



Quotes from Reviews by LLRC Student Staff

“Yabla is a video-based language learning program that takes authentic high quality videos from multiple internet sites and creates dual language transcriptions and translations as well as interactive vocabulary and grammar games”

Video Features

- “More ‘beginner-level videos’ feature presenters that speak clearly and slowly for their viewers, while those in more advanced difficulties feature all-French interviews and music videos”
- “I was surprised to see a song on a site like this, but I love the idea. I think this is such a smart idea because the words in the song are stuck in my head and it is a simple way that can help one memorize new words [and verb tenses]”
- “Other features included with each video are slow play and phrase repeat”
- “The student has the option of turning on or off the subtitles in the foreign language, as well as transcript in English”

Real World Applications

- “As I studied abroad in Spain last semester, I got much better at picking up individual words in the middle of sentences, so the fill-in-the-blank exercise seemed very applicable to real, authentic language education”
- “It is helpful to hear different dialects or accents of native speakers in a variety of contexts”
- “There are different categories from action to food. I think the variety is nice, especially since Spanish or any language that a student is learning can be applied in different ways. For example, a business major could click on the economy/business category to watch videos relevant to where they’d apply that language most in their career”

Grammar

- “As someone who has had trouble with the subjunctive in the past, I found it extremely helpful that Yabla will note if a verb is subjunctive right away when you click on it”

Software Features

- “...when you click on a word and see it in the dictionary, it is automatically added to a student’s ‘flashcard’ list under the Flashcards tab”
- “Use the integrated dictionary often – it automatically pauses the video, and compiles results from different dictionaries, so usually, the word will be clearly defined”
- “You can download much of Yabla’s original content that is focused on teaching vocabulary and grammar structures. Downloads will always have your target language subtitled to the video, but additional English subtitles are optional”
- “It is great that there is an iOS app, however there is no app for Android users if they decide to take their learning on the go”