

How to Use VoiceThread: Tang Poem Recording

For this assignment, you will use **VoiceThread** to listen to the Tang poem recording and then make your own recording.

Step 1: Create a Free VoiceThread Account

1. Go to the **VoiceThread website**: <https://voicethread.com/>
2. Click **Sign Up** or **Register**.
3. Create a **free account** using your email address.
4. Follow the instructions to complete your registration.
5. You may be asked to verify your email address. If so, check your email and click the verification link.

Important: You only need a **free** VoiceThread account. You do not need to purchase a subscription.

Step 2: Open the Tang Poem VoiceThread

After you have created your account, go to my Tang Poem VoiceThread:

Tang Poem VoiceThread:

<https://voicethread.com/share/2242836/>

If prompted, **Log In** using the VoiceThread account you just created.

Step 3: Listen to the Poem

1. Find the Tang poem presentation.
2. Listen carefully to the recording.
3. You may listen to the recording more than once.
4. Follow along with the Chinese characters as you listen.
5. Pay attention to:
 - **Pronunciation**
 - **Tones**
 - **Rhythm**
 - **Pauses**
 - **Expression**

Step 4: Record Your Own Reading

1. Look for the **Comment** or **Add Comment** button on the VoiceThread.
2. Select the **microphone/recording option**.
3. If VoiceThread asks for permission to use your microphone, click **Allow**.

4. Make sure your microphone is working.
5. When you are ready, click **Record**.
6. Read the Tang poem aloud in Chinese.
7. Try to speak clearly and at a natural pace.
8. When you finish, stop the recording.
9. Listen to your recording before submitting it.
10. If you are happy with your recording, **Save/Submit** it.

Step 5: Check Your Recording

Before you finish, make sure:

- ☐ You created a free VoiceThread account.
- ☐ You opened the **Tang Poem VoiceThread**.
- ☐ You listened to the model recording.
- ☐ You recorded yourself reading the poem.
- ☐ Your voice can be heard clearly.
- ☐ You submitted/saved your recording successfully.

Troubleshooting

I can't hear the recording.

Make sure your computer's volume is turned on and that your speakers or headphones are working.

VoiceThread can't access my microphone.

Check your browser's microphone permissions and make sure you clicked **Allow** when VoiceThread asked to use your microphone.

I made a mistake in my recording.

That's okay! Listen to your recording and make another attempt if VoiceThread gives you the option to re-record.

I cannot create an account.

Make sure you are using the **Sign Up/Register** option rather than trying to log in with an account you have not created yet.

I have another problem.

Take a screenshot of the problem and contact your instructor.