SEESAW: A GUIDE FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS

CLASS

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Introduction

Seesaw is a free [web service](#) and cross platform app which allows language teachers to create multimedia activities for learners to access in class or at home, give written and audio feedback as well as produce screencasts and upload resources. Learners can practise all four skills and all comments, photos, videos and notes added can be moderated by the class teacher before they are published.

To get started

Go to [web.seesaw.me](#) and click Sign Up Free!

Click I'm a Teacher.

Create your account by filling in your name, email and password or sign in with Google.
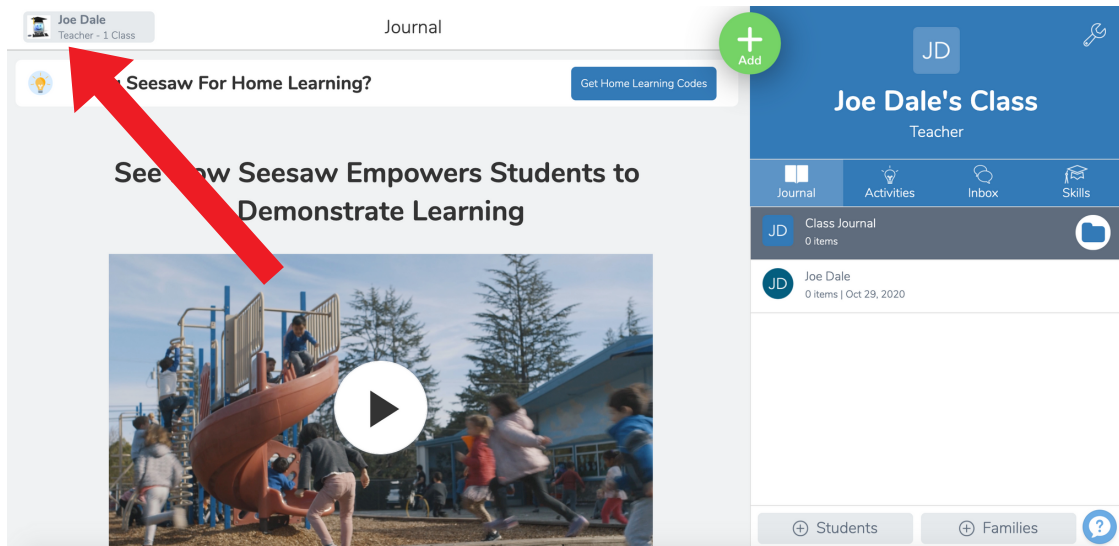
Click on your account top left.
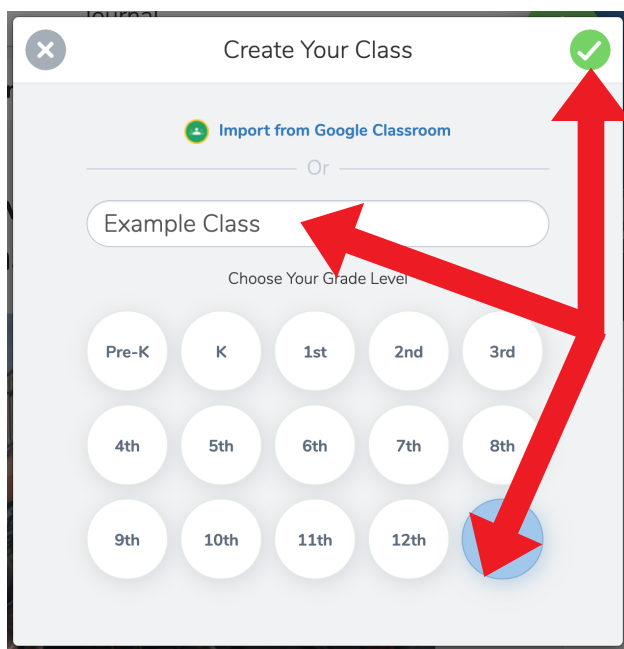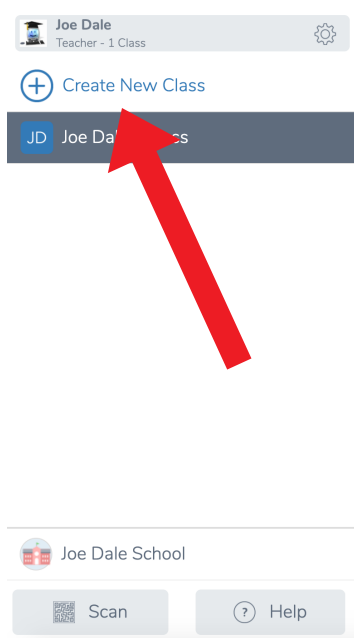
Click Create New Class. Name your class and select your Grade Level, you can also import your classes from Google Classroom. Click the tick when you're done.

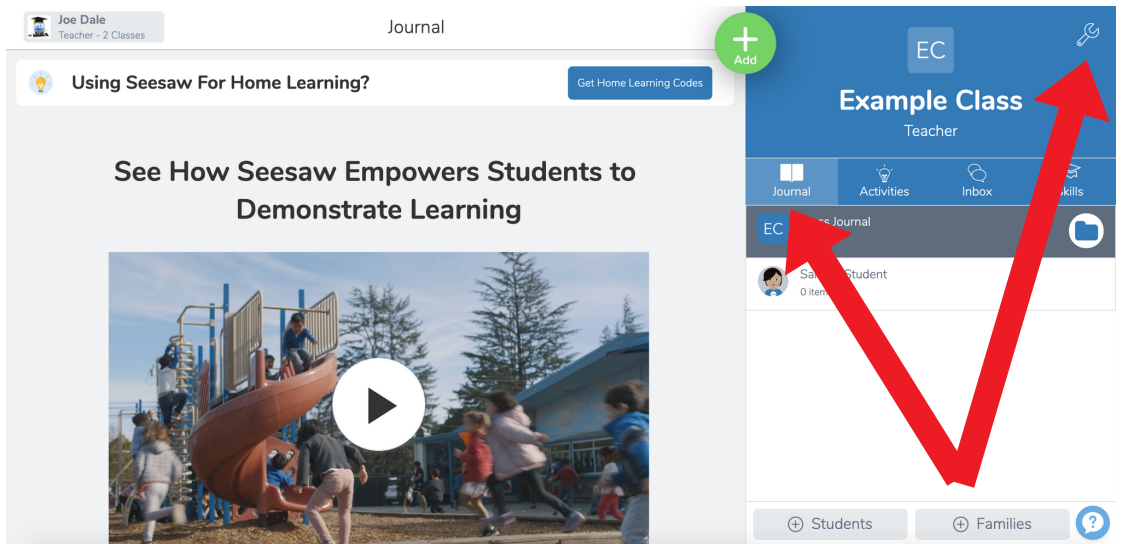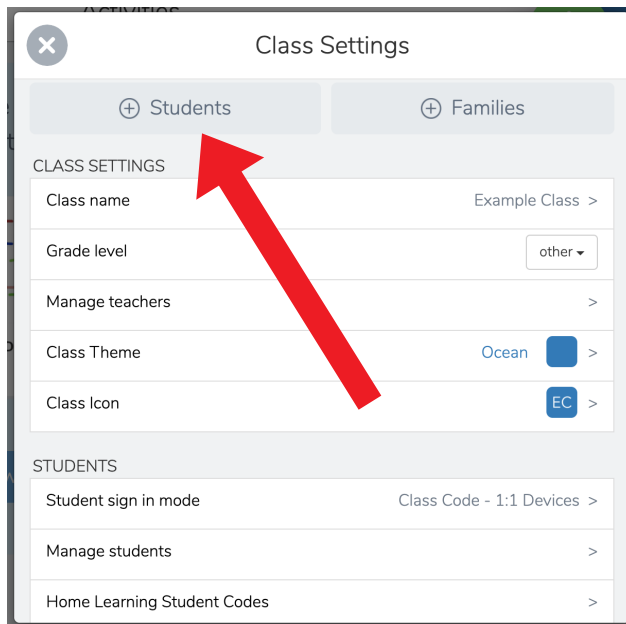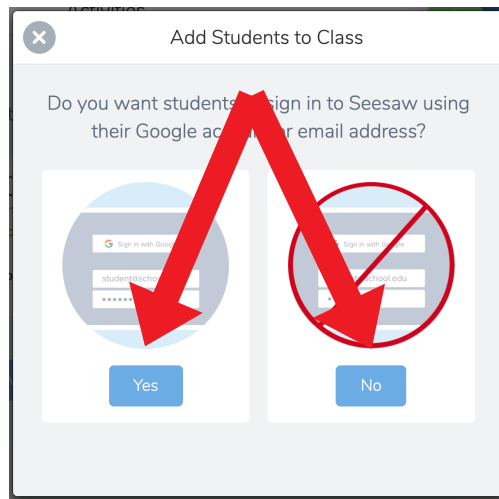Here is where you see your main interface including your Class Journal. Click on the spanner to manage your class.

To add students, click on the students option top left of class settings.

Choose whether you would like students to login with or without a Google account or email address. Click on yes or no and follow the instructions. Share the generated code with students so they can join your class.
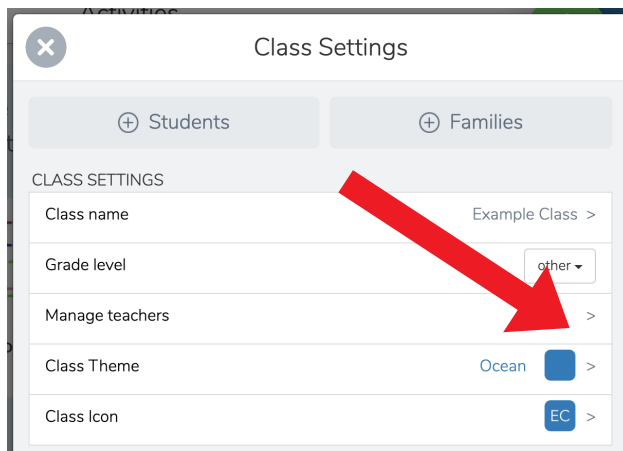
To add a co-teacher, click manage teachers and post an email address of the teacher you would like to add to your seesaw class and click invite teacher or click on the coteach invite link.

Class Settings

STUDENTS

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Student sign in mode	Email/Google >
Manage students	>
Home Learning Student Codes	>
Student likes and comments	>
Students can see each other's work	⬤
New items require approval	⬤
Item editing	>
Enable sample student	⬤

FAMILIES

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Enable family access	◯
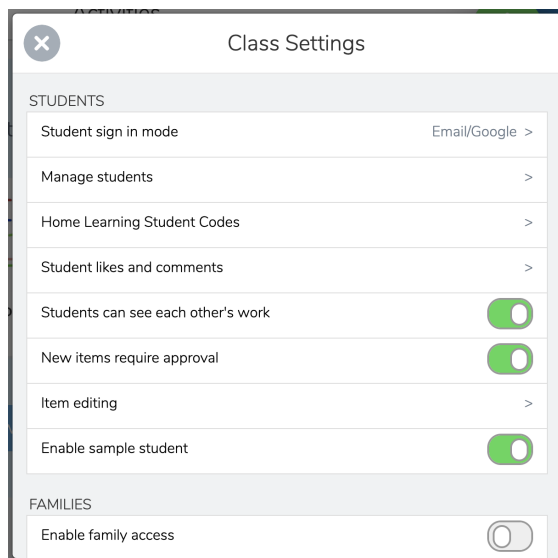
If your students are learning from home then you can click on the home learning student codes and share codes with individual students which means that they will only be able to see their own work and not their classmates.

Click on students likes and comments and choose where you want the students to be able to like each other's posts, comment and whether you would like to approve comments before they go live.

Choose whether you would like to students to see each other's work in the class and where the new items require you to moderate them first before they go live.
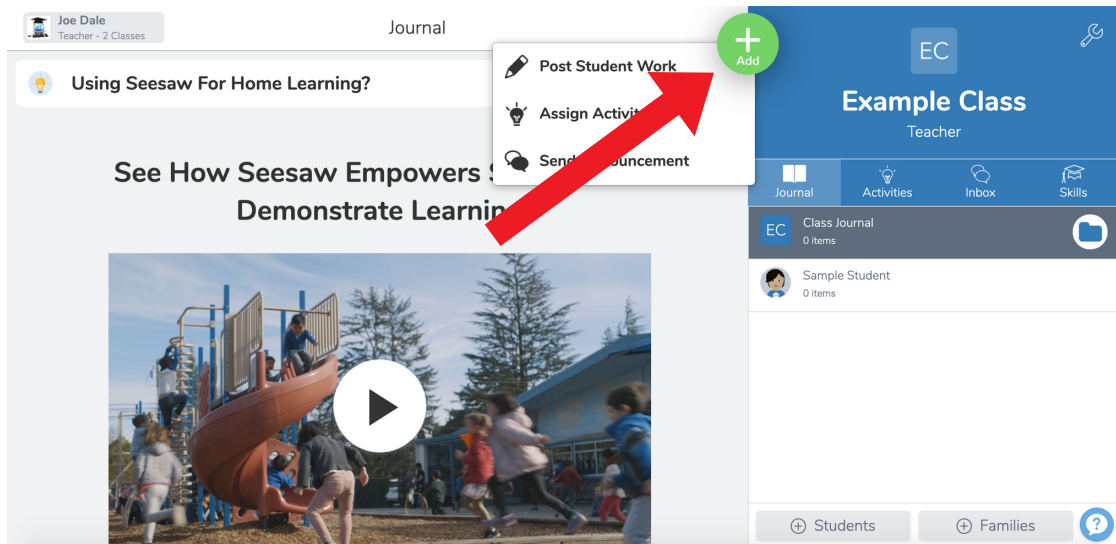
To post to the students' journal click on the plus icon in the main interface. Click Post Student Work.
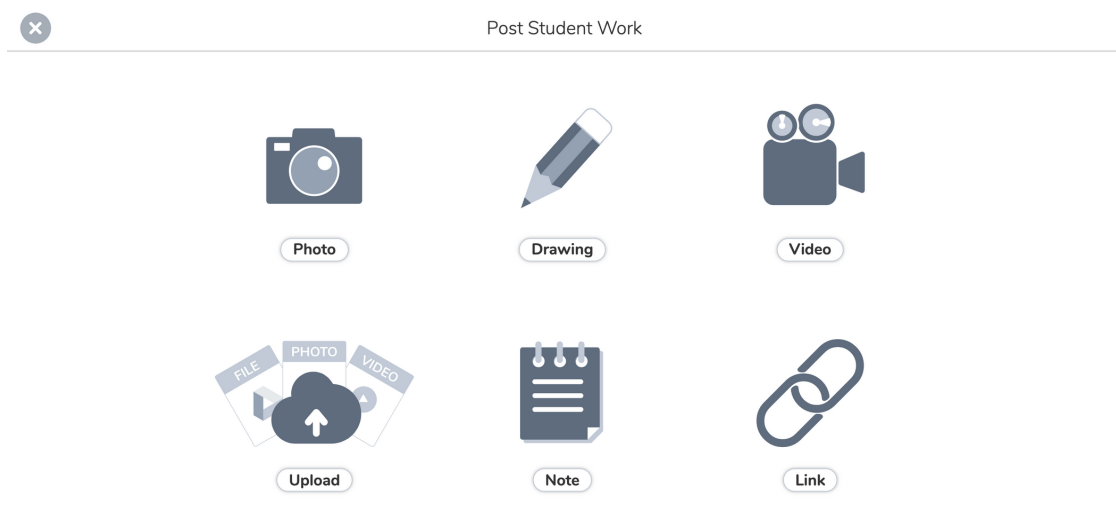
Here you can take a photo, do a narrated drawing or screencast, label a photo, record a video, upload different files, take a note as a writing and speaking activity and post a link into the journal.
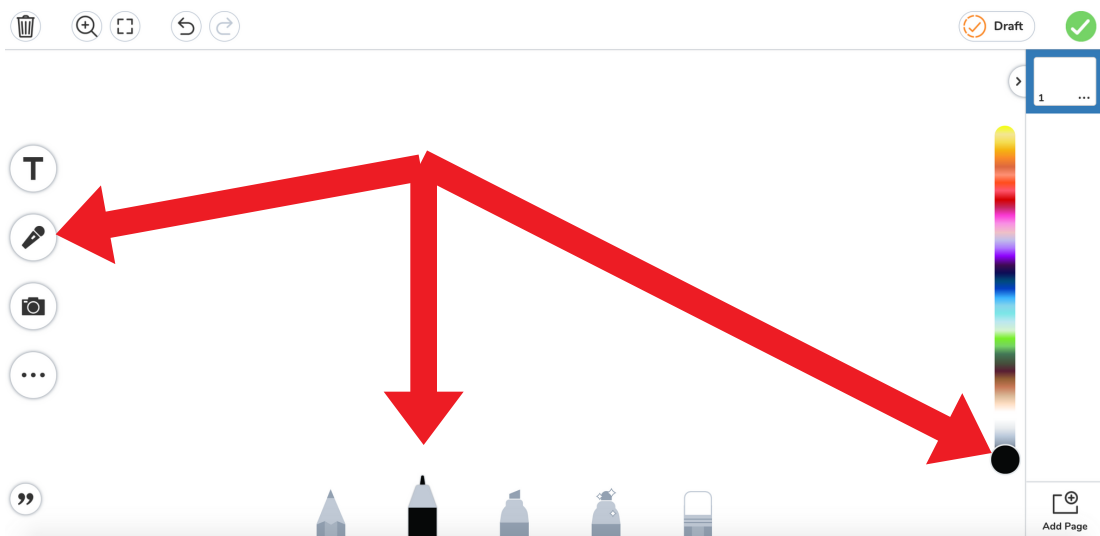
To create a narrated drawing or screencast, to explain a grammar point or to describe some vocabulary, click on the Drawing option. Choose a pen and colour and click the microphone icon.
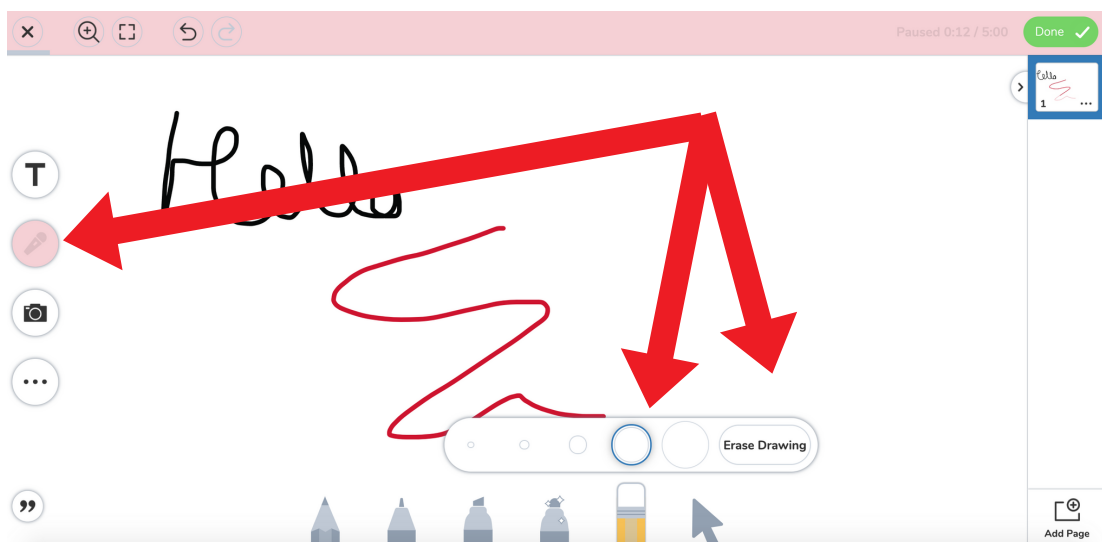

Draw an annotation while narrating and click pause. Click twice on the eraser and click Erase Drawing.
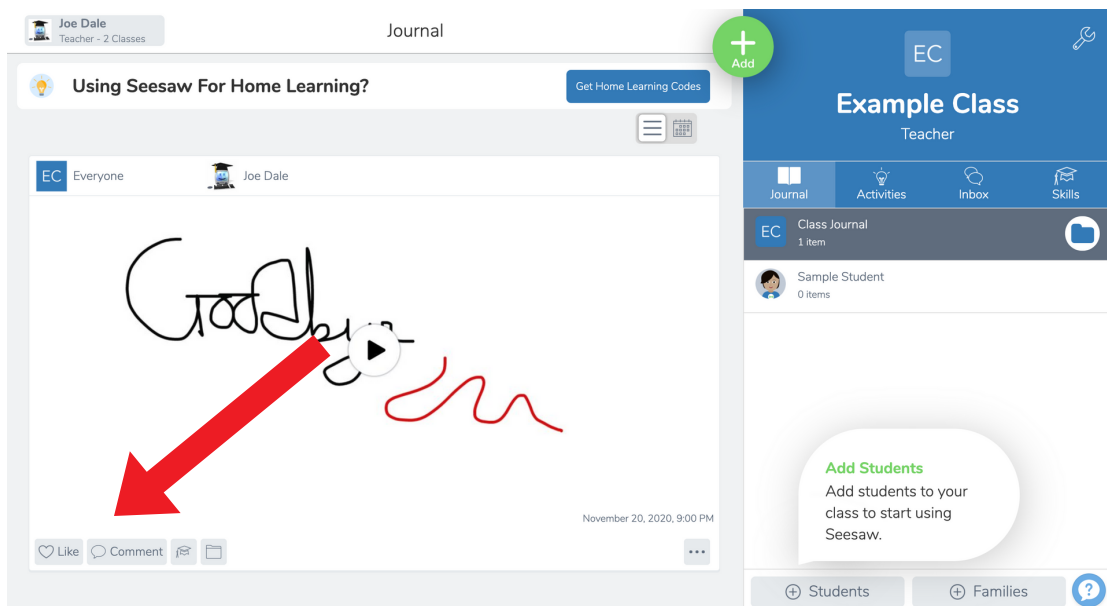
Click the microphone to unpause the recording. Choose a colour and carry on drawing while narrating. Repeat the process as desired. Click the tick to finish.
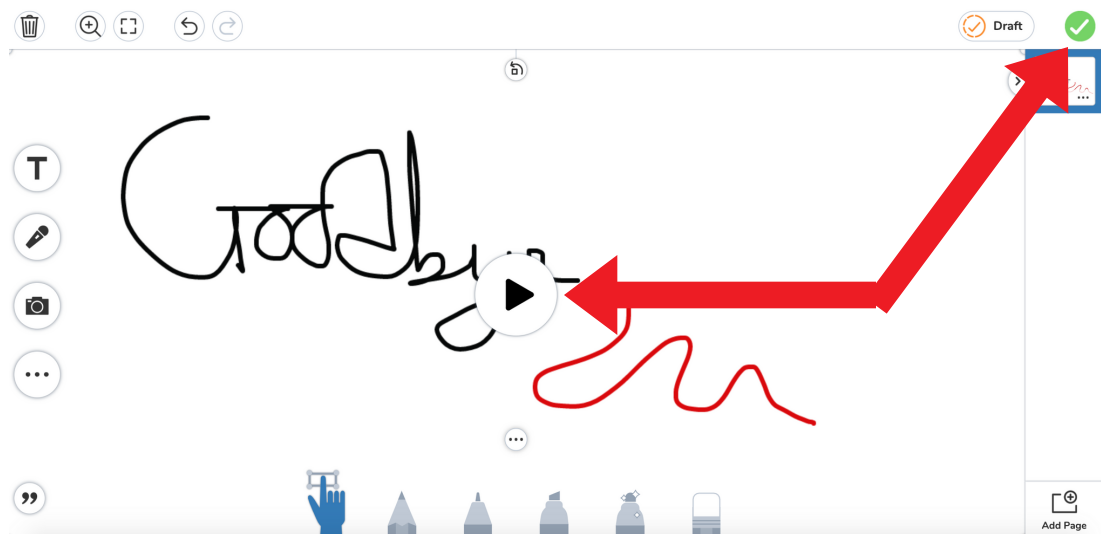
Click the Play button to watch back the narrated screencast. Click the tick to submit.

☑ Sample Student

post!
Click the green check to upload
your Seesaw post!
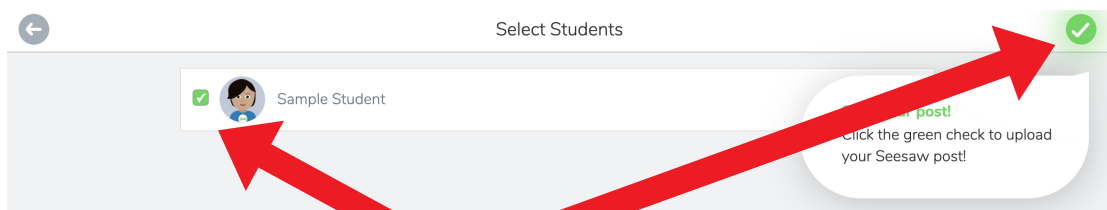
Assign your animated drawing to the whole class or to an individual student and click the tick.

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Teacher - 2 Classes

Journal

Using Seesaw For Home Learning?   Get Home Learning Codes

EC Everyone   Joe Dale

November 20, 2020, 9:00 PM

♡ Like   💬 Comment

EC
Example Class
Teacher

Journal   Activities   Inbox   Skills

EC Class Journal
    1 item

    Sample Student
    0 items

Add Students
Add students to your
class to start using
Seesaw.

⊕ Students   ⊕ Families   ?

To comment on a post, click Comment.

November 20, 2020, 9:00 PM

Great job!   Post   ✖

To leave a written comment, type in the box and click Post.

Enter your comment

To leave an audio comment, click Comment and click the microphone.

Voice Comment

Click the button to begin recording!

Click the microphone and record a comment.

Voice Comment

0:00 / 0:04

Click the tick to post the audio comment.

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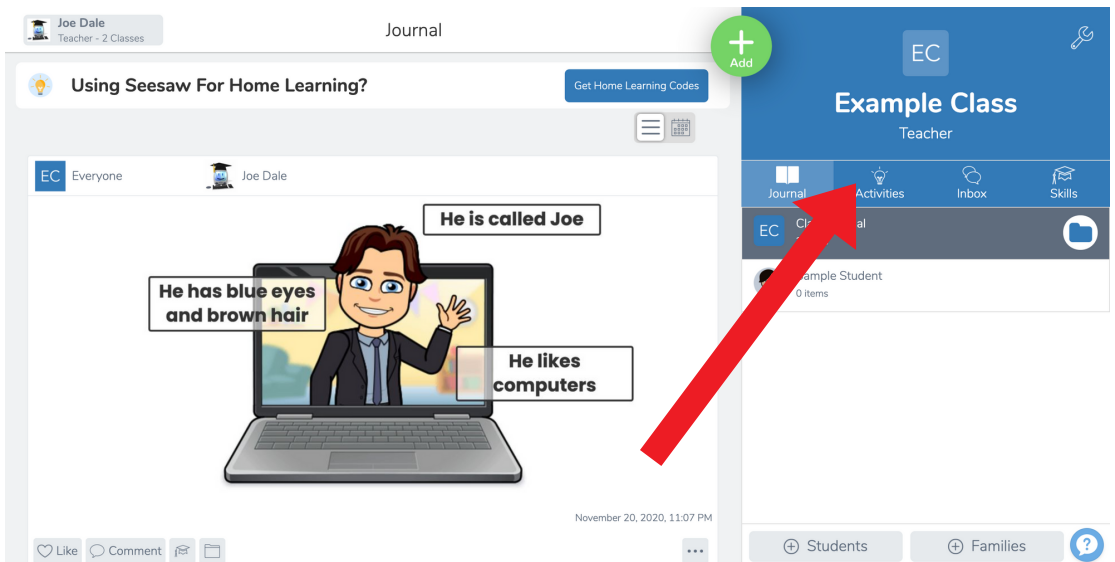
Comments appear under the post.
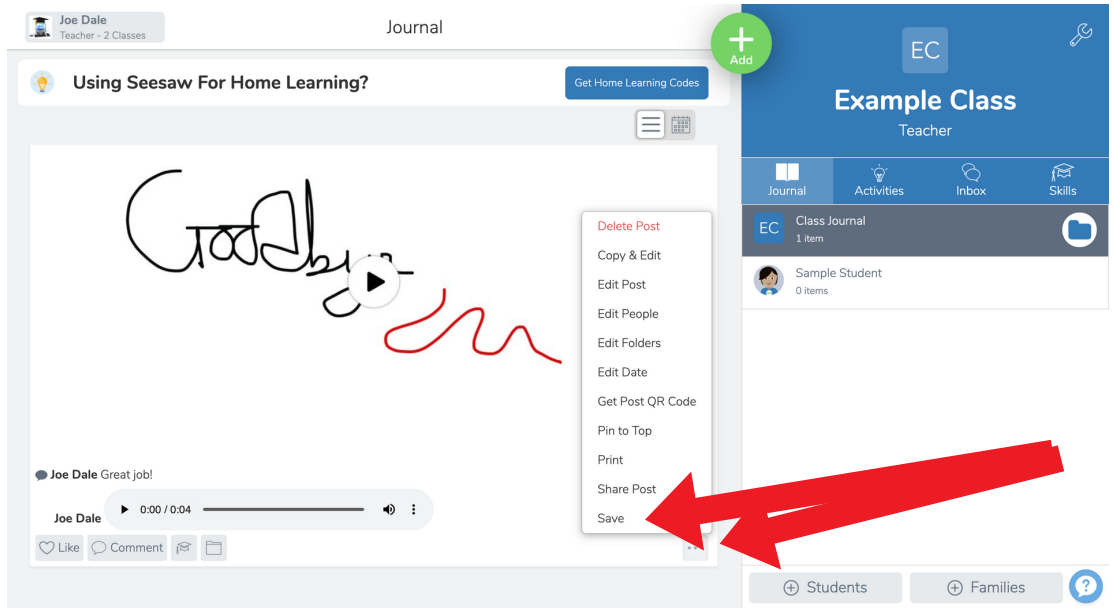
Save your video as an offline file by clicking on the three dots and clicking Save.
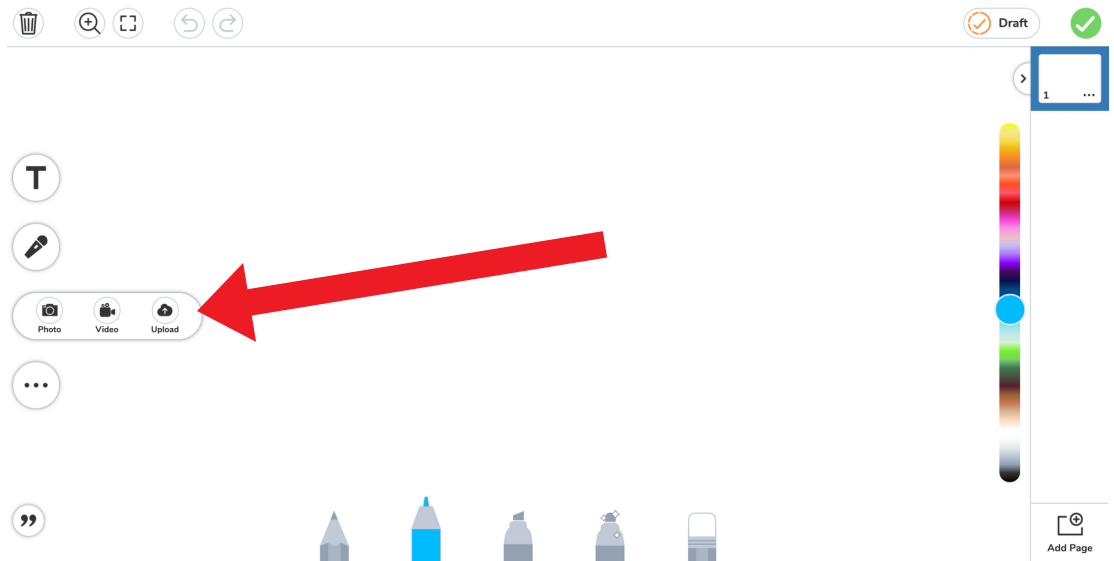
To add a photo in a drawing, click on the Photo icon and Upload.
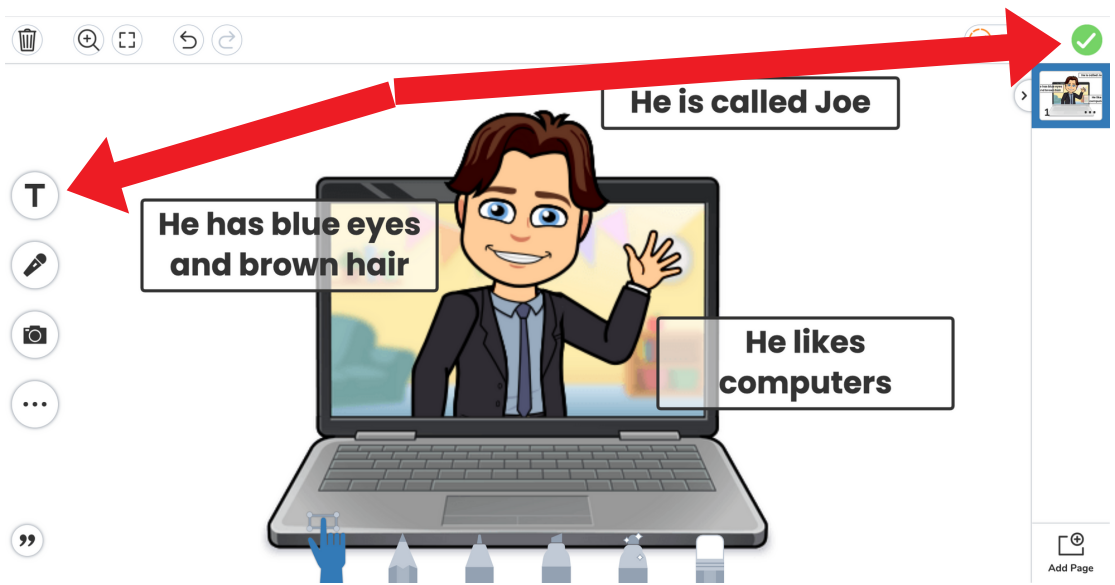
Click the Text icon and type in your label. Repeat the process for other labels. Click the tick to finish.

To check out the Activity Library, click on Activities.

Click Browse Activity Library.

Click All Subjects and choose World Languages. Click on an activity you like and click Assign to assign it to your class.
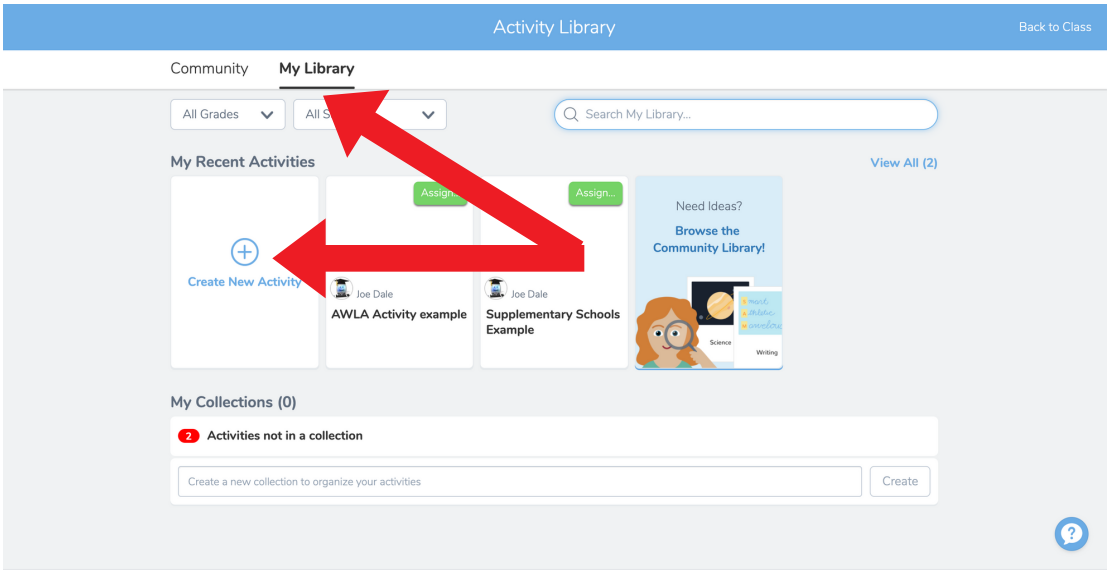
To create an activity, click My Library and Create New Activity.
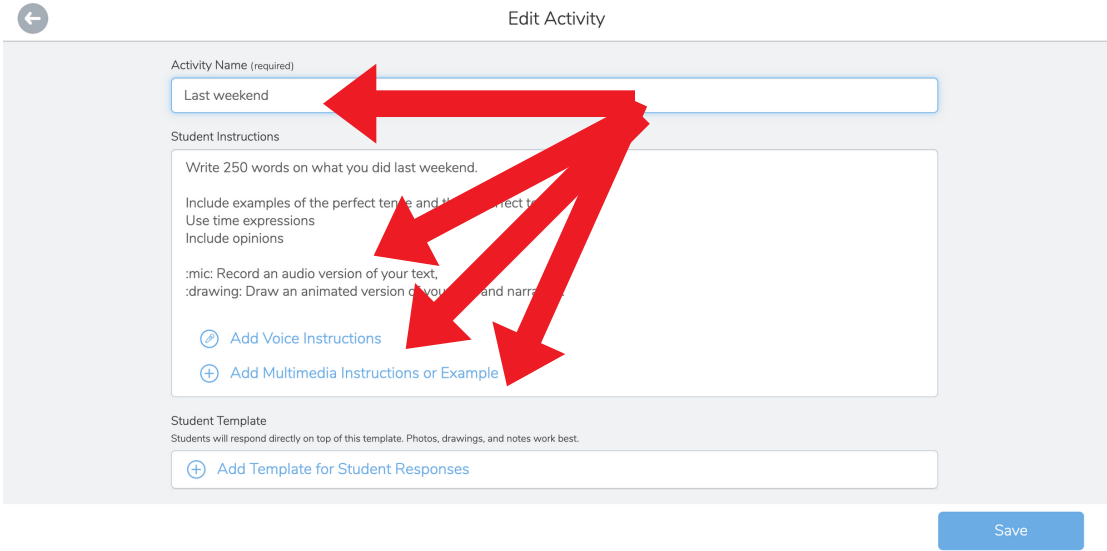
Name your activity and include instructions for your students. You can give audio and video instructions too and add icon shortcuts. Click Save.

Back to Class

Community   **My Library**

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Student Instructions

Last weekend

Write 250 words on what you did last weekend.

Include examples of the perfect tense and the imperfect tense
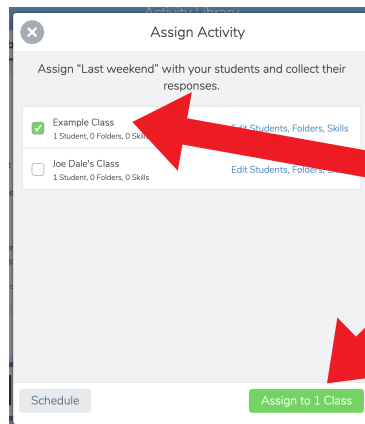Use time expressions
Include opinions

✏ Record an audio version of your text,
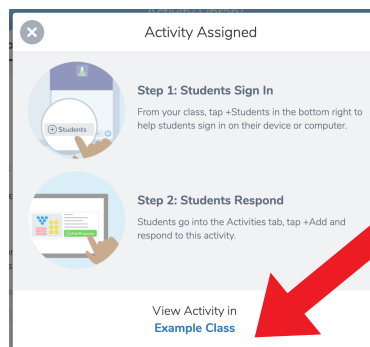✏ Draw an animated version of your text and narrate it.

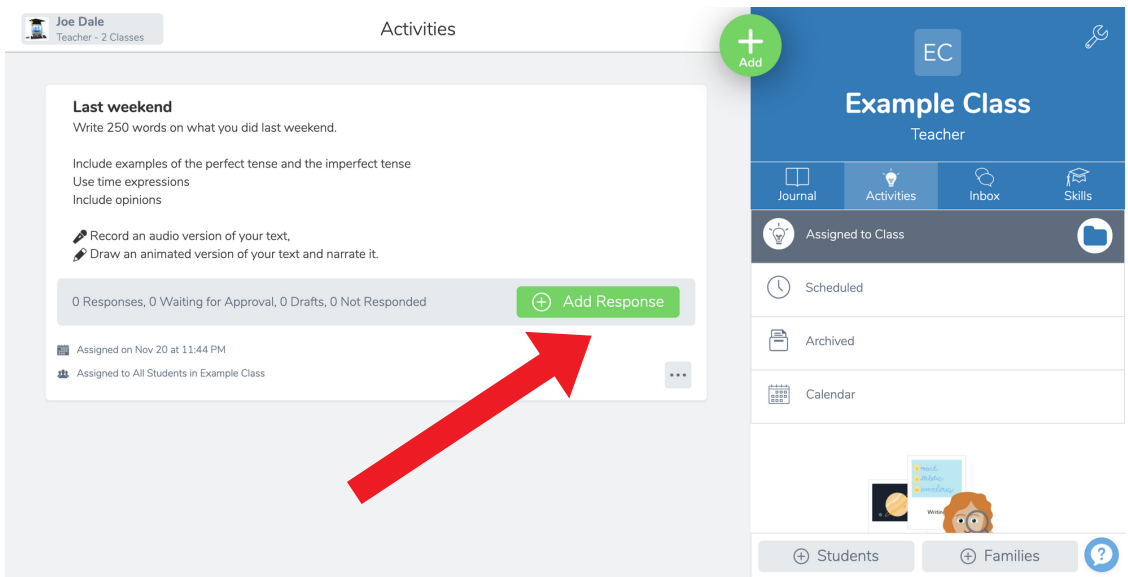▣ Compatible with: Chromebooks, computers, iPads, iPhones, Android tablets, Android phones, Kindle Fire

Assign...

Click Assign.

Assign Activity

Assign "Last weekend" with your students and collect their responses.

Example Class
1 Student, 0 Folders, 0 Skills   Edit Students, Folders, Skills

Joe Dale's Class
1 Student, 0 Folders, 0 Skills   Edit Students, Folders,

Schedule   Assign to 1 Class

Select a class and click Assign to 1 class.

Activity Assigned

Step 1: Students Sign In
From your class, tap +Students in the bottom right to help students sign in on their device or computer.

Step 2: Students Respond
Students go into the Activities tab, tap +Add and respond to this activity.

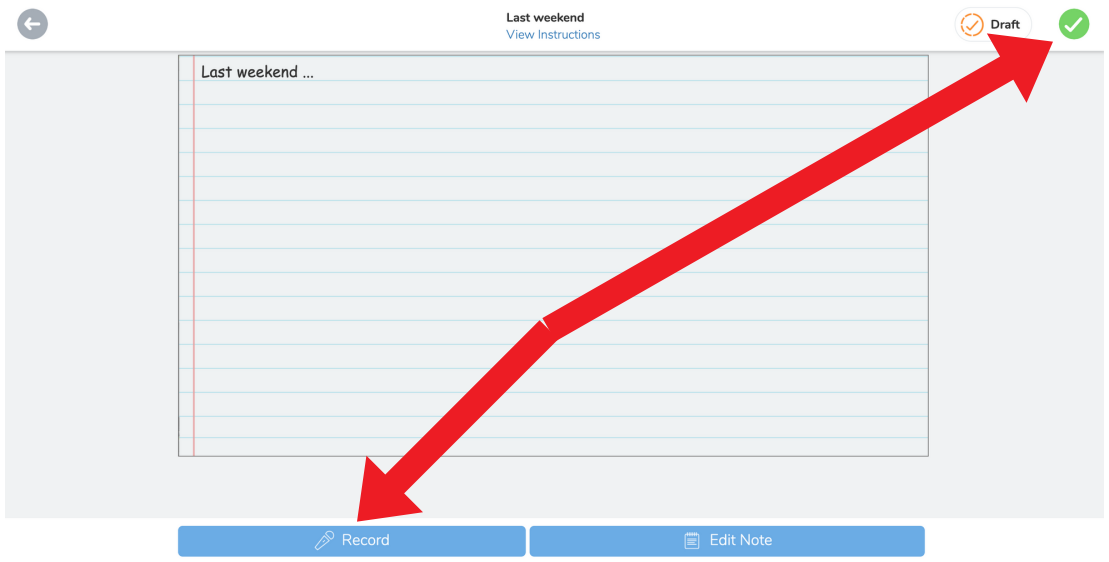View Activity in
Example Class

Select your class.

The activity has been assigned to the whole class. Students click Add Response and select themselves from the class list.
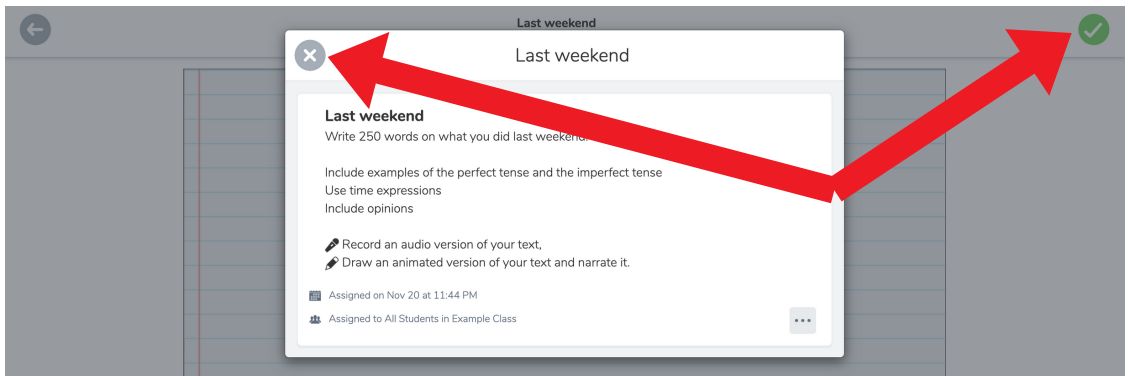

Students click on the Note option and click View Instructions to remind themselves what the first part of the activity is. They close the instructions, complete the text and click the tick.
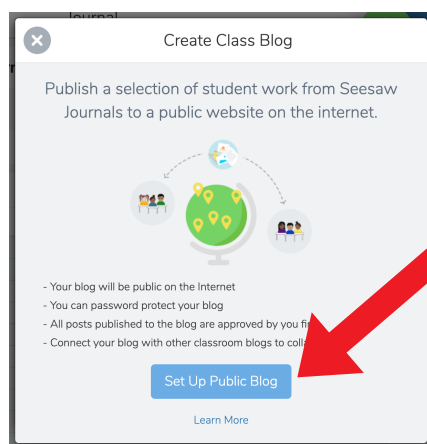
Students click Record to record an audio version of their text. Click the tick twice to submit the work.
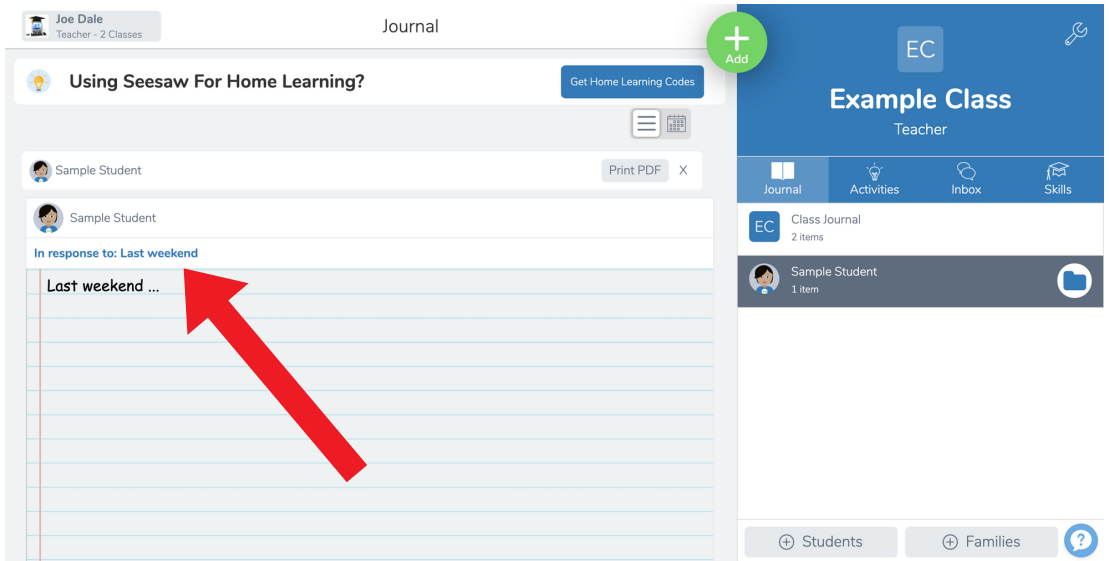
Students click 'In Response To' to complete the rest of the activity and submit the results.
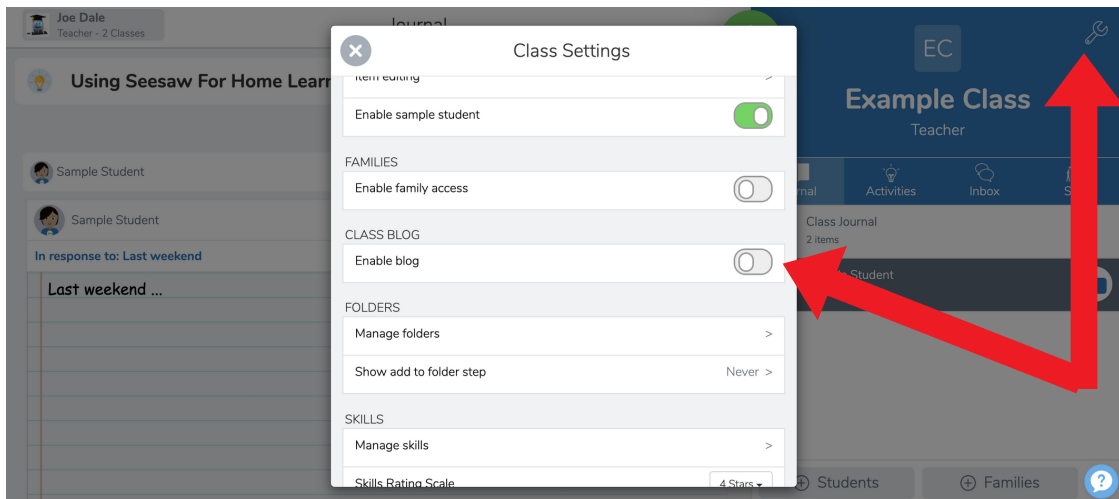
To enable a password-protected or public Seesaw blog to showcase your students' work to a wider audience, click on the spanner and select Enable blog.

Click Set Up Public Blog having read the information on how a Seesaw blog works.

Choose your blog URL. If it's available, click the right arrow. If it's taken, choose a different URL.

Choose whether you would like to enable commenting on the blog. Please note all comments require teacher approval. Choose whether you would like to password-protect your blog. Click the right arrow once you have made your choices.
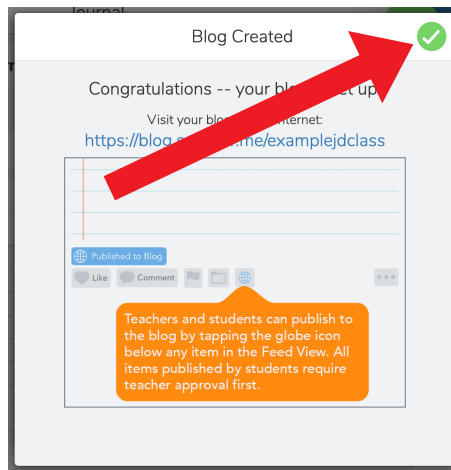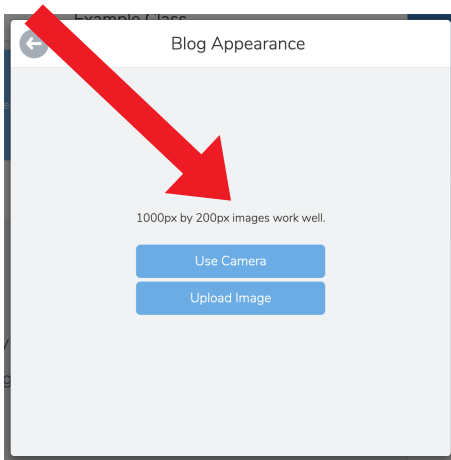
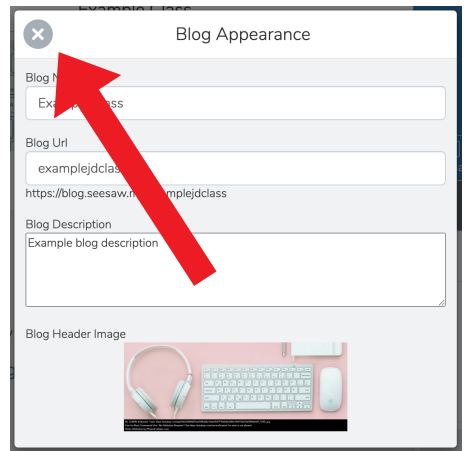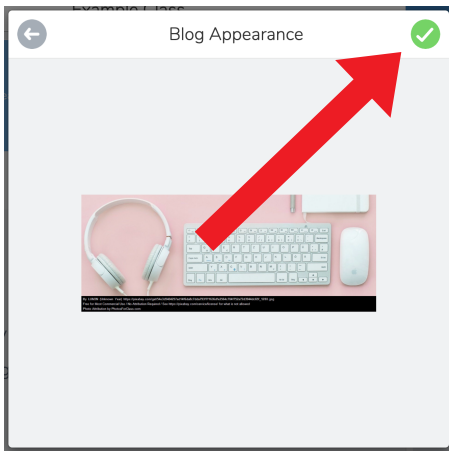Your blog is ready. Click the tick to finish set up.
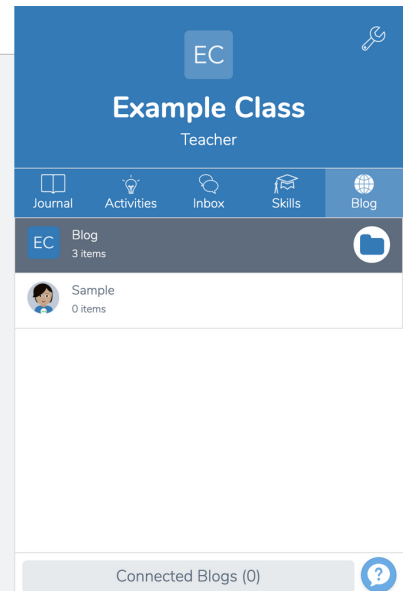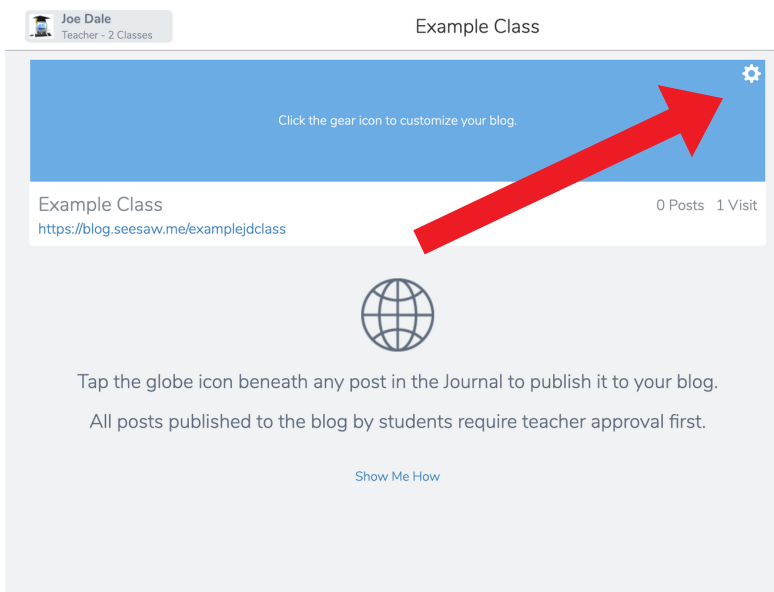
To customise the look of your blog, click on the cog icon.

Type in a blog description and click Add Header Image.
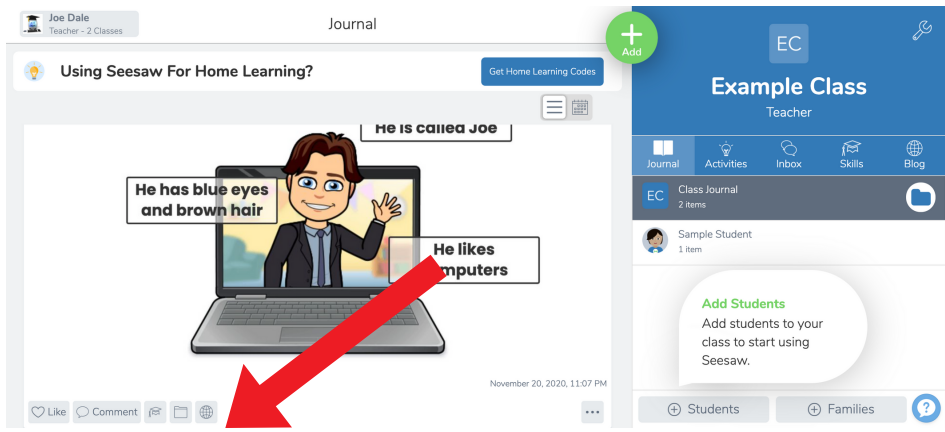

Take a picture with your camera or click Upload image. Select an image from your device. Photosforclass.com is a good place to look. The ideal size is 1200 x 200 so you may want to crop the image before uploading.
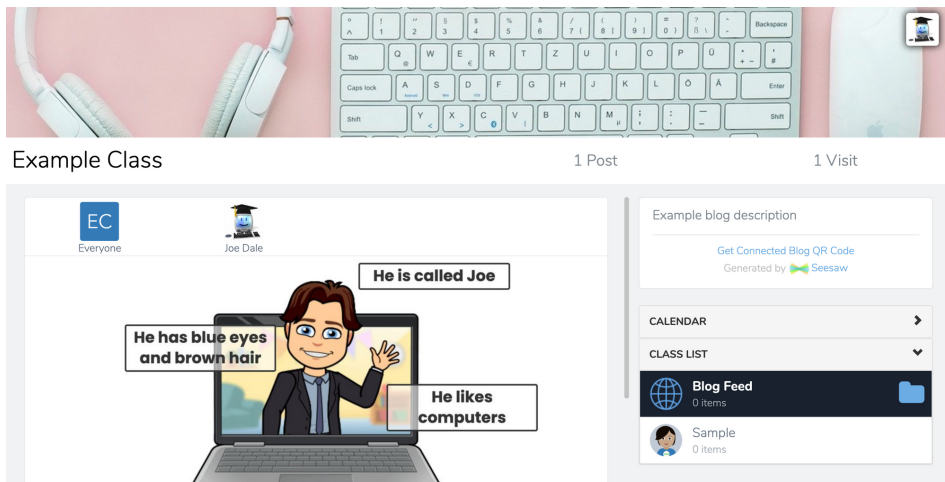
Add an image and click the tick. Check the details and close the blog description window.
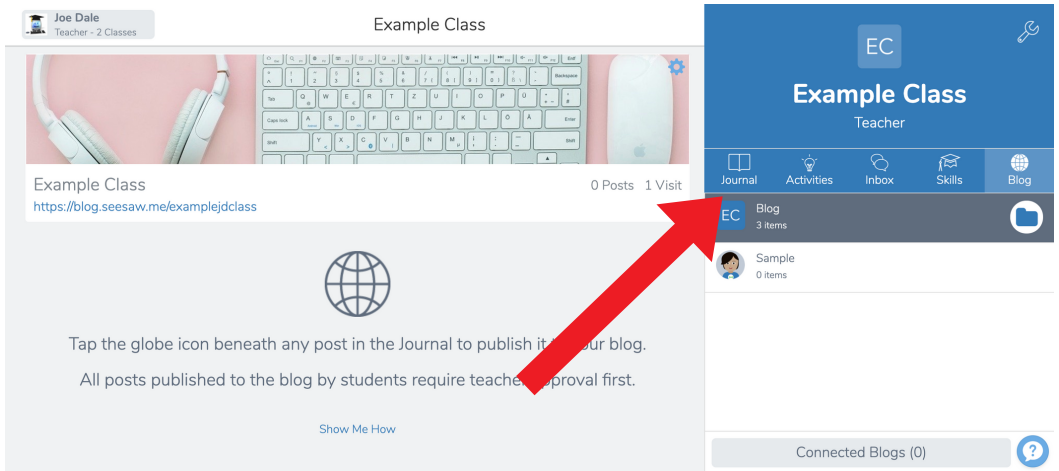
To start adding your students' work to the blog, click Journal.

To add a post to your blog, click the globe icon underneath each post and click Publish to Blog.

I hope you've found this guide useful and it's given you some ideas on how you can use Seesaw for documenting your students' learning in your language lessons!

Feel free to send me some feedback via email: joedale@talk21.com or via Twitter: @joedale