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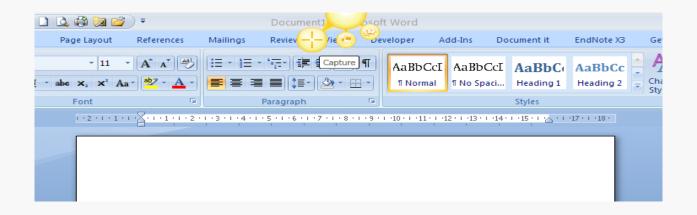
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What is Jing?

- Free downloadable software
- Enables screen capture and video recording
- Visual computer screen
- Audio voiceover



First experiment



- Reading aloud
- http://www.screencast.com/t/ZmQ1MzFlMjkt







- Level: 4.0-5.0
- Mainly Arabic speaking
 - Cultural implications
 - Linguistic implications
- Hesitant readers
 - Vocalisation in silent reading
 - Following text with finger
- Low motivation

Aims in using Jing



- In general
 - Engage students by varying reading activities
 - Reach students outside the classroom
 - Encourage reading outside the classroom
- Specifically
 - Speed up reading
 - Improve sense of syntactical structure
 - Work on spelling
 - Motivate to read during the Easter vacation

Second Experiment



Spelling test

http://www.screencast.com/t/OWRiZDhh



Third experiment

- Encouraging reading activities in the vacation
- Suggesting websites for:
 - Spelling
 - Short reading comprehension tests
- http://www.screencast.com/t/MzE2MWEx
- http://www.screencast.com/t/d7c5g3hwPngn

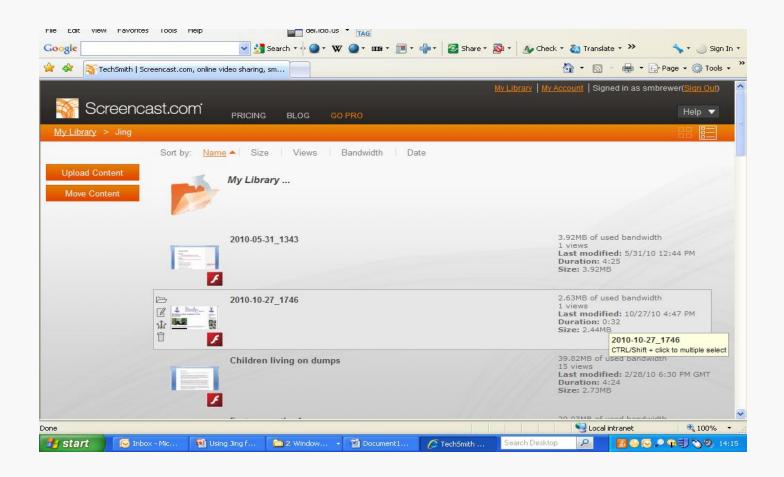
How does it work?



- Download software
 - (NB may need Administrator status on institutional PCs)
- Register with Screencast.com (2 GB storage space)
- Once installed
 - Click on screen capture for capture or video
 - Record (up to 5 mins for video)
 - Save to Screencast
 - Edit (naming videos essential)
 - Send link to students by e-mail



My library on screencast.com



Conclusions



- Impact on students
 - Generally positive
 - Enjoy extra listening practice
 - Engaged with extra activities
- Further reflections
 - More structure required
 - Further supplementary tasks needed
 - Tasks for students



Postscript

- My contact e-mail: <u>s.m.brewer@reading.ac.uk</u>
- Training videos for Jing available on Russell Stannard's website:
 - http://www.teachertrainingvideos.com/