

TeachVid: A Guide for Language Teachers Using the Paid Version



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Introduction

TeachVid is a video-based online platform for students learning foreign languages. Students access short YouTube videos and complete a wide range of online activities based on the transcript. TeachVid is ideal for independent learning but can also be used in class with devices and headphones.

There are hundreds of ready-made activities available in several languages, 10% of which are fully available, even without registration.

It is free to register and use. Once registered, teachers can organise live sessions using the featured resources or print the worksheets which are automatically generated by Teach Vid. Teachers can also create their own resources. To have a look at all the features available with the free version, please go to this [tutorial](#).

The paid version offers more features such as full access to all the activities, all the printable worksheets and the possibility to set assignments or check the progress of your students. This is a great way to set listening homework.

This guide will be divided into the following sections:

Teacher subscription: private classroom and assignments

- Creating a classroom
- Adding students/sharing your classroom
- Creating an assignment
- Sharing an assignment

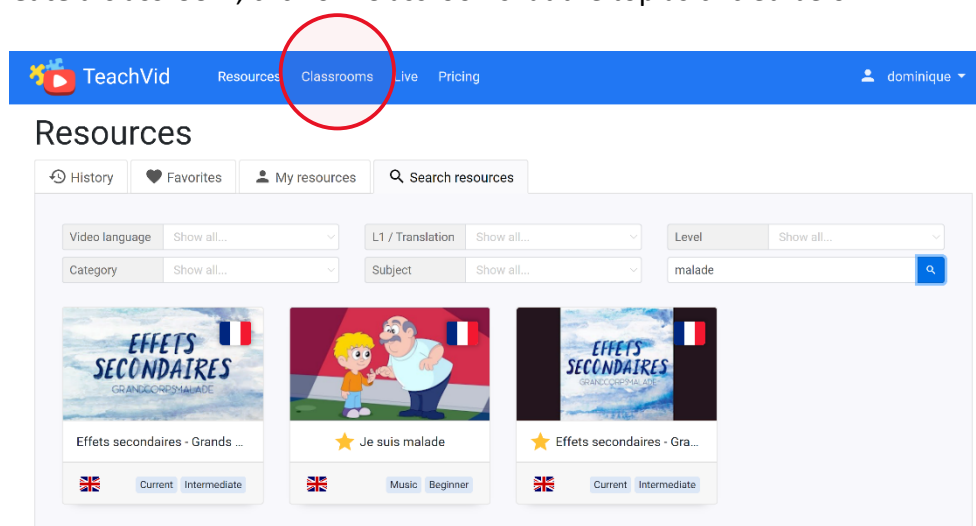
Teacher subscription: private classroom and assignments

A teacher subscription will give you full access to all the resources and printable worksheets, as well as advanced resource search, the option to create as many resources as you want and the possibility to create a classroom and set assignments or assessments. It is often hard to set effective listening homework. TeachVid can be a great tool to help students practice listening in class and at home.

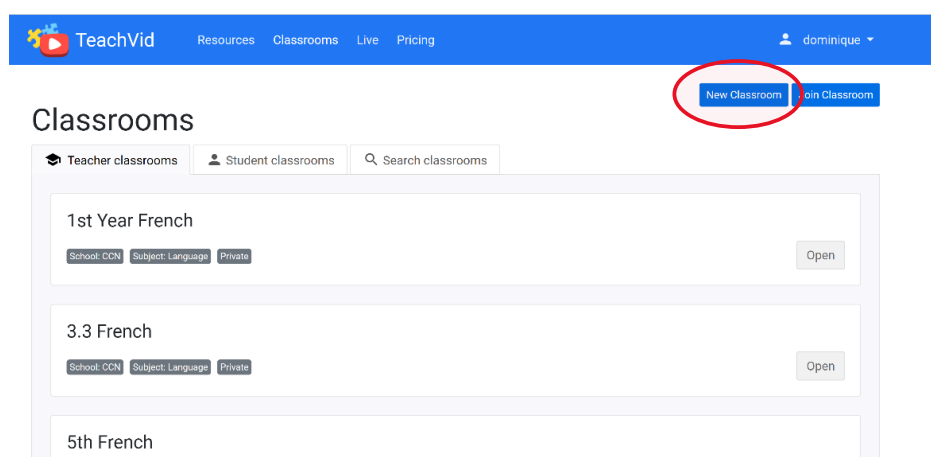
- **Creating a classroom:**

Availability: a teacher (or school) subscription is required to set a private classroom. Any TeachVid user with a teacher subscription can create their own 'classrooms' where they can add students, set assignments and assessments as well as track students' progress. This is a great way to set listening homework.

To create a classroom, click on 'Classrooms' at the top as circled below.



Click on 'New Classroom'.



Fill in the name, the subject, your school name and choose 'private' so you can view and manage students and assignment data.

Create classroom

Name:

Subject:

Show all...

School:

☐ Public ☒ Private

Select Private if you want to be able to view and manage students and assignment data. Public classrooms are intended for sharing resources and assignments publicly among all premium students, and teachers of public classrooms cannot see the student list.

Create

Clicking on classroom will show all your private classrooms.

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New ClassroomJoin Classroom

Classrooms

Teacher classrooms

Student classrooms

Search classrooms

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School: CCNSubject: LanguagePrivate

Open

1st Year French

School: CCNSubject: LanguagePrivate

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This is what your classroom will look like:

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Exit Classroom

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Home

Assignments0

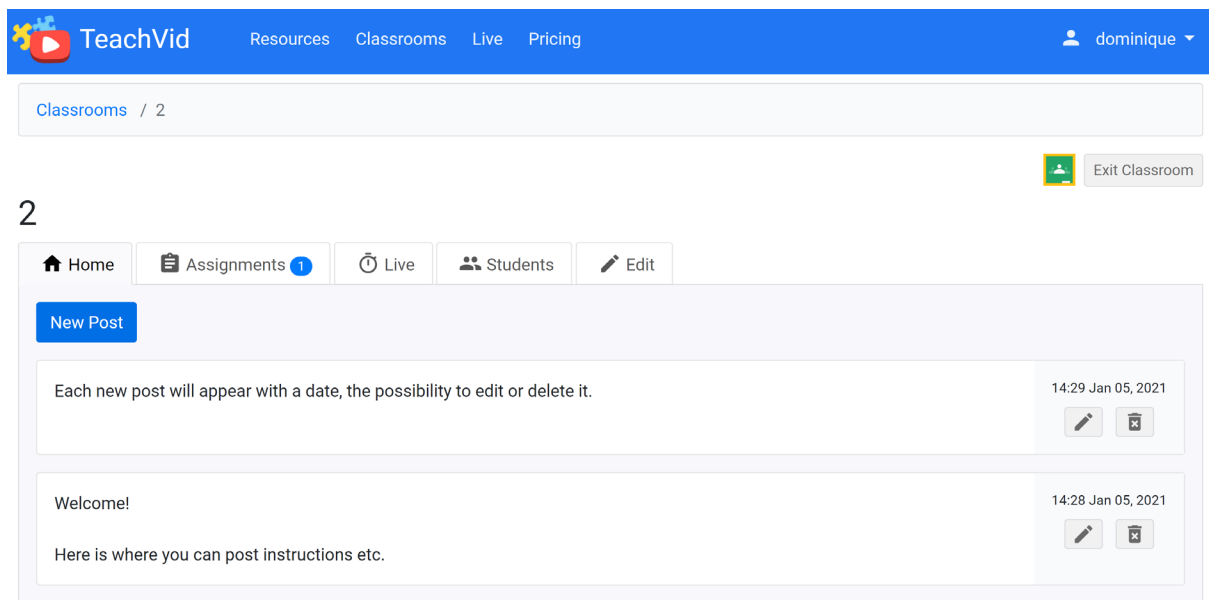
Live

Students

Edit

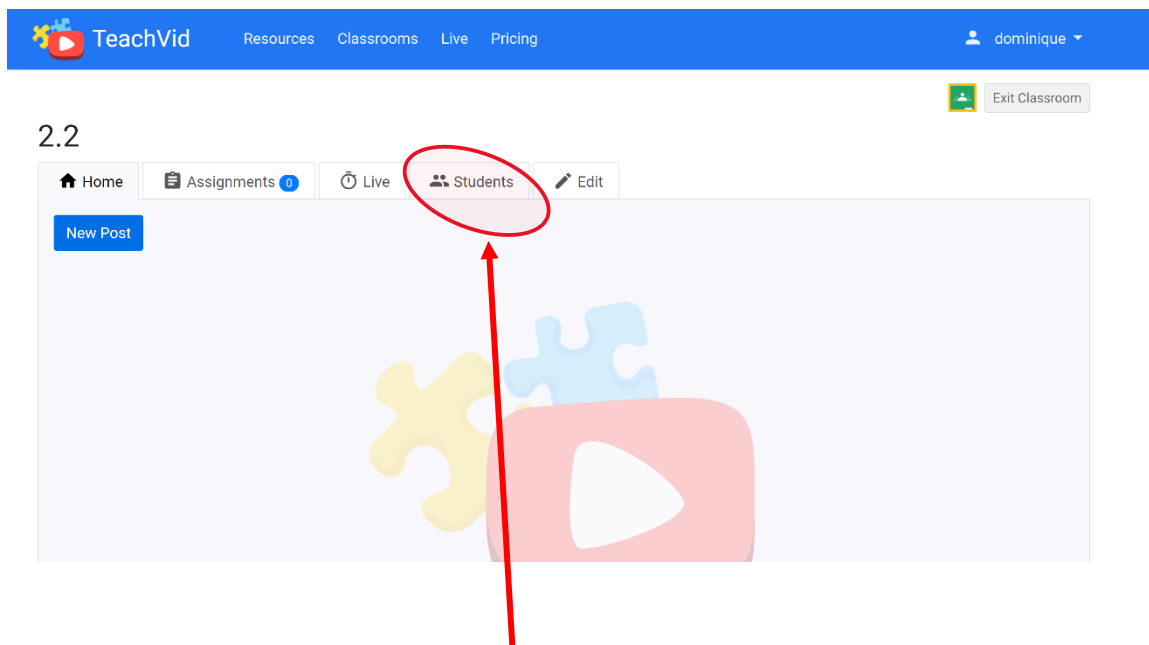
New Post

Click on 'New Post' to communicate a message to your class.



The screenshot shows the TeachVid interface. At the top is a blue navigation bar with the TeachVid logo and links for Resources, Classrooms, Live, and Pricing. A user profile for 'dominique' is in the top right. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail 'Classrooms / 2'. On the right side, there is an 'Exit Classroom' button. The main content area has a top bar with buttons for Home, Assignments (1), Live, Students, and Edit. Below this is a 'New Post' button. Two example posts are shown: the first says 'Each new post will appear with a date, the possibility to edit or delete it.' with a date of '14:29 Jan 05, 2021' and edit/delete icons; the second says 'Welcome! Here is where you can post instructions etc.' with a date of '14:28 Jan 05, 2021' and edit/delete icons.

- **Adding students/sharing your classroom**

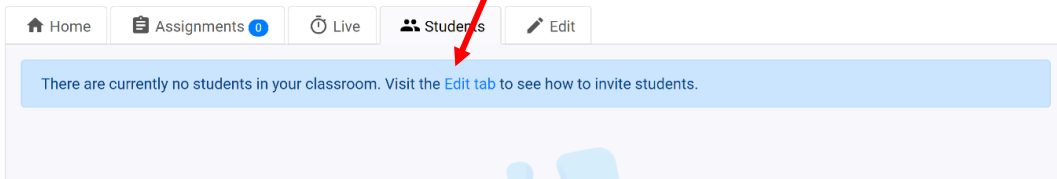


The screenshot shows the TeachVid interface, similar to the previous one. The 'Students' button in the top navigation bar is circled in red, and a red arrow points to it from below. The main content area shows a large graphic of interlocking gears and a play button icon.

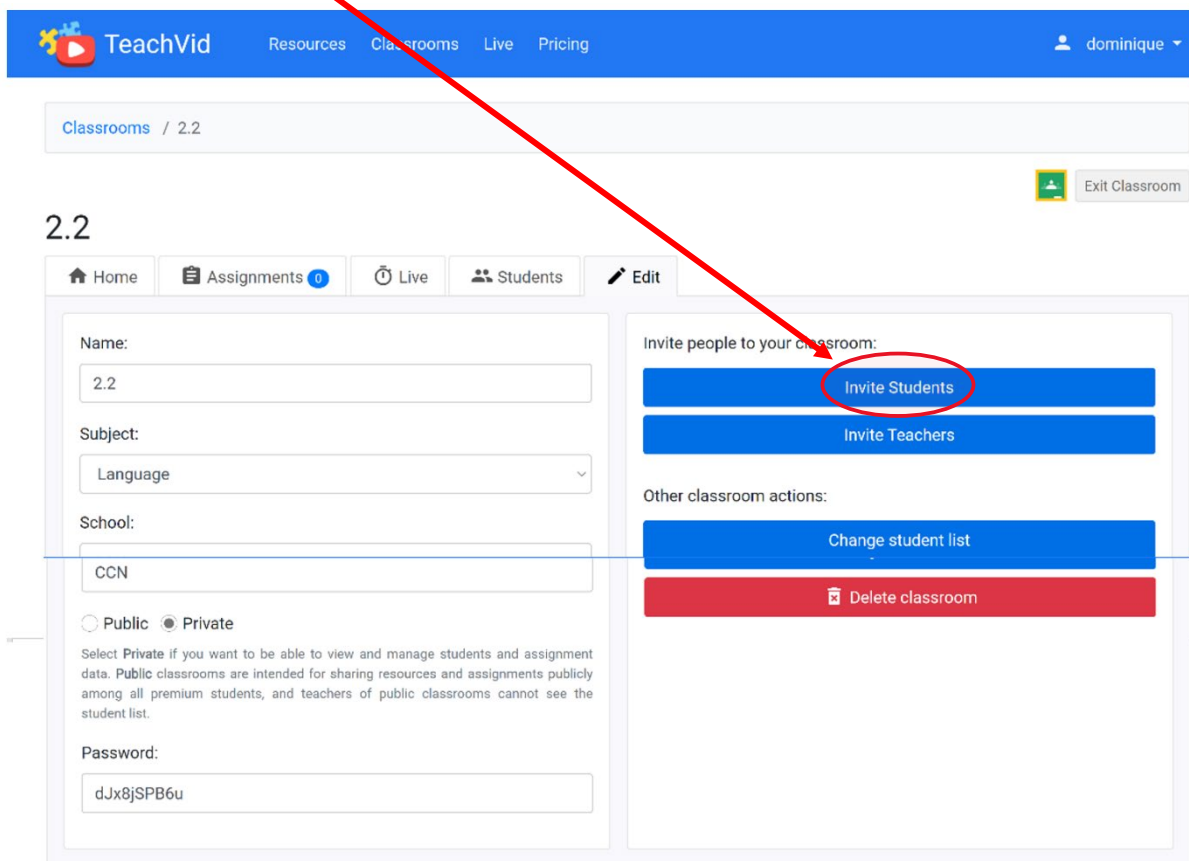
To add students to a class, click on 'students'.

This message should appear. Click on 'Edit tab' link.

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Click on 'Invite Students'.



Students must be registered to be able to join your classroom.

You can send them the link, which is generated automatically.

Invite students

Use the link below to invite your students to join your classroom. They will need to type in the password (below) to join.

URL:
<https://www.teachvid.com/classroom/2DGMBN/join>

Alternatively, students can go to classrooms and then click on the **Join Classroom** button, where they will be prompted to enter the classroom code below, and then the password.

Code:

Password:

OK

Using the link will bring the students to a page where they will have to directly **write the password** and click 'Join'.

teachvid.com/classroom/KP8J5M/join

TeachVid Resources Classrooms Live Pricing Dominique

Join classroom

You are attempting to join a classroom. To continue, please enter the classroom password and click "Join".

Join

This is the student's view of the classroom:

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Classrooms / 2

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Exit Classroom

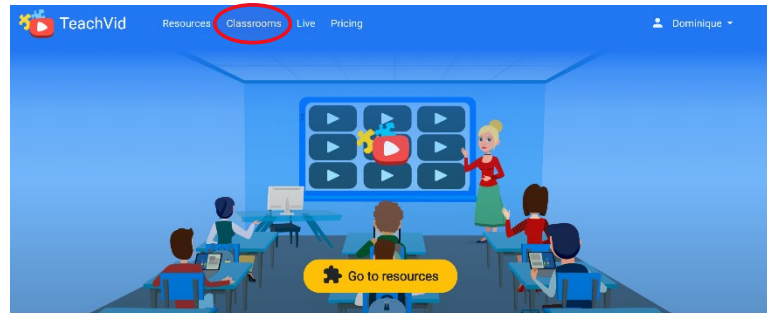
Home Assignments Live

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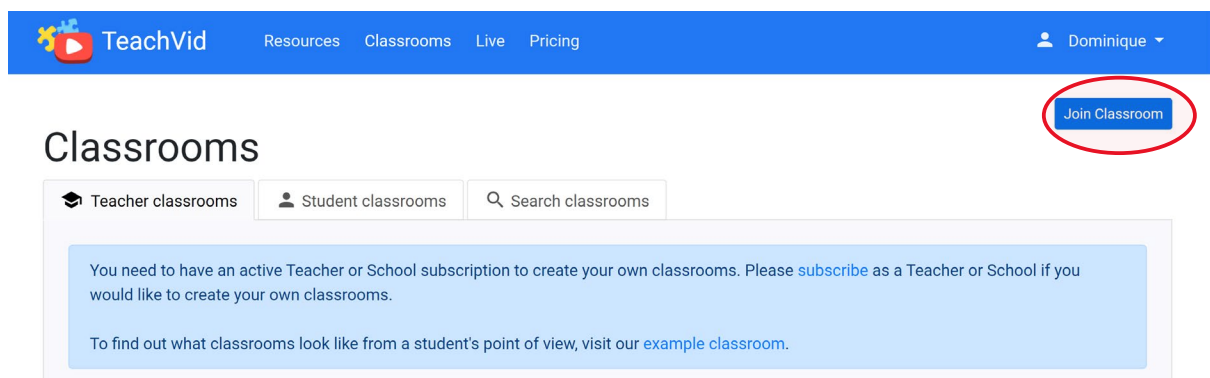
Welcome! 14:28 Jan 05, 2021

Here is where you can post instructions etc.

Another way to share the assignment is to ask students to **log in** to TeachVid.com → go to 'Classroom'.



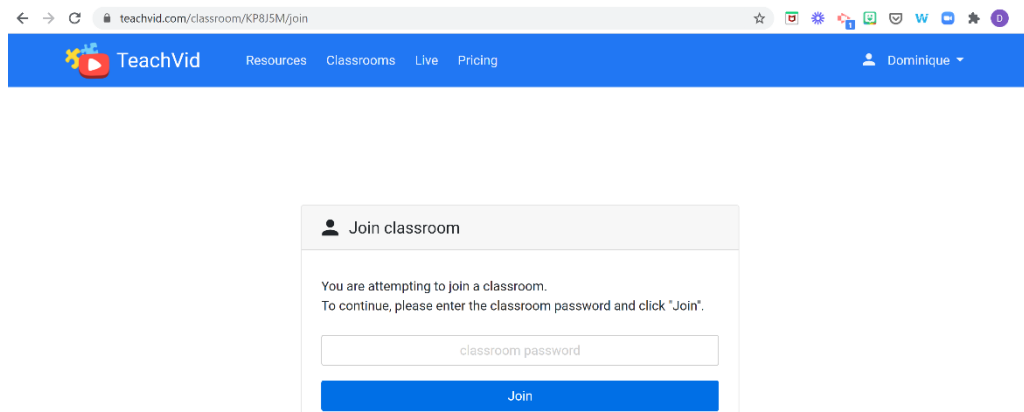
→ Click on 'Join Classroom'.



A pop-up window will appear where **students type the code for the classroom**.

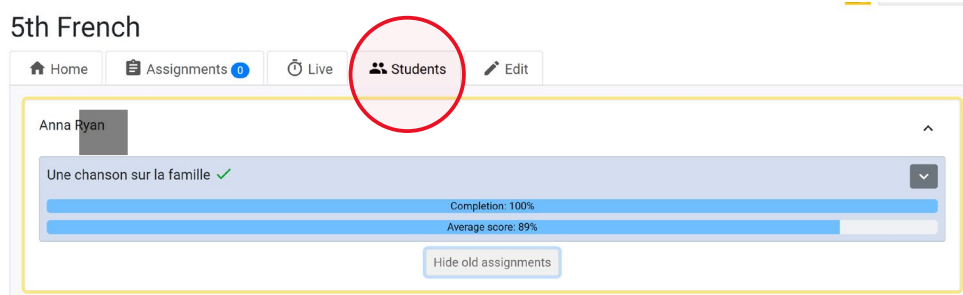
(Reminder: You can find the code when you invite students.)

They click 'Join' and a page will open where they will be asked to write the password.



I would advise teachers to share the link and the password instead as there are less steps. This means less chances of hearing 'Miss/Sir it does not work!'.

Once your students have joined, their names will appear as a list when you click on 'Students'. This is also where you can check their progress.

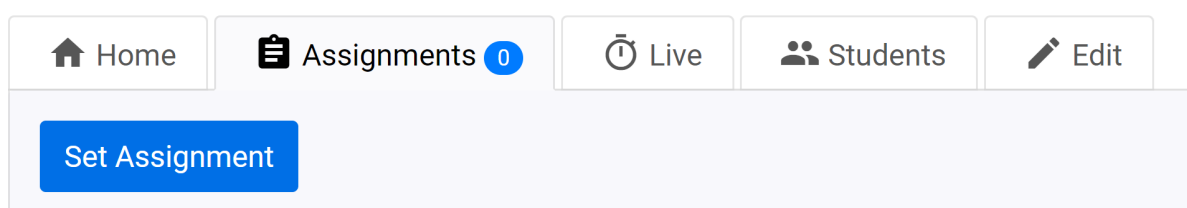


- **Creating an assignment**

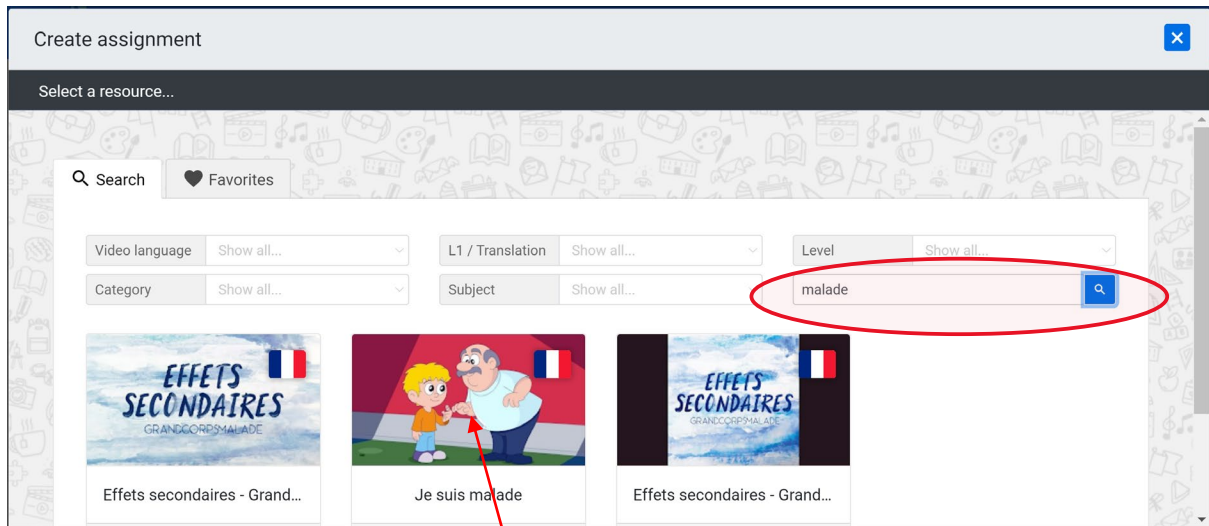
Availability: A teacher (or school) subscription is required to use this feature. Students will have to be invited to your class first before accessing the assignment or assessment.

There are two ways to set an assignment:

To set an assignment, click on 'Assignments' then 'Set Assignment'



At this stage, you **select the resource you want the students to work on**. I would advise teachers to use the 'search by text' option, after all, you have paid for the privilege!



Create assignment

Select a resource...

Search Favorites

Video language Show all... L1 / Translation Show all... Level Show all...

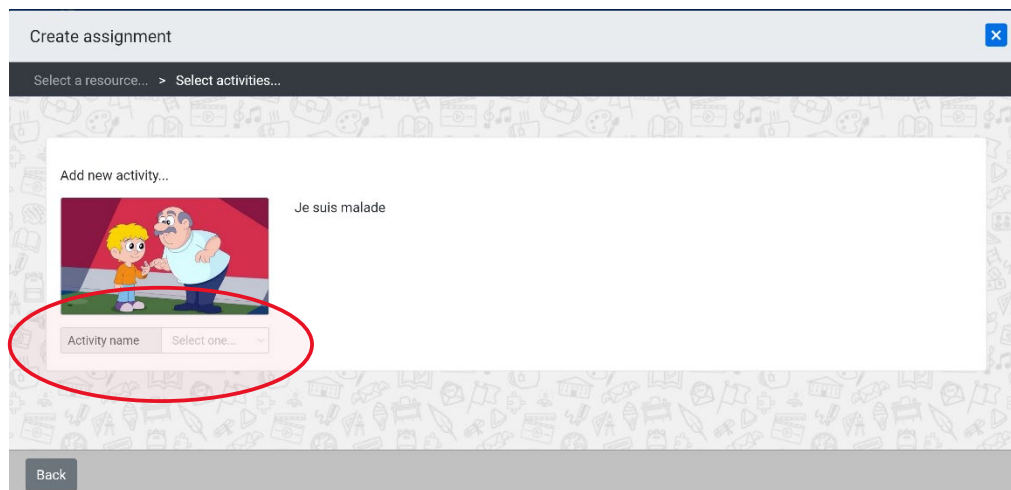
Category Show all... Subject Show all...

malade

Effets secondaires - Grand... Je suis malade Effets secondaires - Grand...

Select the resource that you need by clicking on it.

Select the activity you would like the students to work on from the drop-down list.



Create assignment

Select a resource... > Select activities...

Add new activity...

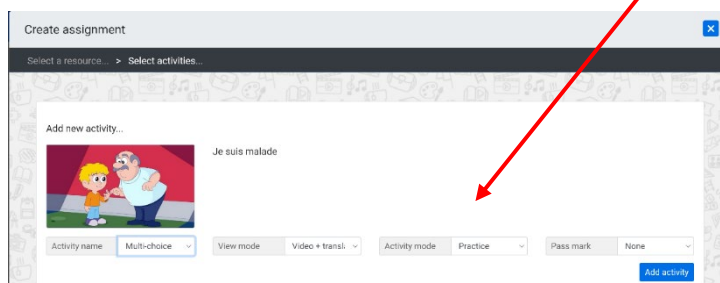
Je suis malade

Activity name Select one...

Back

For example, here, I selected 'Multiple choice'.

Several options appear: you can select the **view mode**, whether the activity should be **practice or an assignment** and the **pass mark**.



Create assignment

Select a resource... > Select activities...

Add new activity...

Je suis malade

Activity name Multi-choice View mode Video + transl. Activity mode Practice Pass mark None

Add activity

This is an explanation taken from the TeachVid blog where you can find excellent explanations and tutorials for each part of the website:

View mode

- **Video + translation:** the activity will appear along with the video and a translation of the transcript. The activity is broken down into mini tasks, each linked to a section of the video. The video pauses at the end of each section, while the relevant part of the translation is highlighted. Students combine listening, translation and context cues to complete each mini task.
- **Translation only:** the activity is broken down into mini tasks, and the relevant section of the translation is highlighted, but students have no access to the video. Students use translation and context cues to complete each mini task.
- **Video only:** the activity will appear along with the video. The activity is broken down into mini tasks, each linked to a section of the video, but no translation is available. The video pauses at the end of each section, and students use listening and context cues to complete each mini task.
- **Activity only:** the activity is broken down into mini tasks, but with no access to the video or the translation. Students must use context cues alone (and memory) to complete the activity.

Activity mode



- **Practice:** practice activities work in exactly the same way as activities accessed via the Resources section. The focus is on language practice and students are expected to keep trying until they get the answer correct. Students can correct themselves and learn from mistakes.
- **Assessment:** assessment activities accept the student's first answer in all cases, and the focus is clearly on finding out – and reporting back to the teacher – exactly how much the student knows.

Pass mark


By default there is no pass mark, but you can set a pass mark anywhere from 40% to 90%. Adding a pass mark for practice activities means that students cannot simply guess randomly until they get the answers correct. A pass mark should not be necessary for an assessment, as the idea is that you want to know how much the student knows, but it may be useful to set a low pass mark for the same reason as for practice activities.

Once you have selected the different options, click on **'add activity'**.

You can **repeat these steps** to add another activity.

#	Resource	Activity	View	Mode	Passmark	
1	Je suis malade	Multi-choice	Video + translation	Assessment	None	 

Add new activity...

 Je suis malade

Activity name: Select one...

Back Next

Once you have added all the activities, click **'Next'**.

A pop-up window will appear. Choose a name, instructions and the due date.

Assignment title:

Notes / instructions (optional):

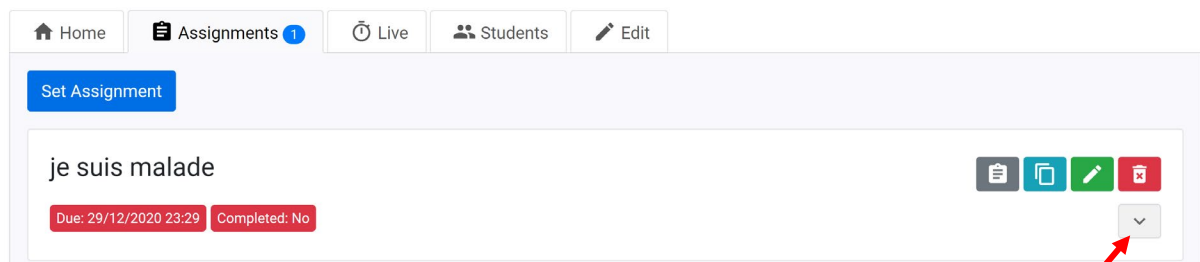
Due date:

Show resource previews ☐

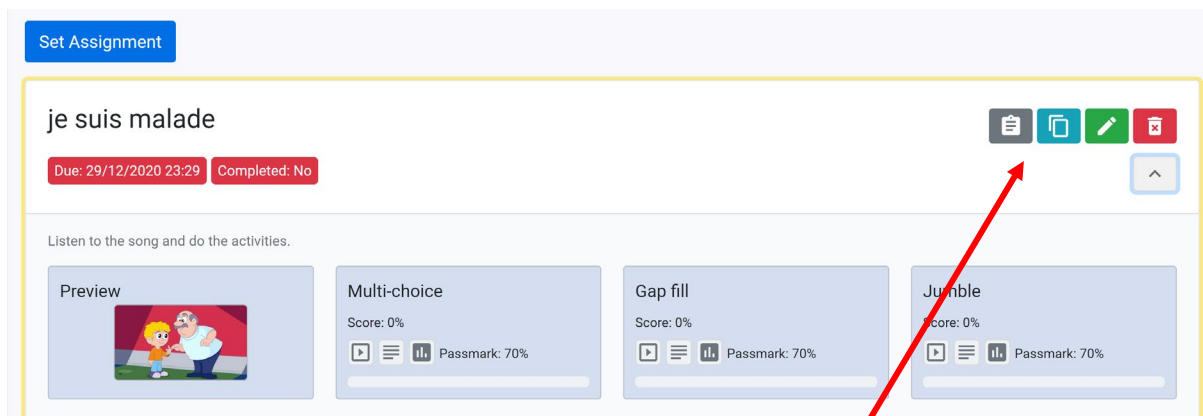
I would recommend selecting **'Show resource previews'** as it allows students to open the resource in **'Learn Mode'**. Opening the resource in this mode means that they can view the video, listen, pause and replay before they do the activities.

The assignment is then ready.

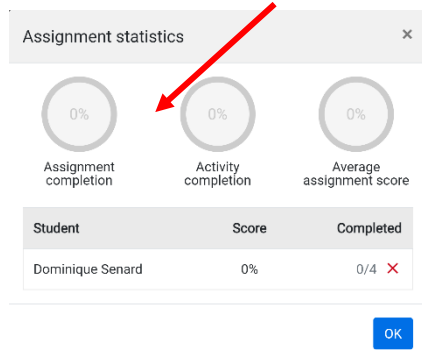
You can access and edit it by clicking on the 'Assignments' tab.



If you selected 'show resource preview', this will appear if you click on the arrow:

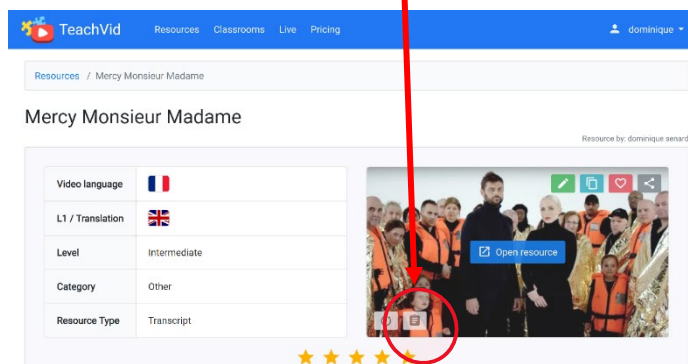


You can view the assignment statistics, copy the assignment for another class, edit or delete it.

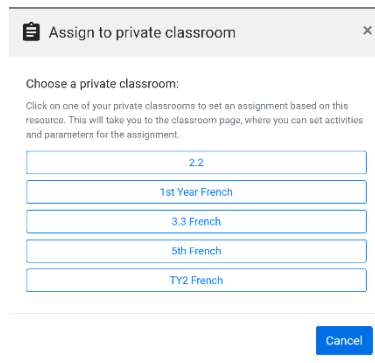


You can see the list of your students here with their individual scores and the number of tasks completed. There are also averages for the class.

Another way to set an assignment is to click on the 'Set Assignment' icon at the bottom of the image preview (for all non-private resources).



Choose from the list of your private classrooms.

A dialog box titled "Assign to private classroom" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Inside, it says "Choose a private classroom:" followed by a smaller instruction: "Click on one of your private classrooms to set an assignment based on this resource. This will take you to the classroom page, where you can set activities and parameters for the assignment." Below this are five buttons labeled "2.2", "1st Year French", "3.3 French", "5th French", and "TY2 French". At the bottom right is a "Cancel" button.

Assign to private classroom

Choose a private classroom:

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2.2

1st Year French

3.3 French

5th French

TY2 French

Cancel

You can then set activities as described previously.

- **Sharing an assignment**

You can share your assignment on TeachVid with Google Classroom by clicking on the symbol at the top.

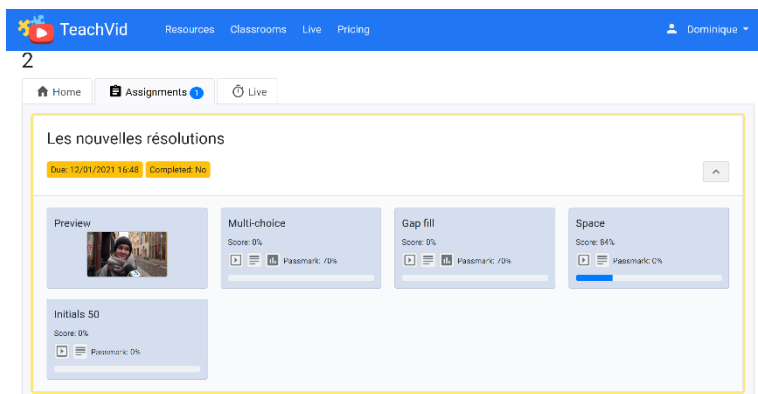


Partager avec Classroom

Vous ne participez à aucun cours.

Accéder à Classroom

Otherwise, once you have invited your students to the private classroom, they log in, access the classroom and click on the 'assignment' tab where the students will find the assignment. Here is the student view:

A screenshot of the TeachVid student interface. The top navigation bar is blue with the TeachVid logo, links for Resources, Classrooms, Live, and Pricing, and a user profile for Dominique. Below the navigation bar are tabs for Home, Assignments (active), and Live. The main content area is titled "Les nouvelles résolutions" and shows a list of assignments. The first assignment is "Multi-choice" with a score of 0% and a progress bar. The second is "Gap fill" with a score of 0% and a progress bar. The third is "Space" with a score of 84% and a progress bar. The fourth is "Initials 50" with a score of 0% and a progress bar. The interface is clean and modern with a light blue and white color scheme.

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Resources Classrooms Live Pricing

Dominique

Home Assignments Live

Les nouvelles résolutions

Due: 12/01/2021 16:48 Completed: No

Preview

Multi-choice

Score: 0%

Gap fill

Score: 0%

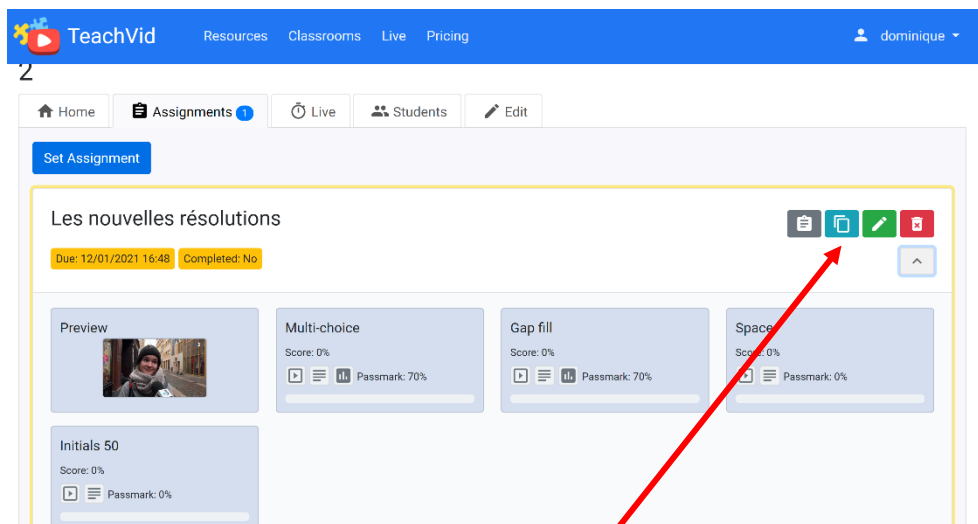
Space

Score: 84%

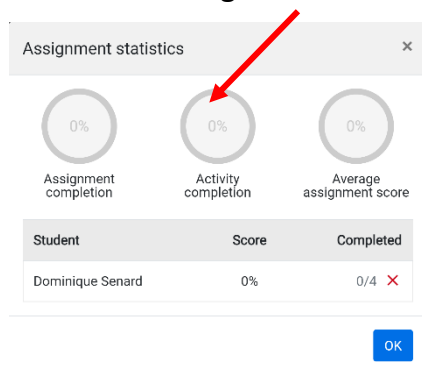
Initials 50

Score: 0%

This is the teacher's view:



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You can see the list of your students here with their individual scores and the number of tasks completed. There are also averages for the class

To see individual scores, you can also click on 'students'.

My students love TeachVid, especially the senior cycle. They like listening to the songs, short videos and news items. I would advise teachers not to add too many activities when setting assignments as some are similar and become too repetitive. The worksheets can be used before or after the students do the activities. I tend to create my own resources, so they fit my learning sequence perfectly. TeachVid is so user friendly that anyone can create their own resources. The website has a built-in step by step tutorial which automatically pops-up when you start creating a resource.

To access the tutorial on the free version, click [here](#).

Coming soon: Creating your own resources on TeachVid.