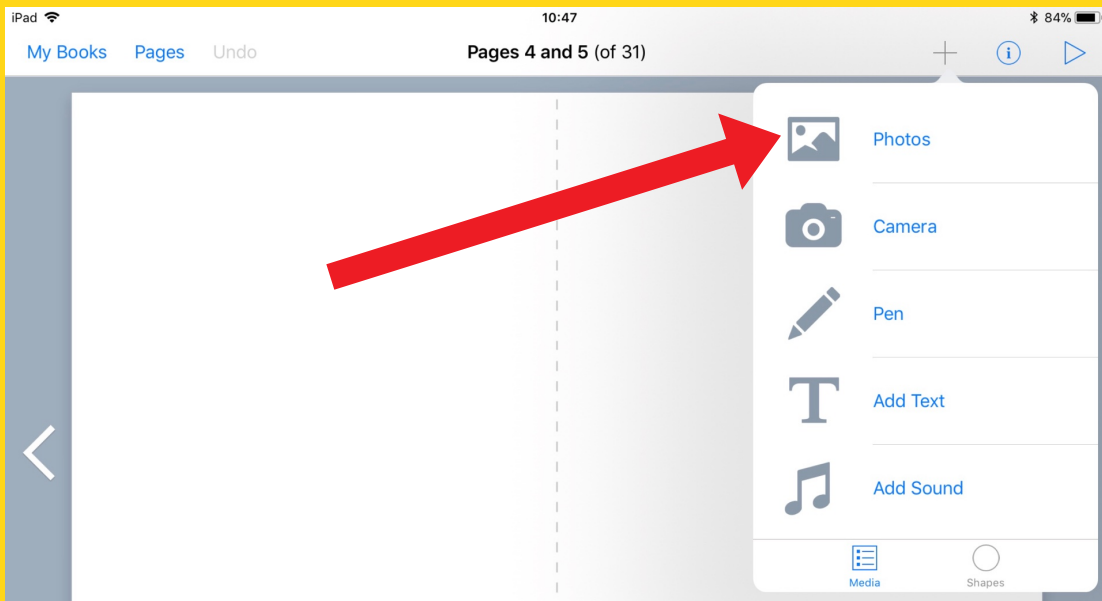
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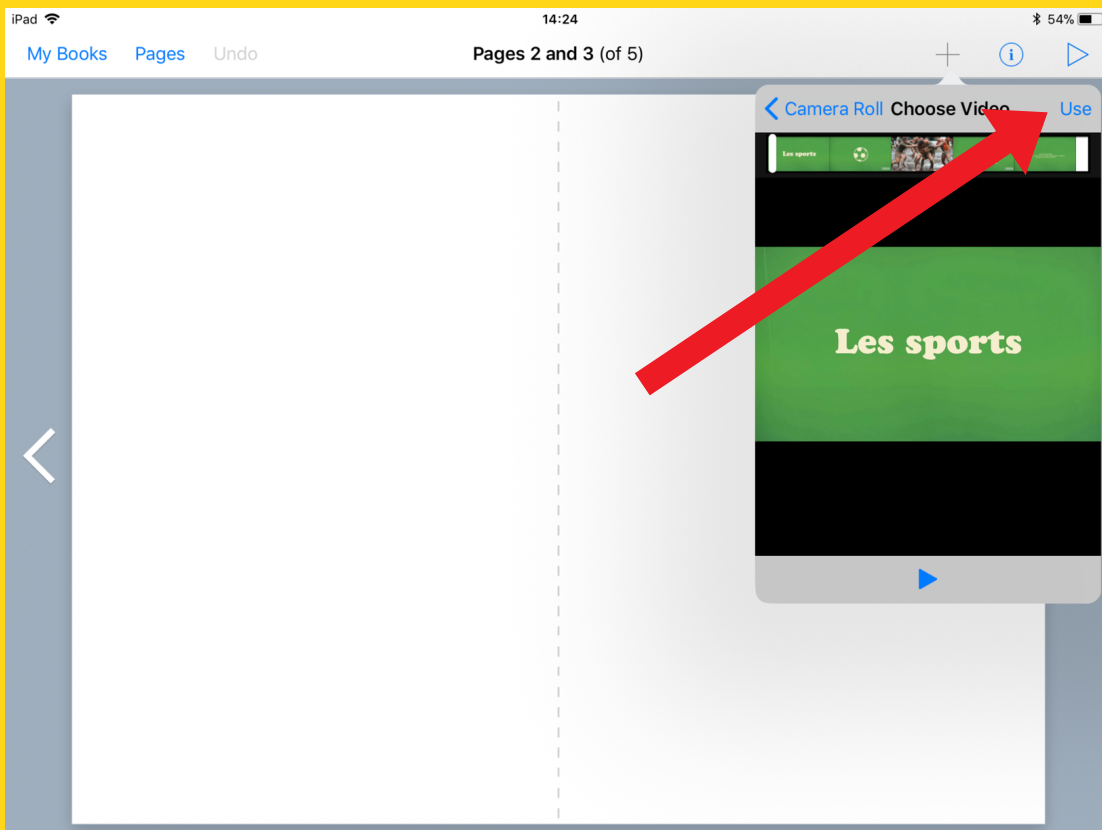
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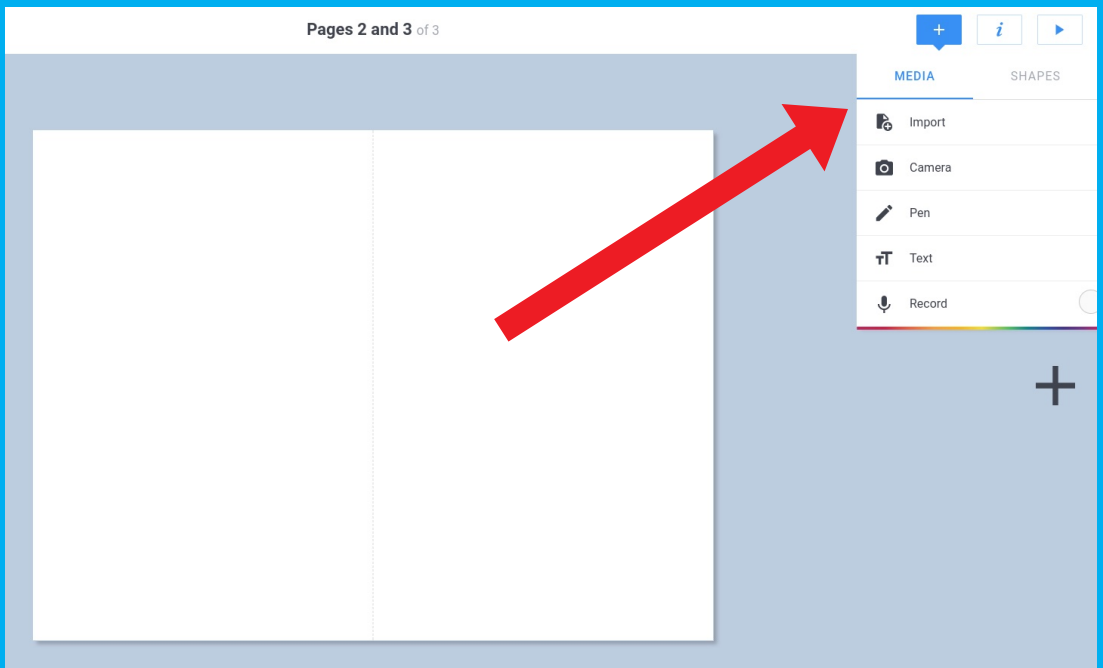


To create your first double page spread in the iPad app and Chrome version, tap or click on the right hand arrow.

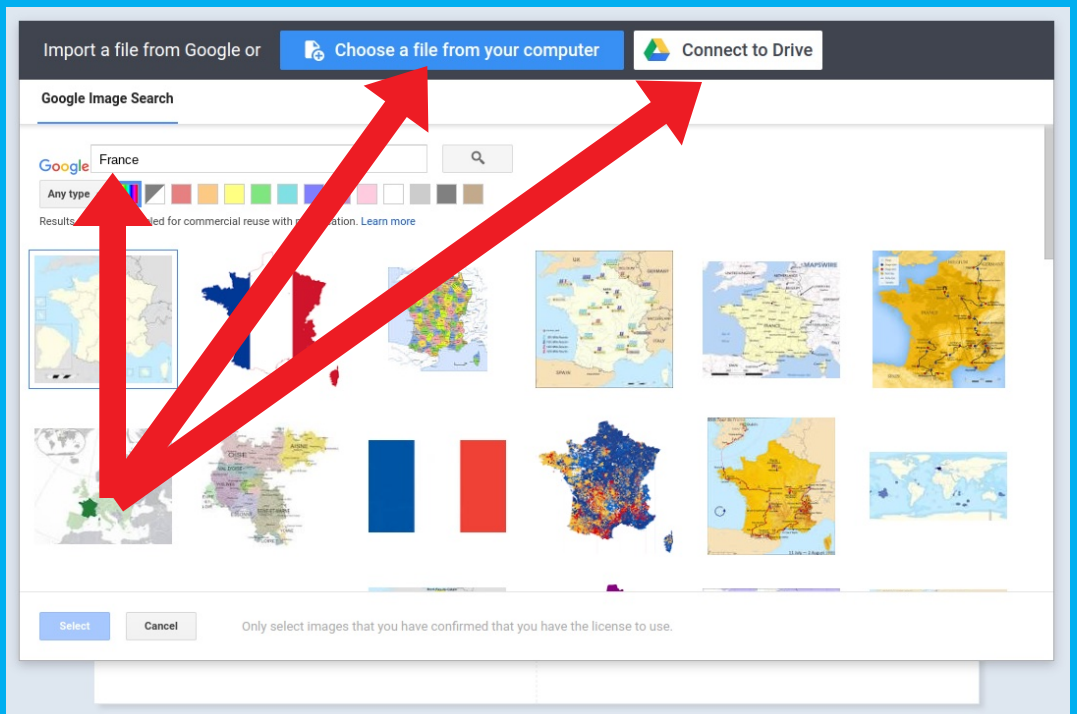


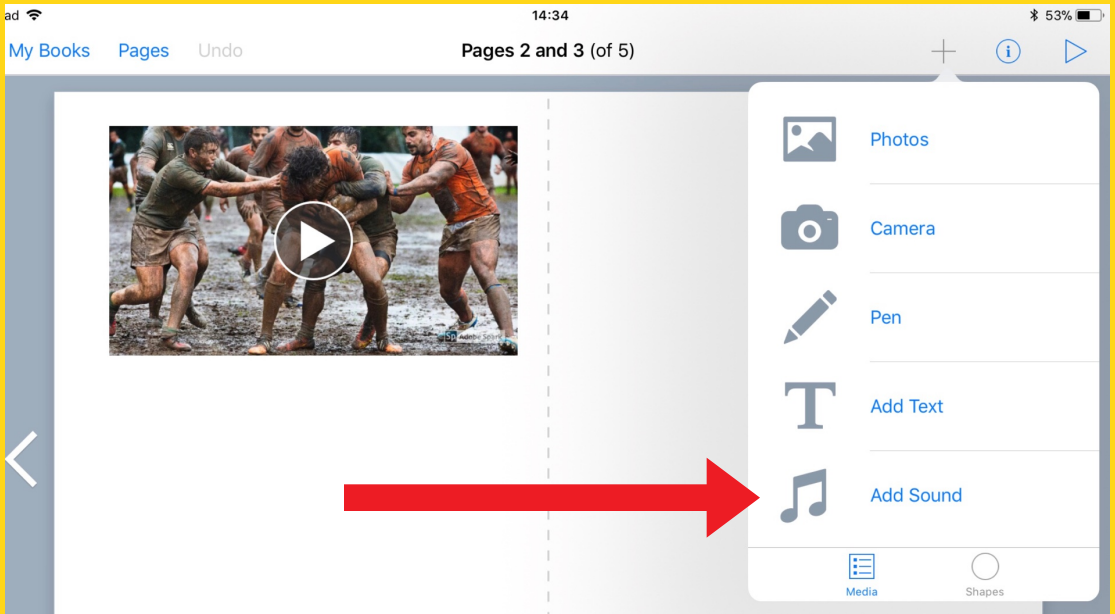
In the iPad app, to add a photo or video, tap the Photos icon. Choose a photo or video and tap Use.



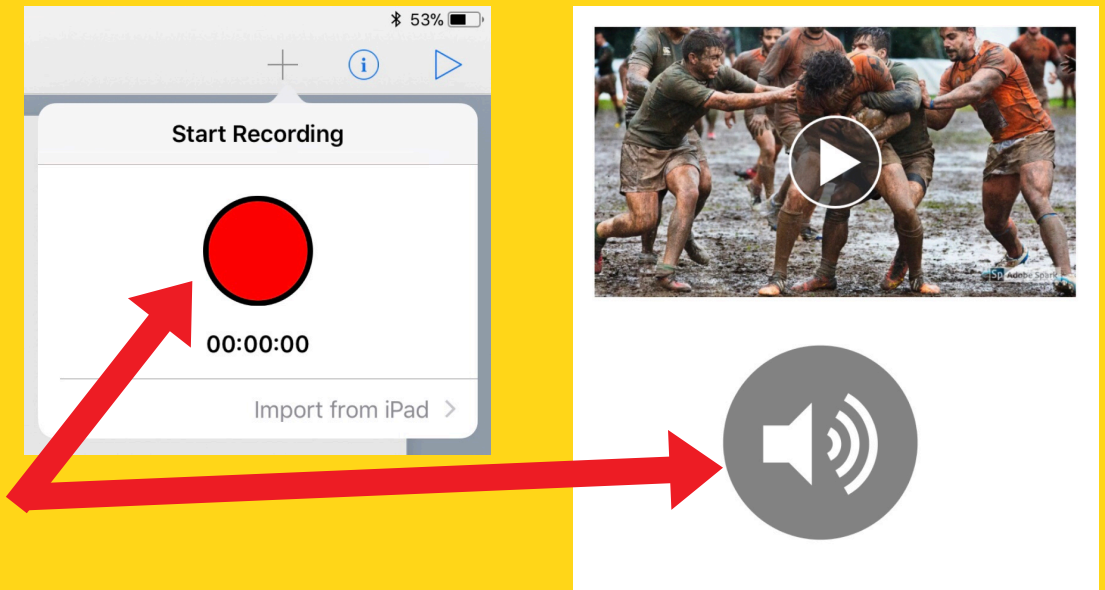


In Chrome, tap Import and browse for the photo or video you want to add. You can also search for royalty free images too.

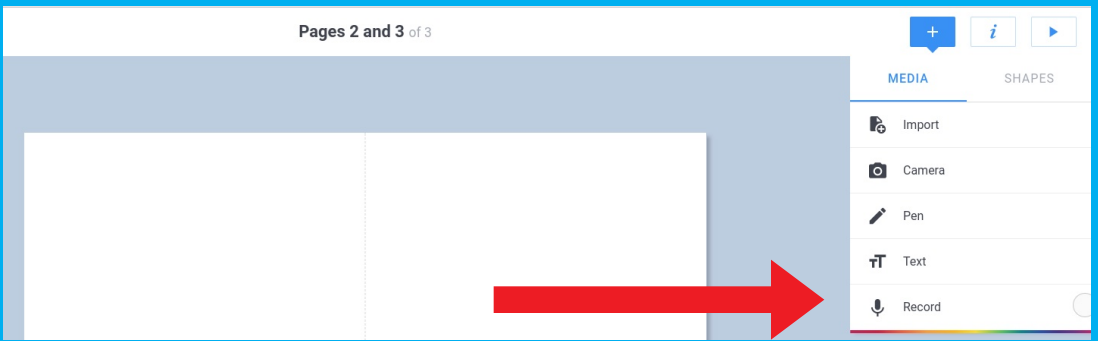




To record your voice in the iPad app, tap the + icon and Add Sound.



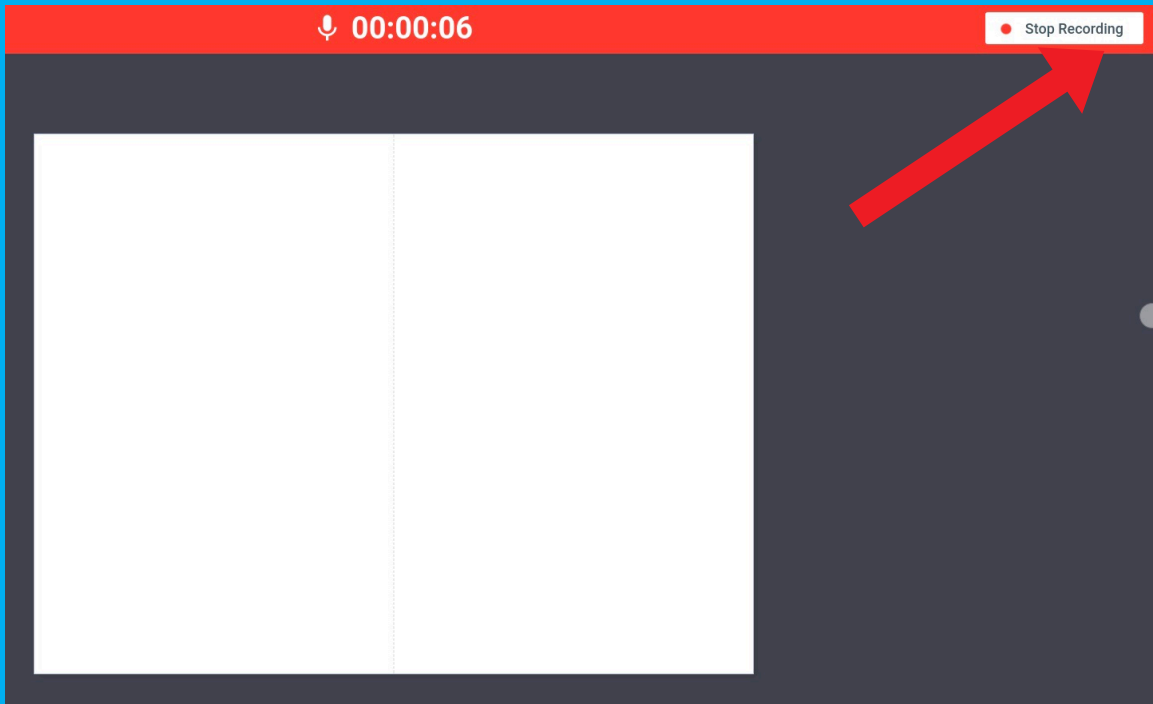
Tap the red button to begin and stop recording. Resize the speaker icon by dragging a handle diagonally.

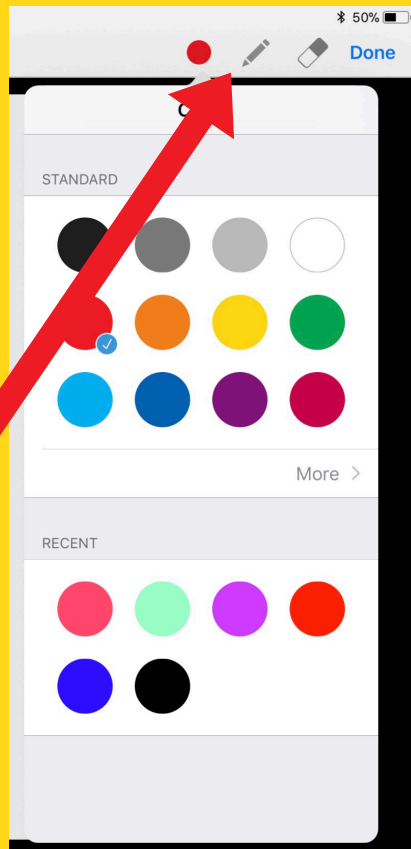
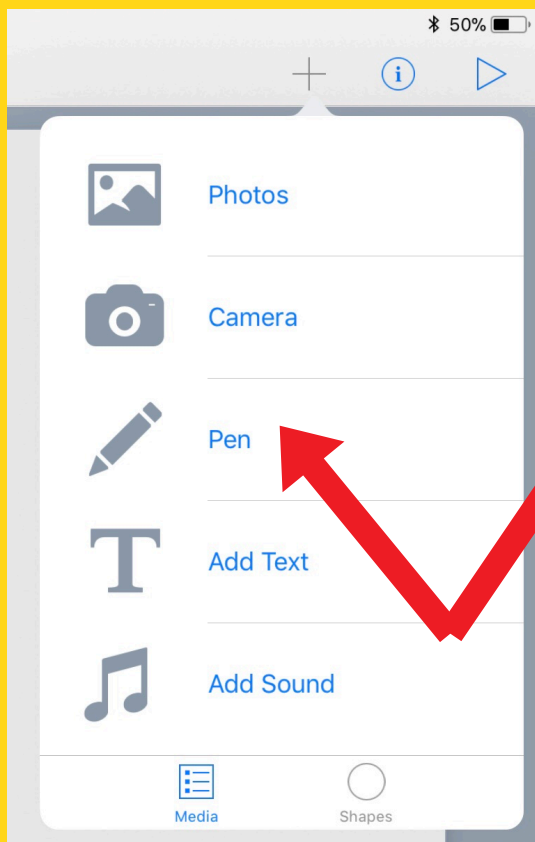


To record your voice In the Chrome version, tap the + icon and Record.

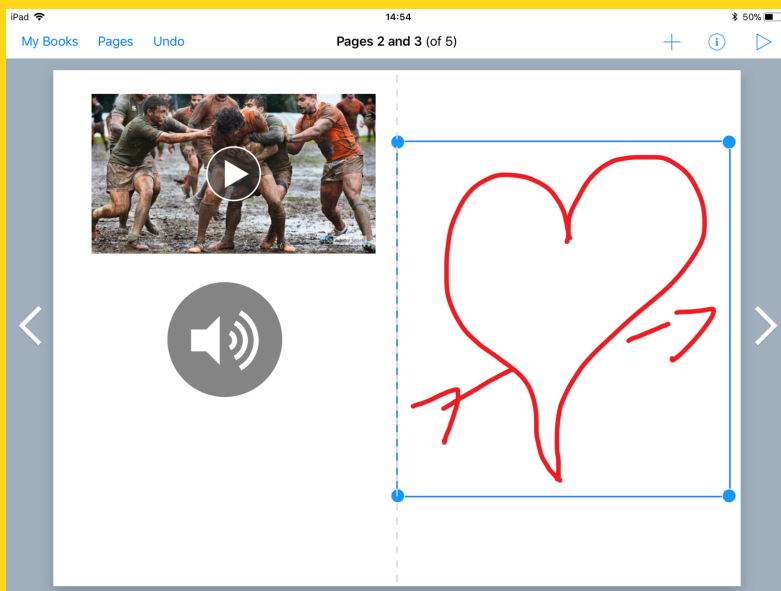


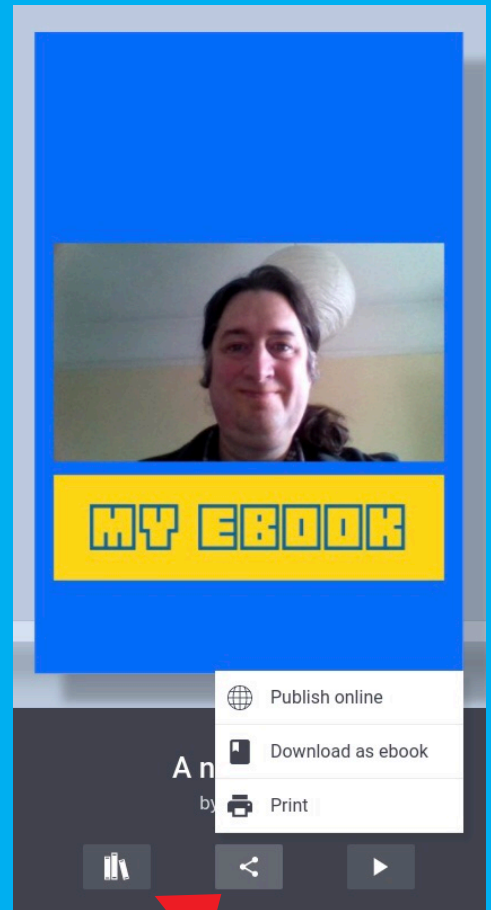
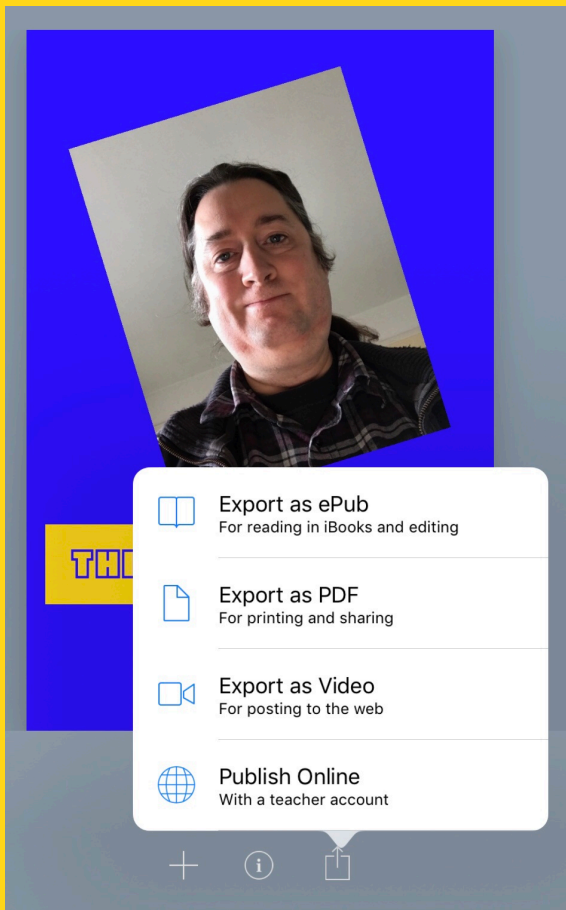
Tap Start Recording and Stop Recording





To annotate, tap the + icon and Pen. Choose a colour and pen thickness. Draw a picture and tap or click Done.





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

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