

How do I get my whole class to practice speaking & listening for the MFL GCSE Examination?

As class sizes continue to increase around the UK, teaching staff, for any subject area, are finding it increasingly difficult to spend as much time as they would like with every individual pupil. Nowhere is this issue more prominent than in the **Modern Foreign Languages** subject area.

By the very nature of the subject it involves every student to be **speaking and listening**, often as a class, and not every student can be always heard, additionally some students may not have the confidence to speak aloud in front of their classmates. In many countries around the world Modern Foreign Languages is regarded as the first true multimedia subject as it must involve integrated audio in both speaking and listening. Finland is one of these countries, with a world leading educational system, where the acquisition of second or third language is considered the norm.



In Finland many schools turned to technology for help and use the latest **Sanako Study 1200** or **Sanako Study 700** software language labs. These systems maximise the time the teacher can spend with each student allowing them to both speak and listen, individually, as a pair, as an ability group or as a full class and then collect back all students work for assessment. At all times the teacher is discretely monitoring students to offer support as required.

The ability to monitor what students are working on is an incredible advantage for classroom management, and having the technology in the classroom to be able to talk to students individually or as a group will make **speaking tests much easier** to carry out. Students will be able to save their files on their electronic profile or to an examination folder.



SANAKO STUDY 700/1200
Wireless Language Centre -Tutor



SANAKO STUDY 700/1200
Student Laptops/PC's
Audio gap filling mode

Many of the activities used, as shown below, mirror the requirements of the **GCSE exam requirements** for Modern Foreign Languages. Additional activities can be advised on request.

✓ **Automatic Voice Insert Facility (audio auto gap filling) – Individual Student Activity**

- Full class GCSE/A Level exam preparation activities
- Full class key stage internal assessment activities
- Student responses automatically inserted into audio/video file
- Pre-recorded role play & question/answer activities
- Simultaneous & Consecutive interpreting activities
- Automatic collection of completed student work



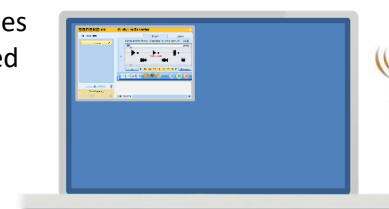
✓ **Image description activities, file Launch & Collection – Individual Student Activity**

- Send any image to students with text or audio instructions
- Students describe the image they are seeing
- Discrete teacher monitor & prompting is available
- Use pre-prepared images, documents or current photos
- When complete the student's work is collected by the teacher
- Video files can also be used if preferred



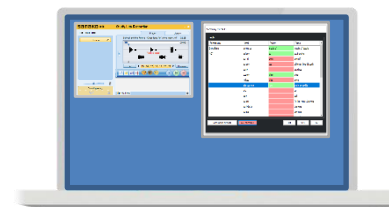
✓ **Class Pair Work & Role Play activities Audio & Video Options – Student Pair or Group Activity**

- Randomly select students as pairs for role play or Q & A activities
- Teacher can monitor conversations and join any pair as required
- Teacher and student get copies of the conversation for saving
- Teacher can send images for discussion or textual prompts
- Automated or free mode recording options
- Optional video pairing options for BSL Sign Language teaching



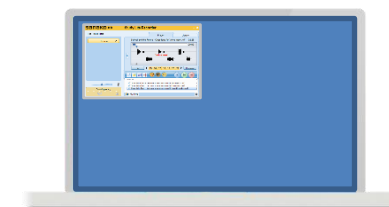
✓ **Vocabulary Testing & Automatic Assessment - Individual Student Activity**

- Send students vocabulary tests with automatic assessment
- Collect and save all "marked" student's work to any area
- Use existing pre prepared vocabulary tests
- Create new tests using Sanako or Microsoft Excel
- Share results with students
- Use English to target language or target language to English



✓ **Examination Lock Down Mode – Class or Group Activity**

- Teacher disables access to all areas and internet in exam mode
- Only files dropped into the tutor controlled playlist area are accessible to the student
- Screens are blanked ready for start of exam, work is collected automatically



✓ **Pronunciation Testing and Evaluation – Class or Group Activity**

- Copy and paste text from any source for authentic voice reproduction, or enter your own words
- Students repeat the sentence & the software evaluates accuracy
- Sensitivity can be adjusted by gender, age or skill level.
- The text-to-speech & speech-to-text technology marks the student work providing the teacher with marked Word documents showing errors, students audio files & percentage accuracy

