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# For homework practice

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# Today's outline

- What is duolingo?
- What kind of activities can I do there?
- Why use it for homework?
- How to use it for homework

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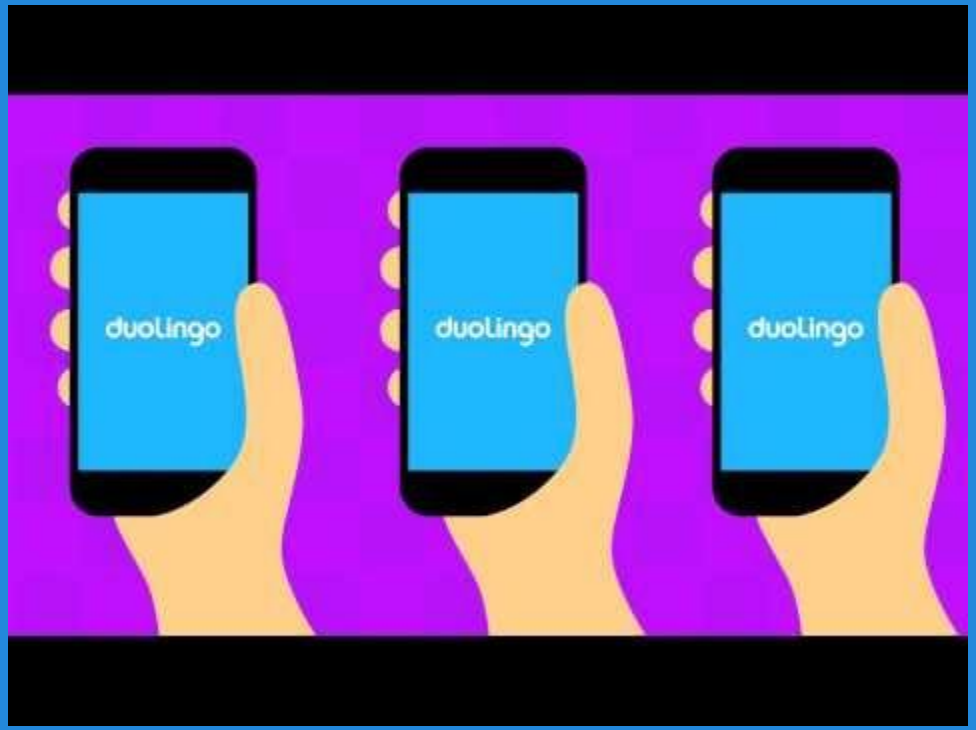

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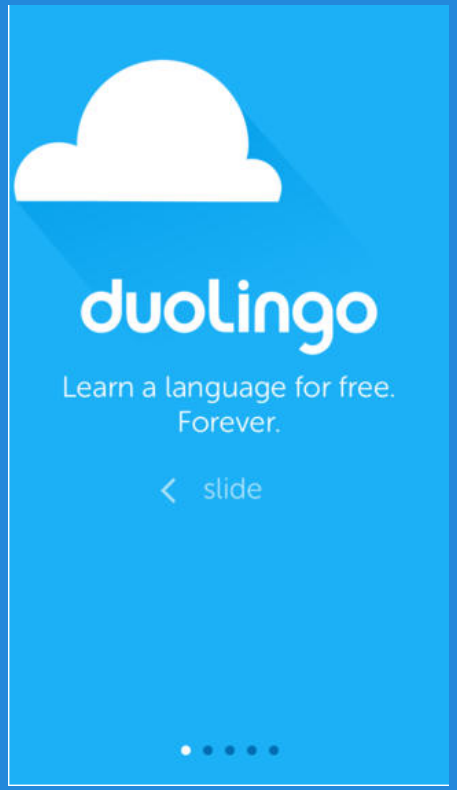


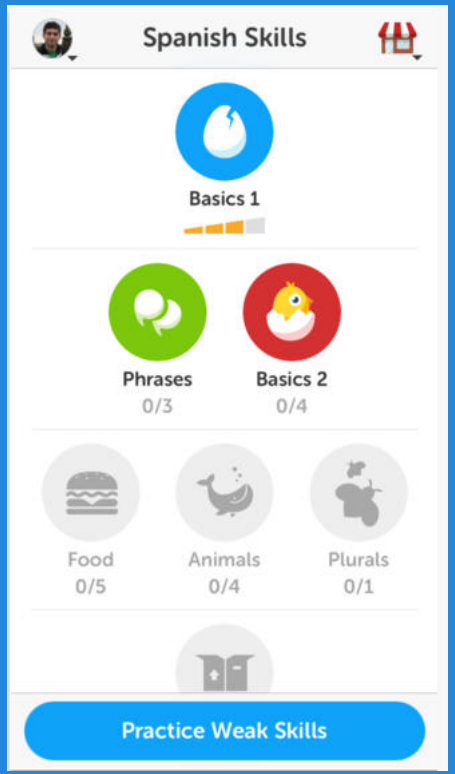


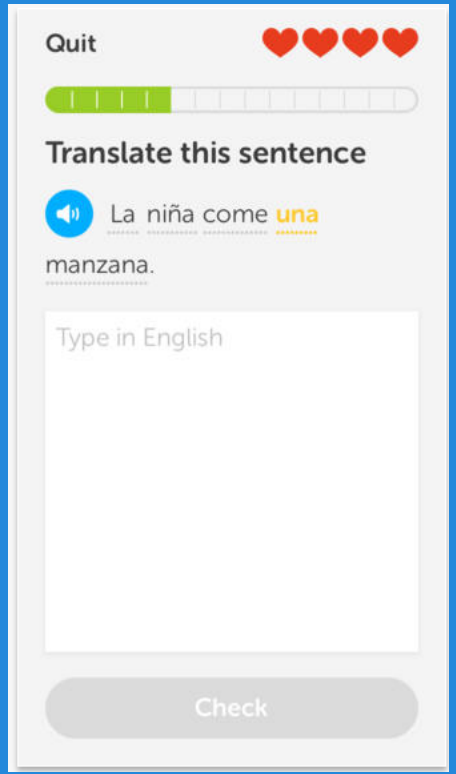


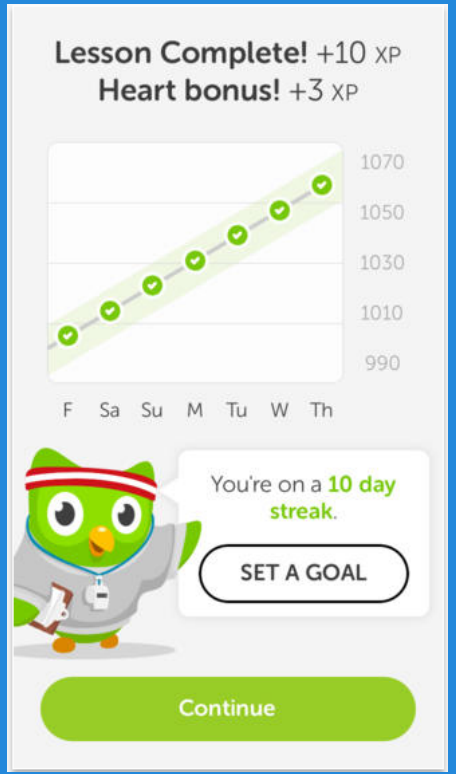

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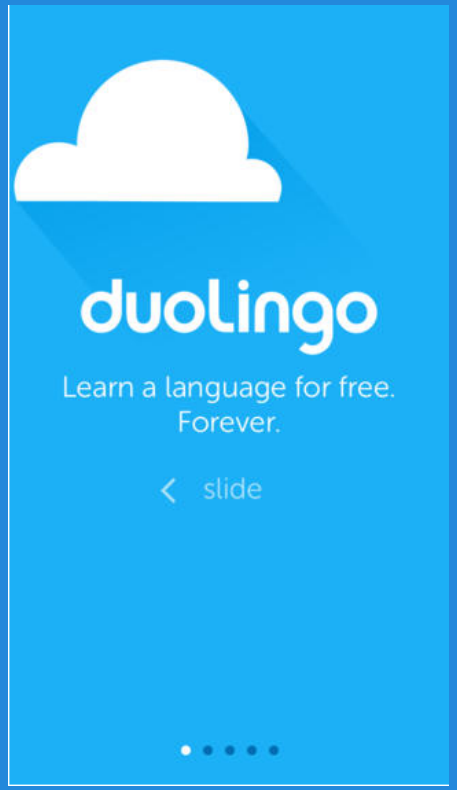


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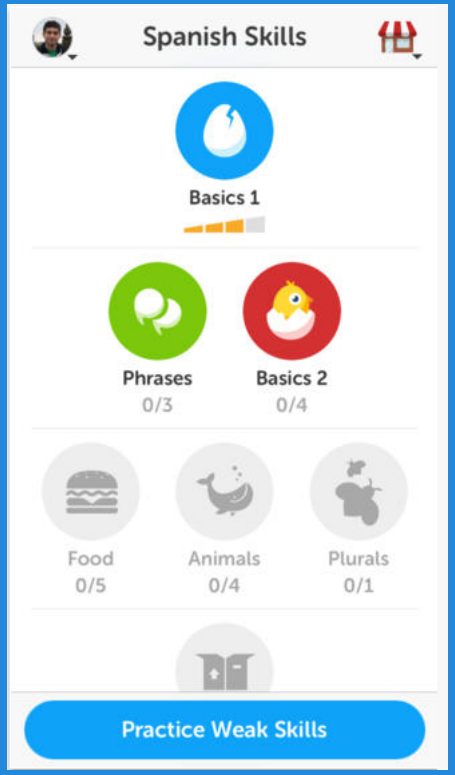
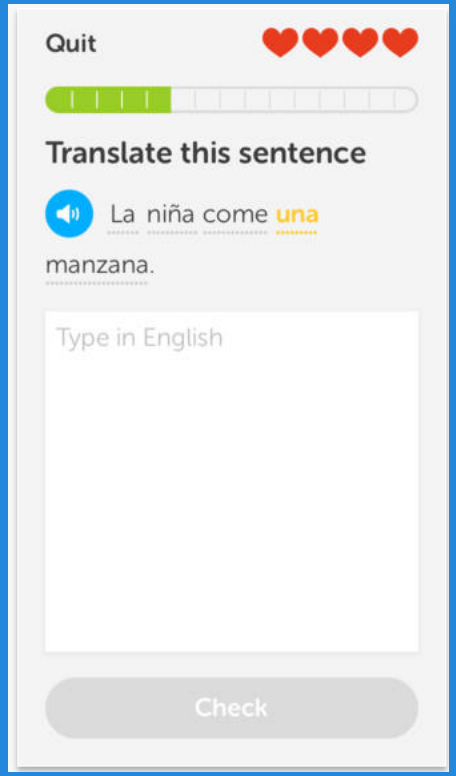



It has a "tree" with levels, where you see how much you have learned

# What is duolingo?

It has different types of activities (mostly translations)



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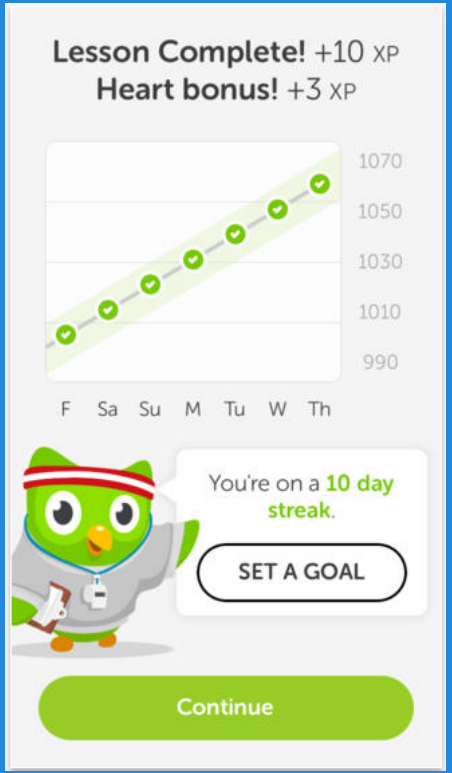

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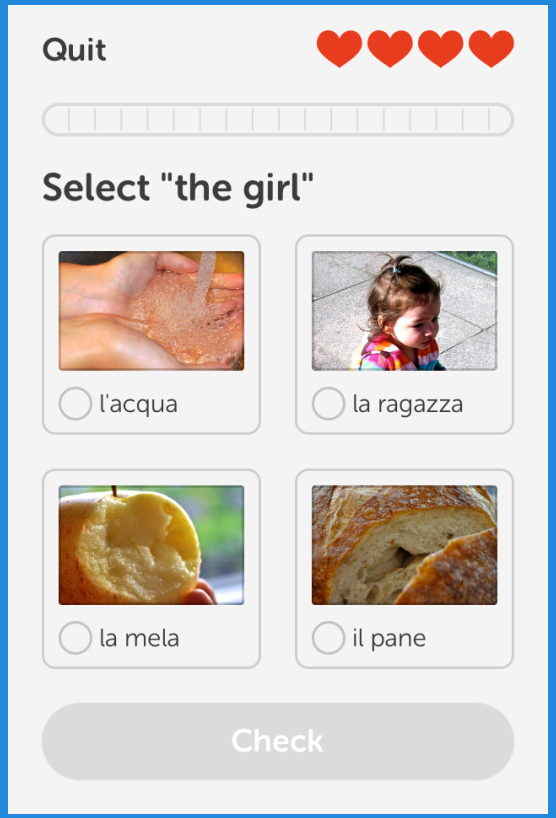

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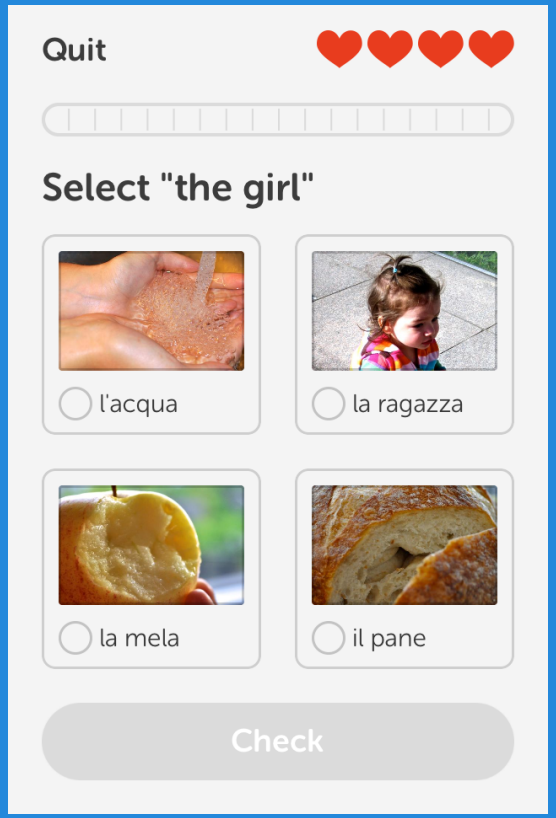


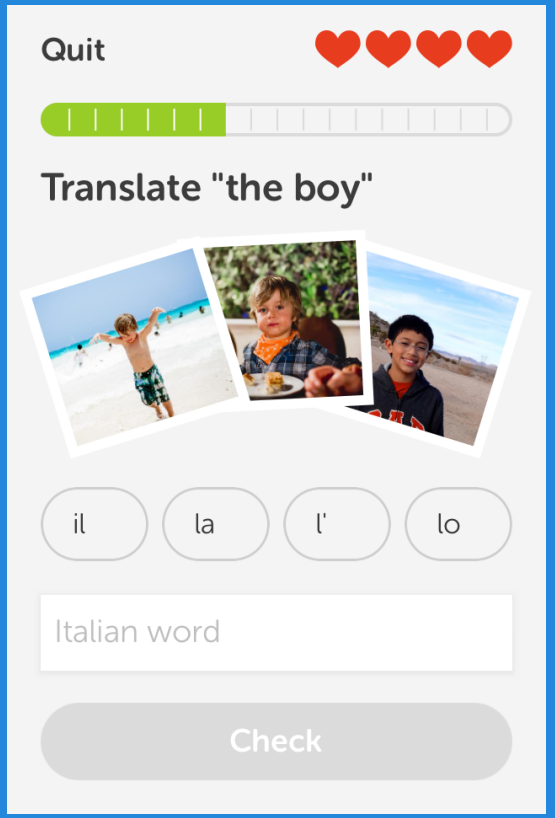

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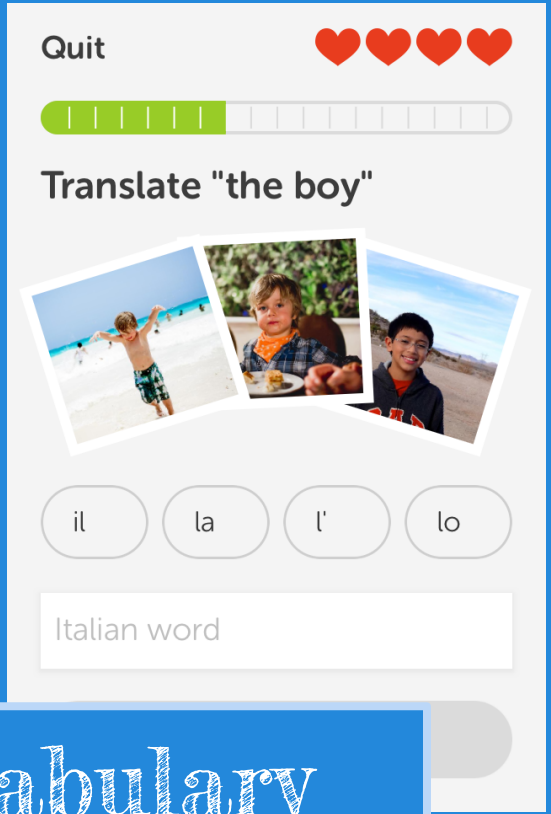


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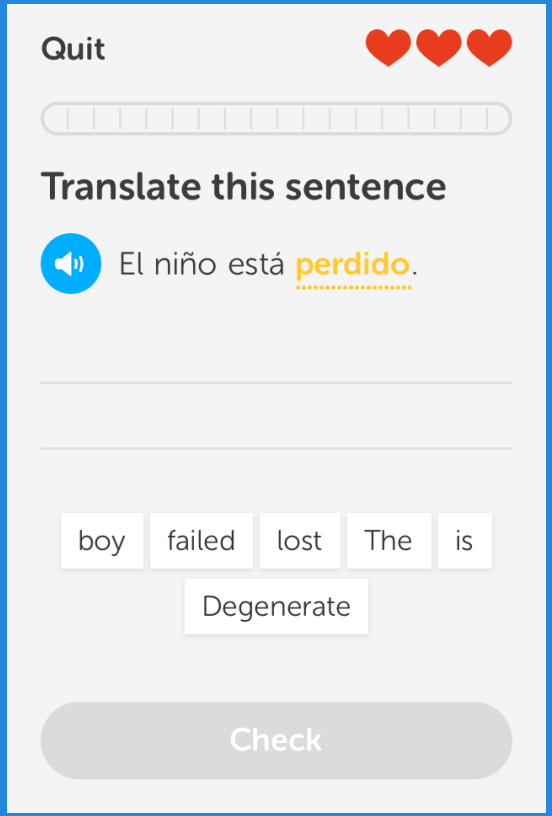

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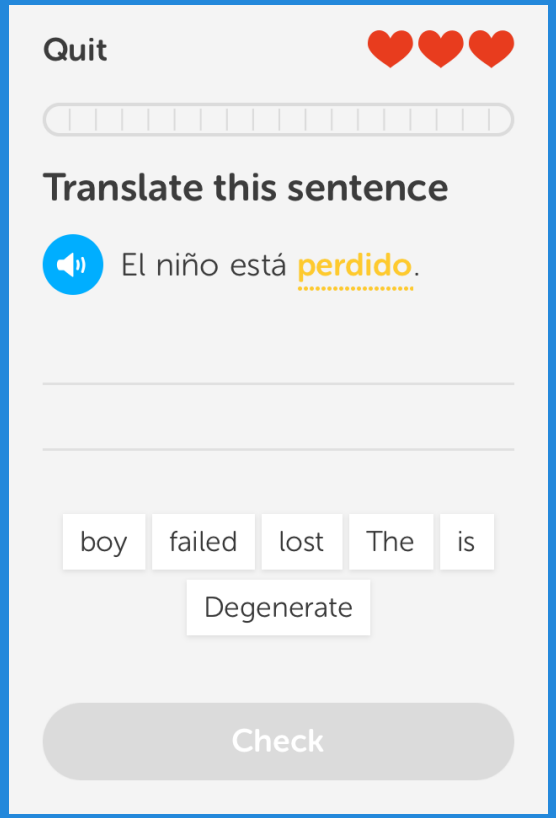


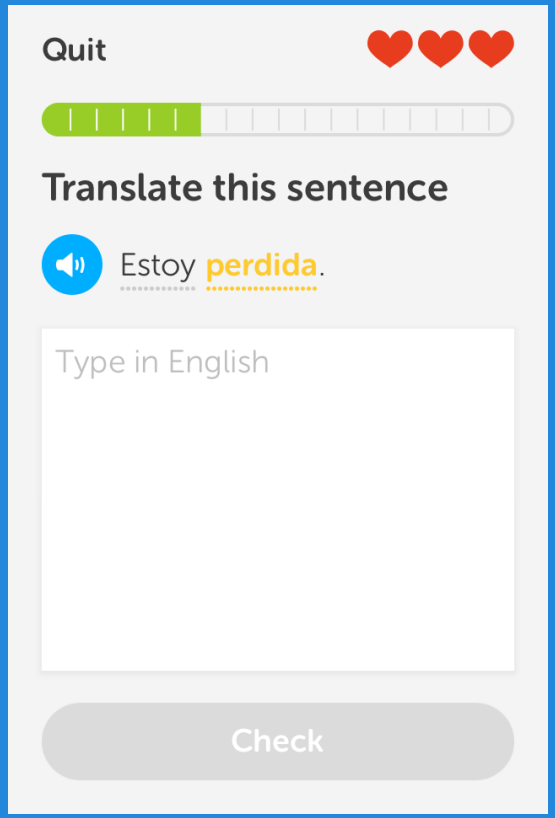

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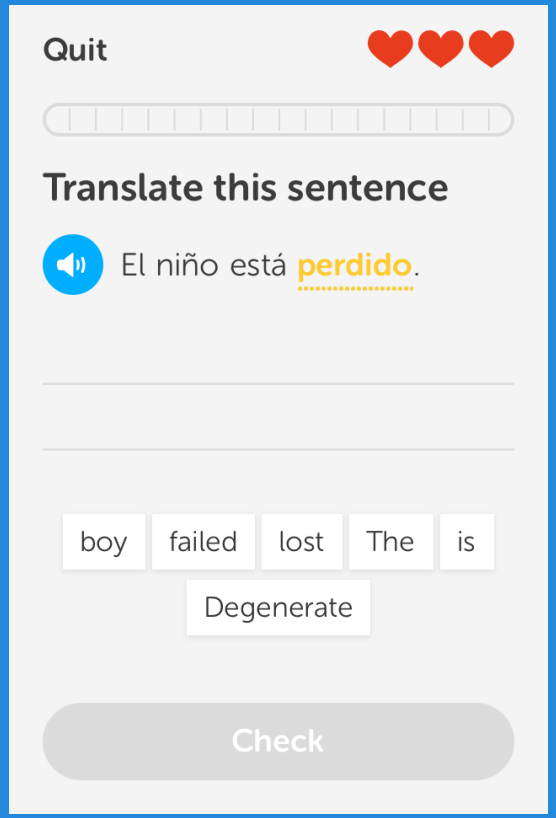


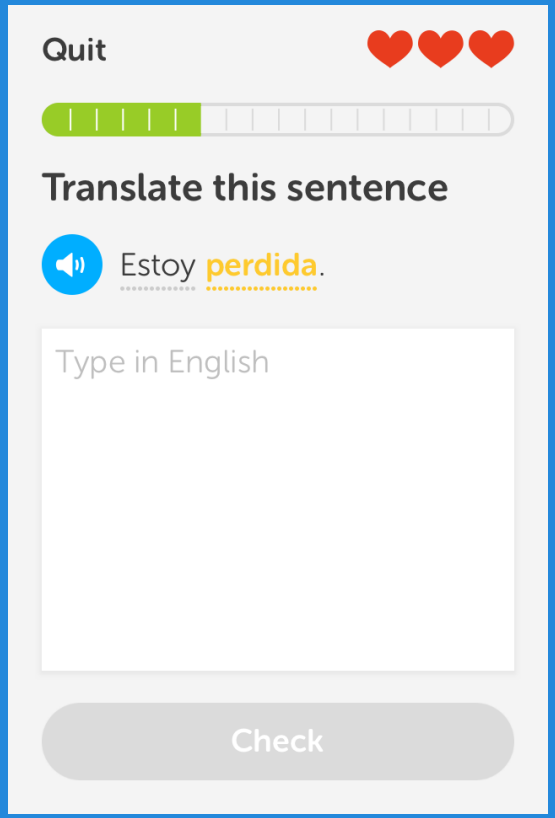

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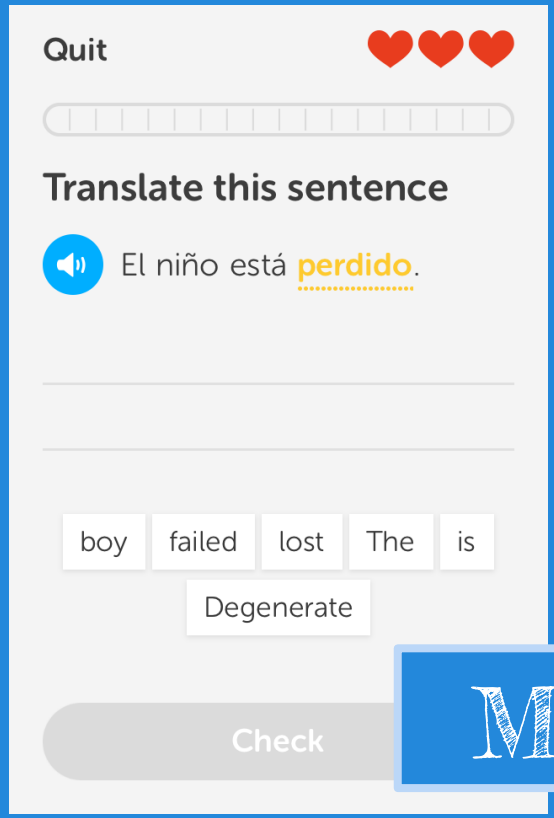


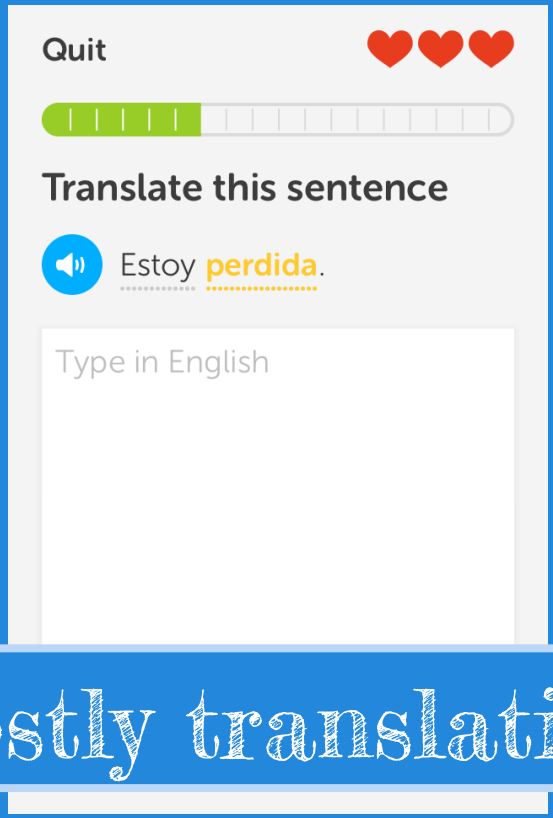

Mostly translations

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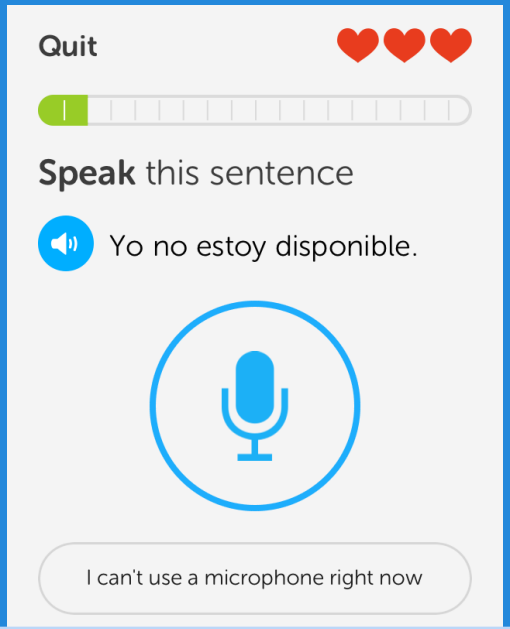


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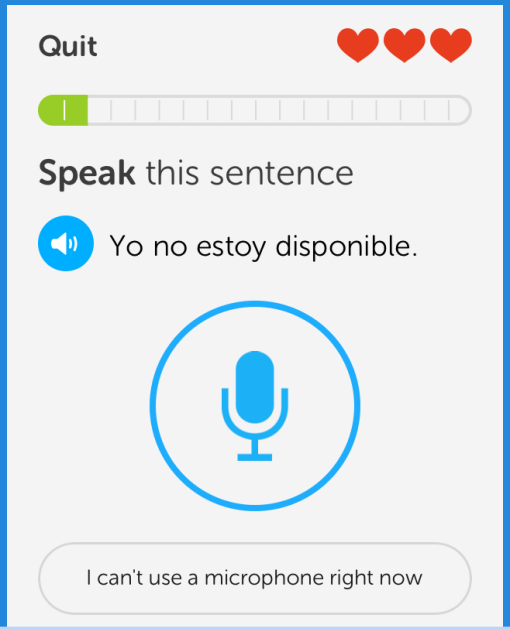


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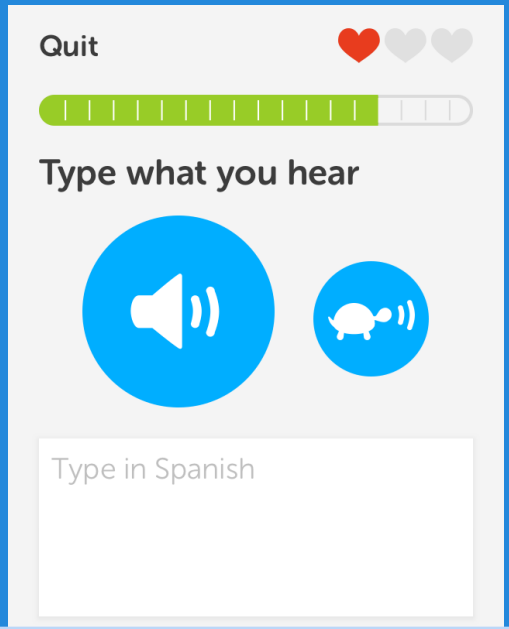


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# Translations of real texts (for more advanced students)

### Cúpulas central y de los pies del templo (siglos XIX y XX)

Tras la catástrofe de la Guerra de la Independencia hubo que esperar a la segunda mitad del siglo XIX para continar con el programa decorativo. En 1872 se concluyeron las pinturas de los gajos de la cúpula mayor, en la que, según el proyecto de Bernardino Montañés, colaboraron los más importantes pintores aragoneses de su tiempo. Montañés pintó una Coronación de la Virgen; Marcelino de Unceta los Mártires aragoneses y los Santos Obispos de la región; Francisco Lana, Santiago y los convertidos; Mariano Pescador, Santos Confesores de Aragón y los Innumerables mártires de Zaragoza; León Abadías, Santas aragonesas y Primeros Santos del Nuevo Testamento. Estos dos últimos pintaron también las pechinas con los cuatro evangelistas.

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In 1872 the paintings of the largest dome segments were concluded, and according to the project by Bernardino Mountaineer the most important Aragonese painters of this time collaborated on it.

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Basilica–Cathedral of Our Lady of the Pillar is the name of the church in English, according to:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basilica_of_Our_Lady_of_the_Pillar

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AlisonClausing 25 3 10

I found a great resource for architectural terms in Spanish:
http://www.proz.com/kudoz/spanish_to_english/architecture/

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where students can collaborate & comment

# Why use it for homework?

- For students:
  - Practice at their own level
  - Practice at their own rate
  - Practice different skills
  - "Compete" with classmates
  - Develop autonomous learning skills

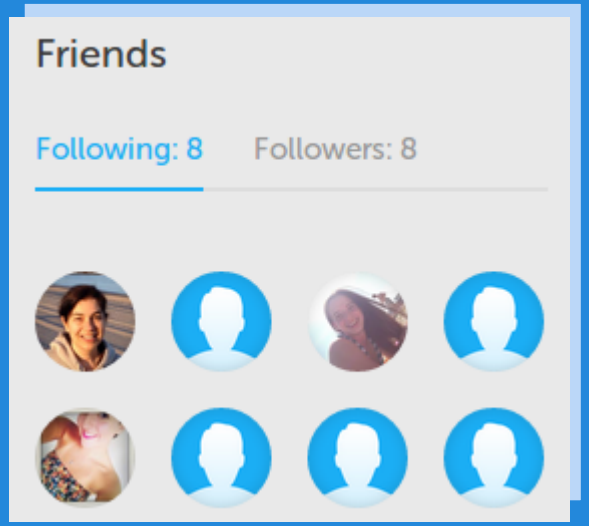
# Why use it for homework?

- For teachers:
  - Activities already created
  - Easy to follow what students do
  - It can help with differentiation
  - For more advanced learners, it's a great way to have students collaborate with each other & with other people

# How to use it for homework

## Some tips:

- Create an account for yourself
- Ask your students to create an account
- Have them follow you (& each other)



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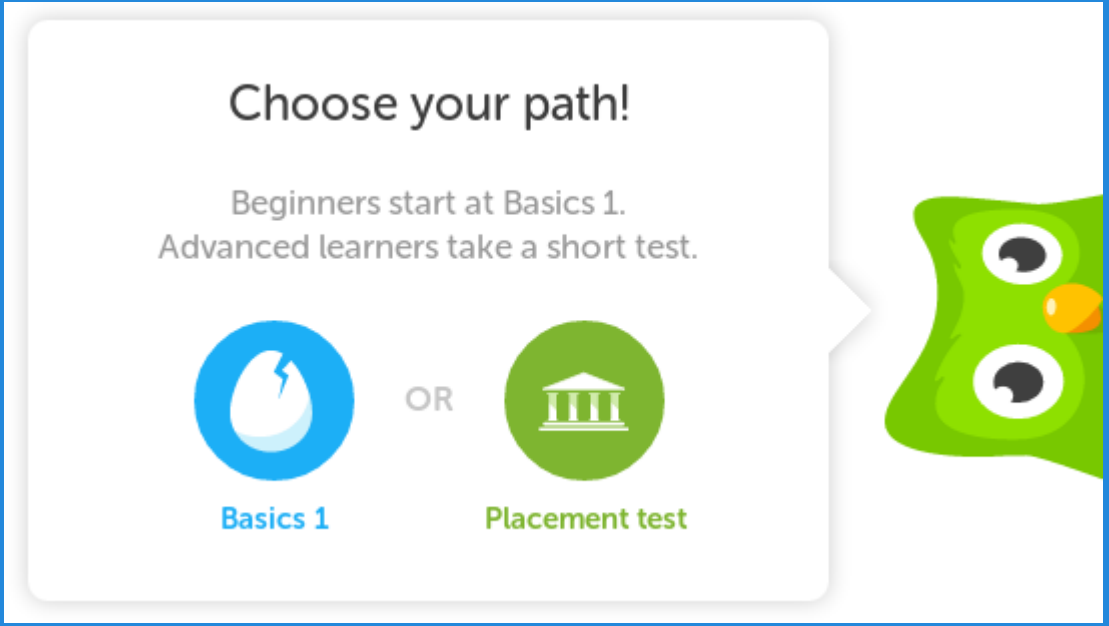
If they are NOT beginners, ask them to take the placement test first



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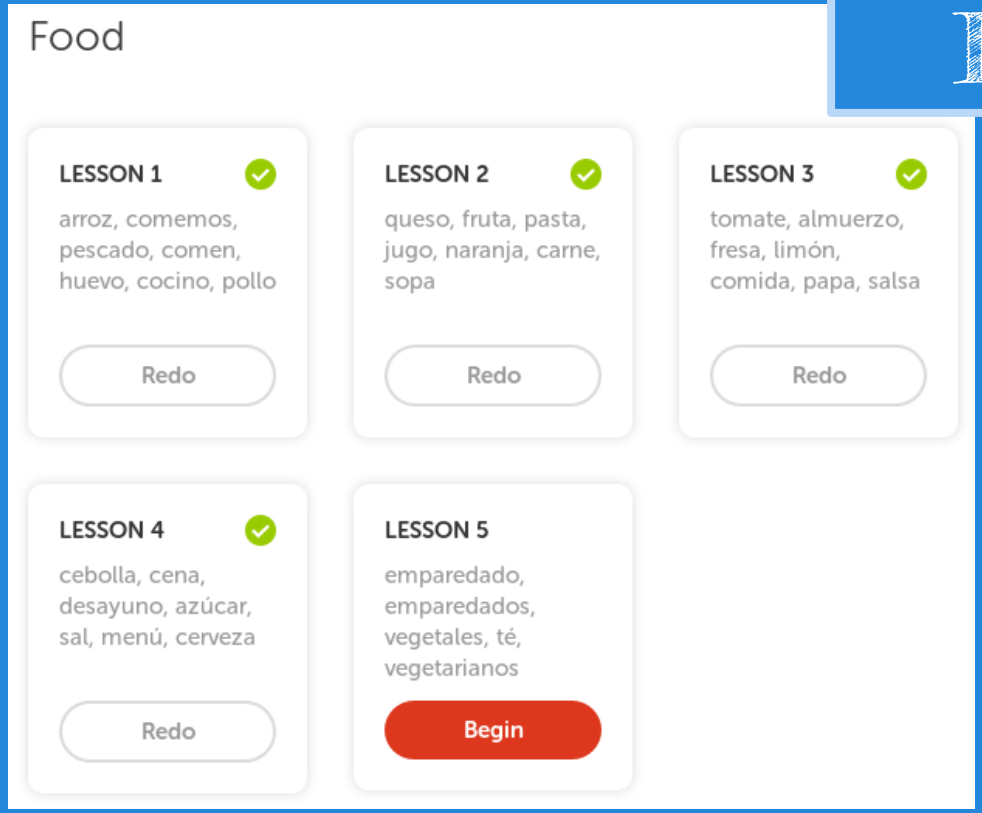


## Possibilities

1. Assign a certain number of lessons per week

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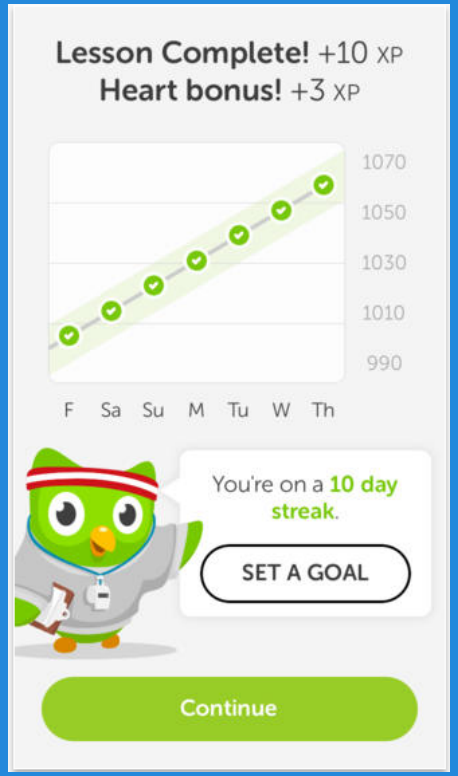


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2. Ask students to spend a set amount of time per day/week on it (with the help of Duo, the owl)

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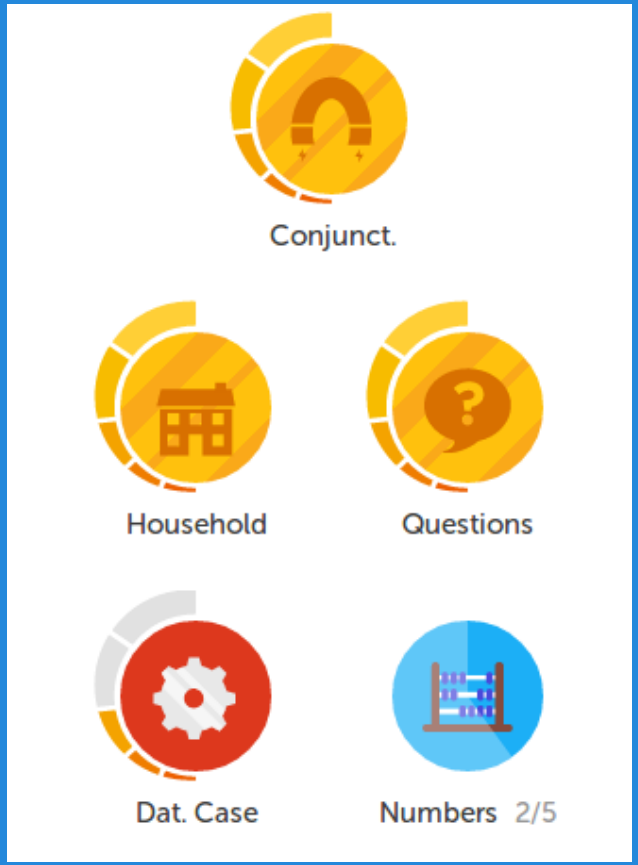
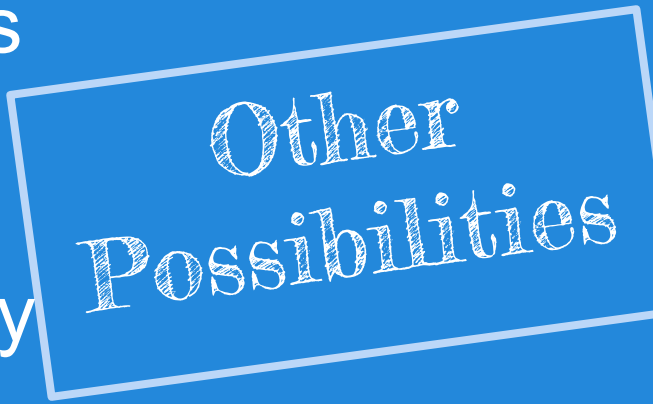



## Possibilities

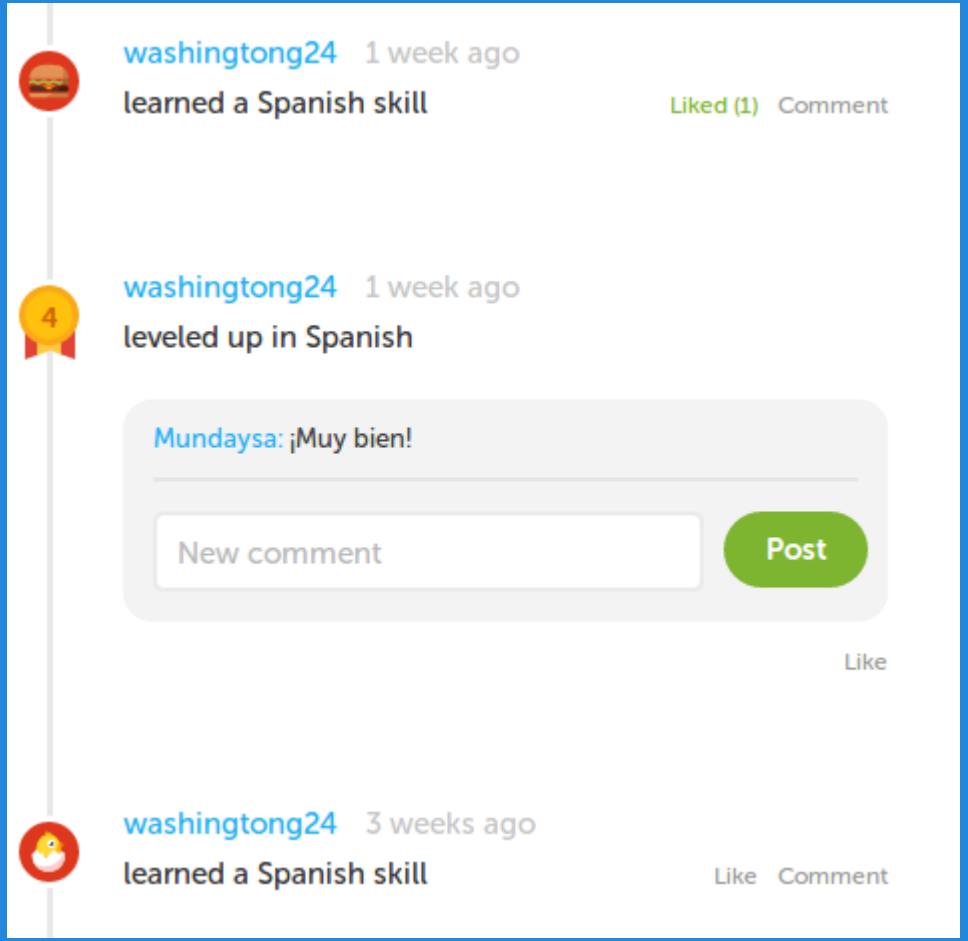
3. Students need to turn certain lessons to "gold"

# How to use it for homework

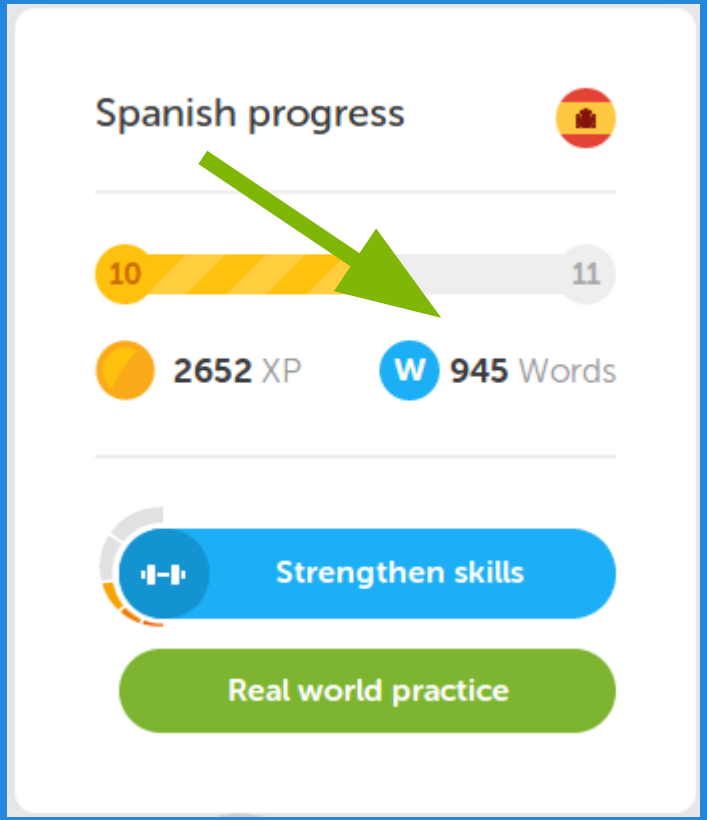
- Give extra credit to the student who completes the most points in a week
- Reward students when they arrive at a certain levels or they do it several days in a row
- Collaborate on translations

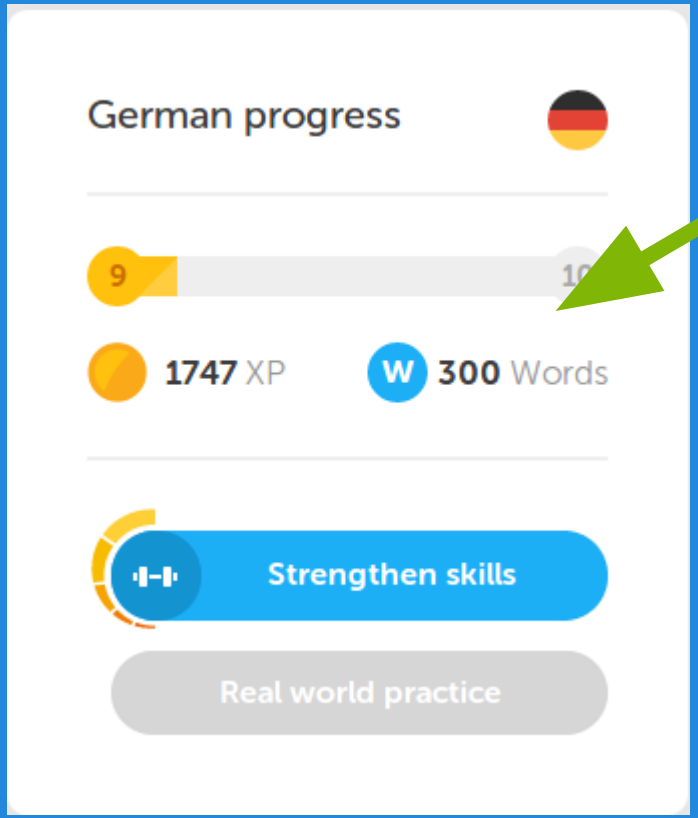


Students have an activity stream, where you see what they have done & can comment



# Important details: WORDS better than LEVEL



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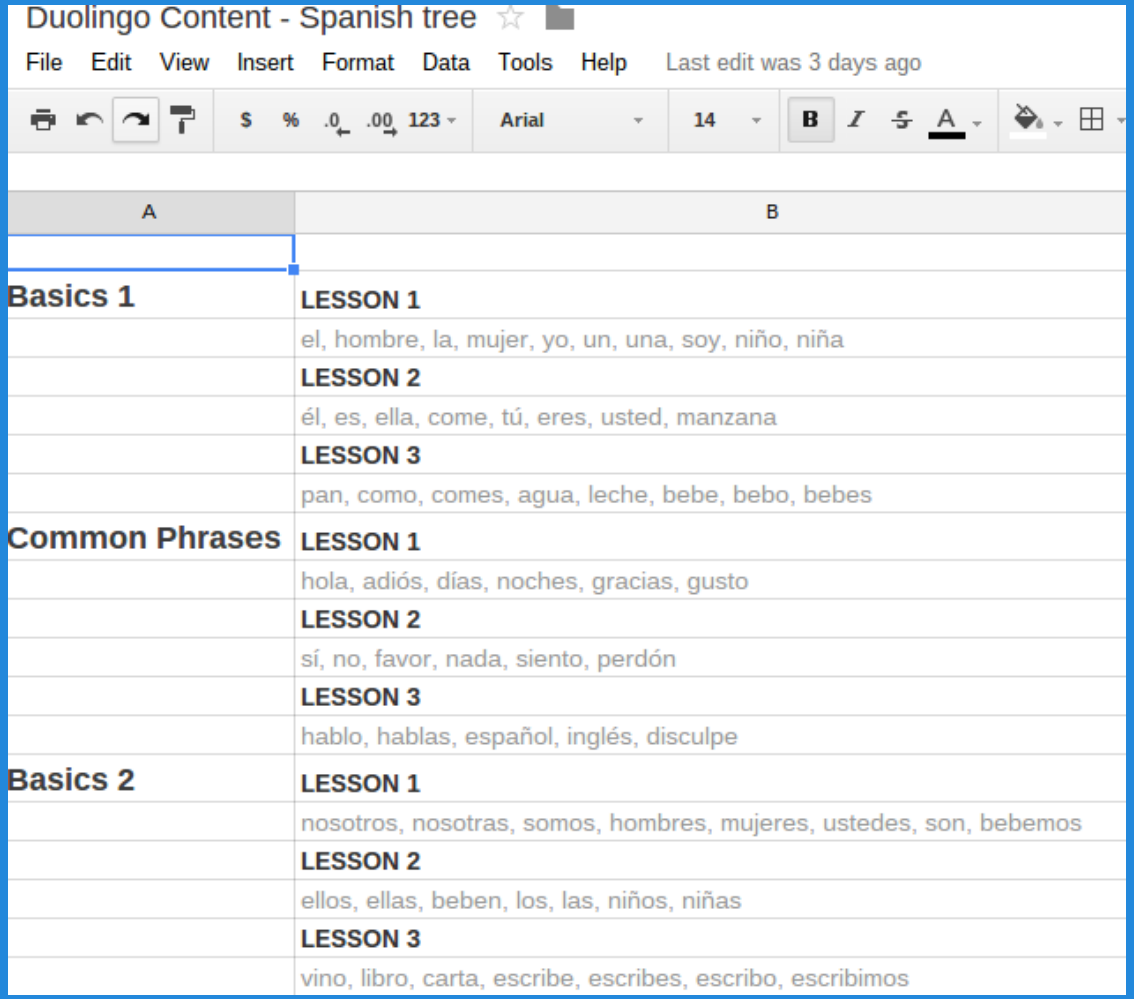

Duolingo Content - Spanish tree

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| **Basics 1** | **LESSON 1** |
| | el, hombre, la, mujer, yo, un, una, soy, niño, niña |
| | **LESSON 2** |
| | él, es, ella, come, tú, eres, usted, manzana |
| | **LESSON 3** |
| | pan, como, comes, agua, leche, bebe, bebo, bebes |
| **Common Phrases** | **LESSON 1** |
| | hola, adiós, días, noches, gracias, gusto |
| | **LESSON 2** |
| | sí, no, favor, nada, siento, perdón |
| | **LESSON 3** |
| | hablo, hablas, español, inglés, disculpe |
| **Basics 2** | **LESSON 1** |
| | nosotros, nosotras, somos, hombres, mujeres, ustedes, son, bebemos |
| | **LESSON 2** |
| | ellos, ellas, beben, los, las, niños, niñas |
| | **LESSON 3** |
| | vino, libro, carta, escribe, escribes, escribo, escribimos |

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* Blog post by Gabriel Guillén: **Is Duolingo more effective than your Spanish class? http://www.gaguillen.com/2013/10/is-doing-duolingo-more-effective-than-your-spanish-class/**

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