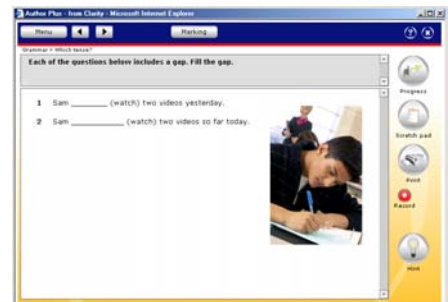




## Author Plus Pro 7 - Using audio and hints

1. In this exercise we are going to create some grammar questions. When the students have completed the exercise, we want them to see the correct answers, and also to listen to them. Create a new unit, *Grammar*, and choose the exercise type StopGap, 'Write questions. Take one word or phrase out of each question. Learners fill the gaps.'
2. On the Settings screen, write the menu name, *Which tense?* and choose Education from the Image bank. Click into the Content screen and write the first question: *Sam watched (watch) two videos yesterday.* Select *watched* and click on Add a gap. Click forward to question 2 and write: *Sam has watched (watch) two videos so far today.* Select *has watched* and click on Add a gap. Preview.
3. On the Student side you will see that question 2 has a longer gap than question 1 - which may be a give-away. There are two ways of fixing this: the best is to go back to the Settings screen and click on Uniform gap length; you can alternatively go to question 1 and increase the gap length using the slider.
4. You decide that you want to add hints, to help the students to think in the right direction. Go to question 1 and click on the Hint tab at the bottom. Write: ... *yesterday.* On question 2, write: ... *so far today.* Preview the exercise as a student. The gaps should all be the length you have set and you can Ctrl click on each gap for the hint.  
**Tip:** Ctrl click on a word that is not part of a gap to go to an online dictionary.
5. You will now add the sound that students will listen to after marking. See below for instructions on how to make a sound file. Record the correct answer for question 1: *Sam watched (watch) two videos yesterday.* Click on the Audio button next to question 1 on the Content screen. Browse to find the file you have made and upload it. Click on the After marking setting. Repeat for question 2. Preview. After marking you will see the correct answers, and an audio button will appear next to each question. You can also listen to the answers. Note: students can use the answer audios as a pronunciation model, and can use the Record button to practise their own pronunciation.
6. Complete the exercise by adding eight more questions.



## Making a sound file

To make your sound file use a recording program such as Total Recorder or Audacity. These are available on the Internet for a low price - or free. Record your file and save in the following format. If your audio is simple voice then we recommend that your mp3 files are compressed to 22050Hz, 16 bit mono as this gives a good balance between quality and size. If you do not have to worry about downloading times, or the sound quality is critical, then use a sample rate of 44100Hz. Author Plus uses Flash to play audio, which means that you MUST use one of these sample rates: 5500 Hz, 11025 Hz, 22050 Hz, 44100 Hz

