

Assignment 3

POV:

Research has shown that music can have a profound impact on second language acquisition and greatly increases one's formal and colloquial linguistic competency in one's target language. While finding music in one's target language is simple, finding a song that realistically complements your language skills is not. By dividing up songs based on their difficulty and content, one can easily find songs that enhances the language learning experience.

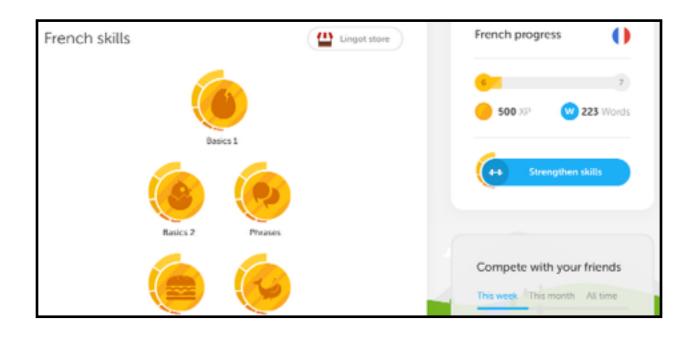
The Real World:

Imagine you just started learning English and went on YouTube to find some songs to reinforce your vocabulary and grammar, as well as learn a little something new. Eminem's « Lose Yourself » comes up with your first search. The pace — too fast. The slang — bountiful and overwhelming. Your confidence — blown.

It is incredibly important that the music language learners listen to is appropriate for the level of comprehension they're at. Appropriate level language review will help strengthen previously learned skills allowing them to learn new things more easily.

Verbal Inspiration:

Immersion	Gestural Interactivity	Integration	Explication
Accessibility	Context	Colloquial	Exploration
	Diversification	Swipe	





Visual Inspiration:

Duolingo (most popular learning source, see what it lacks):

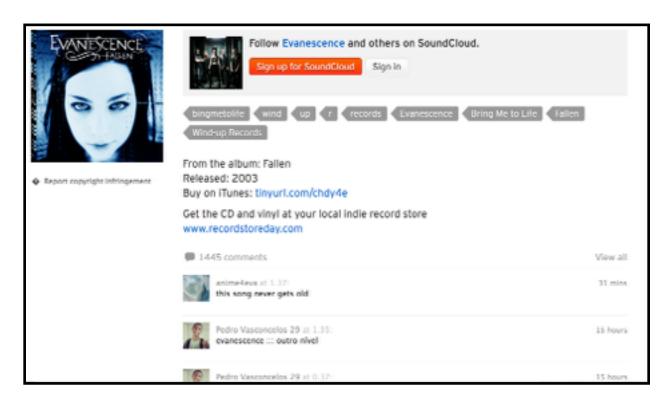
It's the most socially interactive language learning service in the market. We'd like to assess



what is lacking from it's current services via user testing. In addition, we'd like to connect the way it ranks its users' competency to potentially recommend certain songs.

Pandora/Spotify (learning taste/functionality/ playlist logic/band bio):

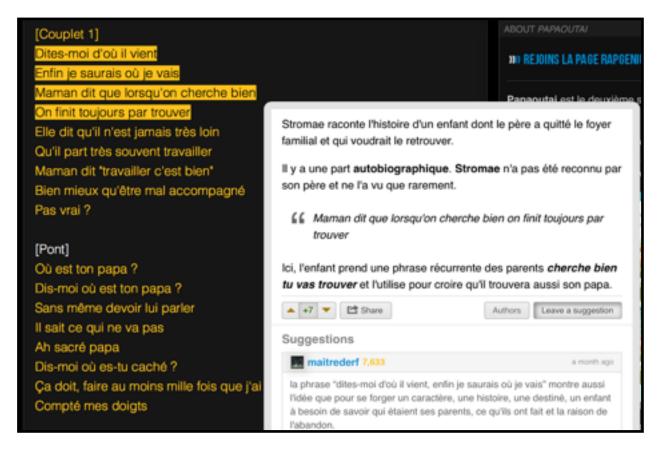
These apps, fit a lot of information in a limited amount of space in a very logically accessible way. Pandora also has a sleek video player, and most importantly, accurate lyrics written below



the music player. Also, the ability to up vote songs that match your tastes.

Google Translate (word hovering functionality aka direct translation):

This web app's functionality for communicating the correlated translation of two words visually is simple and engaging. It would have great utility if partnered with song lyrics for a new song.



Soundcloud (ability to comment on tracks at specific moments):

Music streaming app that engages users by allowing them to comment and relate feelings about specific portions of the songs. Creates a sense of community.

Rap Genius (context explication for song passages):

Music lyric website that explains the meaning behind the lyrics of certain (sections of) verses/refrains in a song to give the user a deeper understanding of the lyrics.

