

QuizBreak!

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QuizBreak! is a highly flexible program that allows teachers to create fun, Jeopardy©-like games for the language classroom.

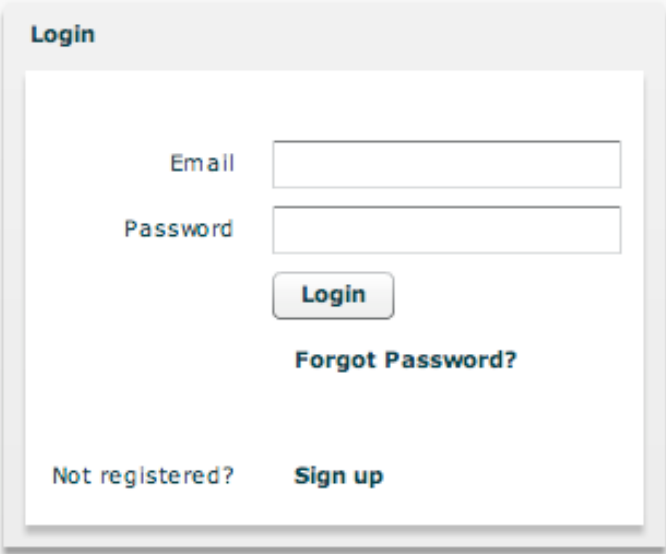
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Logging into QuizBreak!

The URL for QuizBreak! is:

<http://clear.msu.edu/quizbreak>

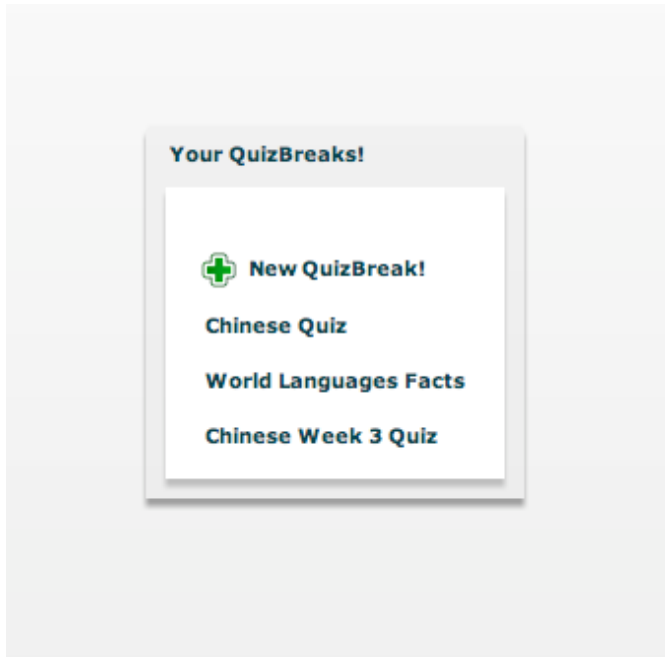


The image shows a login form titled "Login" with a light gray border. Inside the form, there are two input fields: "Email" and "Password". Below the "Password" field is a "Login" button. Underneath the button is a link that says "Forgot Password?". At the bottom left of the form is the text "Not registered?", and at the bottom right is a link that says "Sign up".

Login using your email address and password that you use to access all of CLEAR's Rich Internet Applications. (Note: You only have to log in if you're editing your quizzes. To play a QuizBreak!, see Section '[Playing your QuizBreak!](#)'). If you do not have an account with CLEAR, click on the 'Sign up' button. If you have trouble remembering your password, click on the 'Forgot Password' button.

Creating a new quiz

Once logged in, you will see a list of quizzes you have created for your account.



Click on 'New QuizBreak!' to create a new quiz. Click on any of the other quiz names you see to open the respective quiz and edit it.

You will see an editing screen similar to the following:

more..

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000

URL for this QuizBreak!:

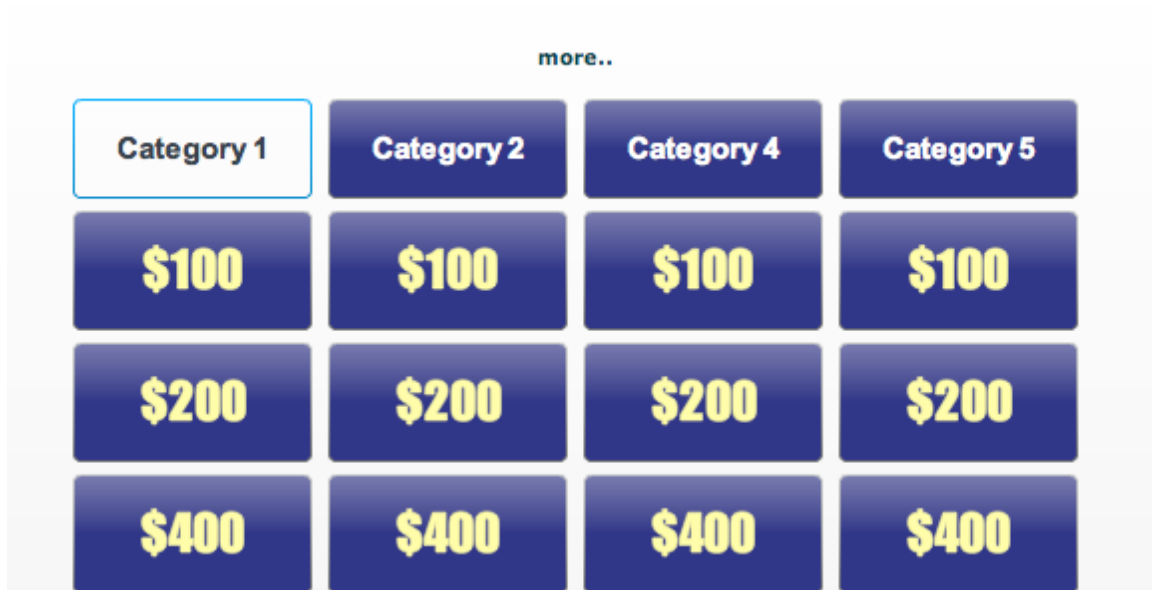
Currency Prefix Currency Suffix

Row amounts

The initial quiz board consists your 5 categories with 5 questions in each category. The categories are named 'Category 1' through 'Category 5', and the denomination values range from \$100 to \$1000. It is possible to change the currency prefix/suffix to be something other than the dollar sign, and to change the denomination values to something other than the default values. (See Section '[Configuring your Quiz](#)')

Editing Categories

Category names can be changed simply by clicking on the category name.



Clicking on the Category Name brings up a dialog box where you can type in the new name of the category. When you are done, press the Escape key or click on the 'X' close button on the top right. The Escape key works as a shortcut to close windows throughout the program, and can come in really handy to quickly create your quiz.

(Note: If a category name is too long, it might appear cut off when you're editing the quiz, but will show up okay during play).

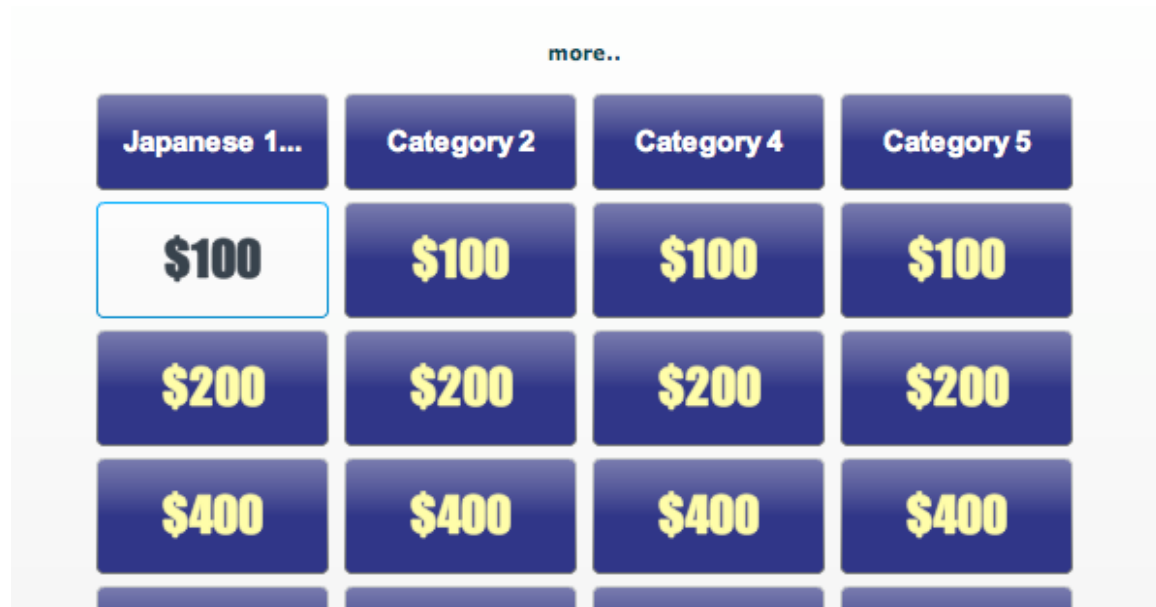
Categories can be added deleted by hovering your mouse over the 'more..' button on the top. A menu bar comes up which allows you to add and delete categories.



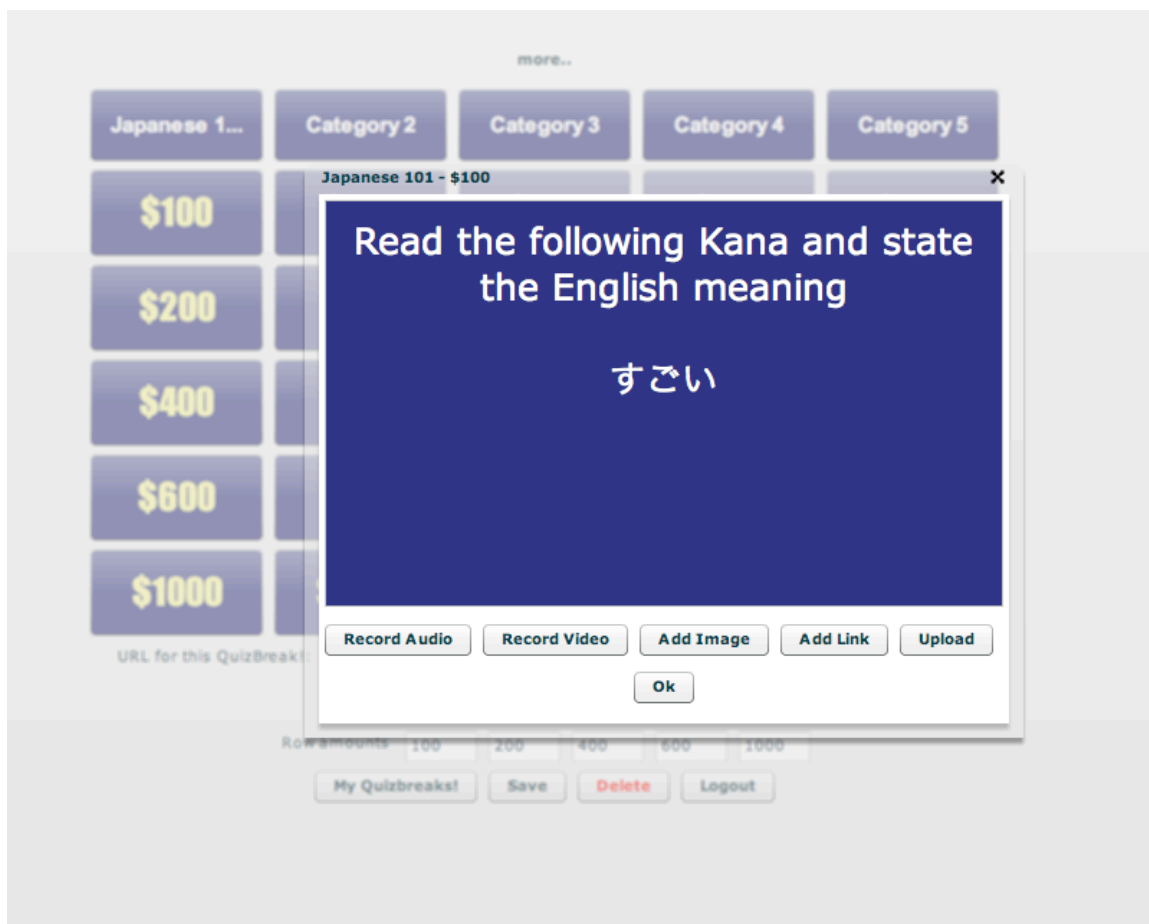
Click on the Red 'X' button to delete a category, click on the Left Arrow button to insert a category *before* the current category, and the Right Arrow button to insert a category *after* the current category.

Adding Questions

Questions can be added for your quiz by clicking on the button for the question.



This brings up a dialog box as shown below, where you can start typing in the question in the blue textbox.



When you're finished typing in the question, press the Escape key, click on the 'Ok' button, or click on the 'X' close button on the top right.

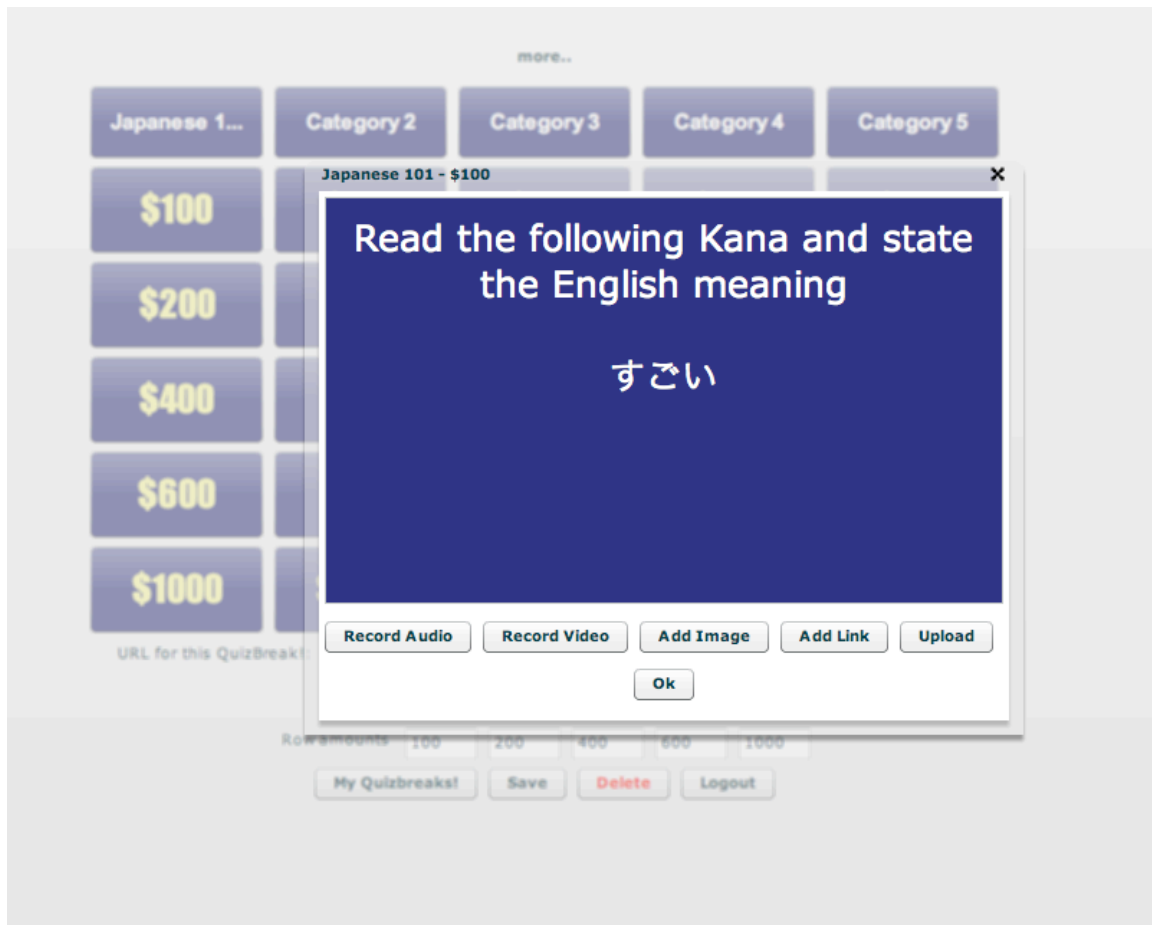
Once you enter a question, the first few words of your question will show up instead of the currency and denomination value of the question. This is so you can keep track of questions you have already entered on the board.

QuizBreak! allows you to enter questions with just text, or questions with media associated with them (images/audio/video). The media can be used as part of the question (for example, a question on the content of an image), or as resources to access to reinforce learning, after the question has been answered. The procedure for entering different kinds of questions is outlined below:

Simple Text Questions

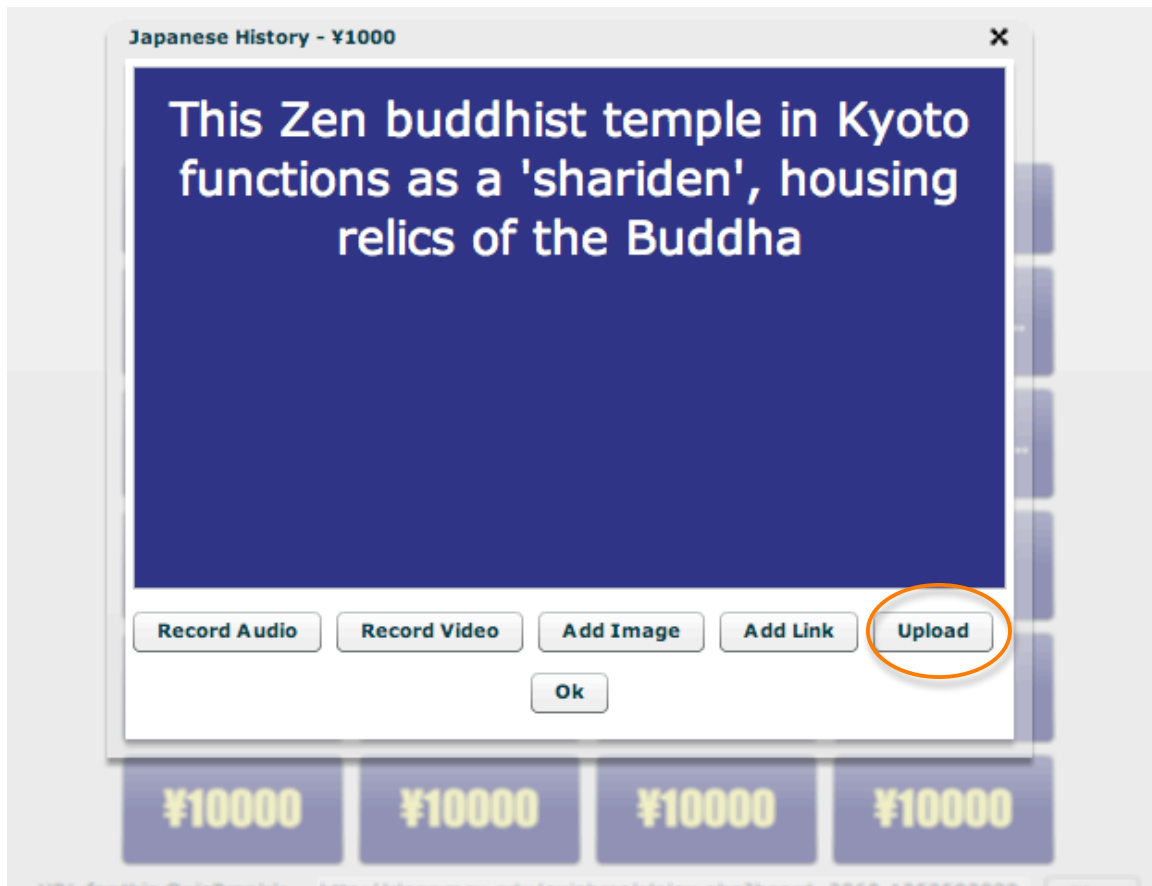
For questions without any media, simply type in the question in the blue textbox and click 'Ok'. You can enter your question using any Roman or non-Roman script, using the usual methods you use to enter multi-lingual text on your operating

system. (Note: If you are encountering difficulties in entering questions in your language of choice, please contact us at clear@msu.edu and we can provide detailed instructions on how to proceed.)



Questions with uploaded media

QuizBreak! allows you to enter questions with accompanying images that you can upload from your computer. Enter the question text in the blue textbox and click on the Upload Button at the bottom.



This brings up a dialog box where you can browse for .jpg, .mov, .m4v, .wmv, .m4a or .mp3 files on your computer to upload for the question. Click on the 'Browse..' button.



Browse for the file you wish to upload, and click on the 'Select' button. ('Open' button on Windows).

Uploading Images

(Note: This section is for uploading images. For images that you wish to *link to*, not *upload*, see Section '[Adding Remote Images](#)')

To upload images, follow the procedure for uploading files (see Section '[Questions with uploaded media](#)').

Currently jpg images are supported, so make sure you convert any images you wish to upload to jpg (and crop/resize them accordingly) using an image-editing software of your choice.

Once the image is uploaded, a button labeled 'Display Image' appears below the question. Click on the button to display the image.

This Zen buddhist temple in Kyoto
functions as a 'shariden', housing
relics of the Buddha

Display Image



Record Audio

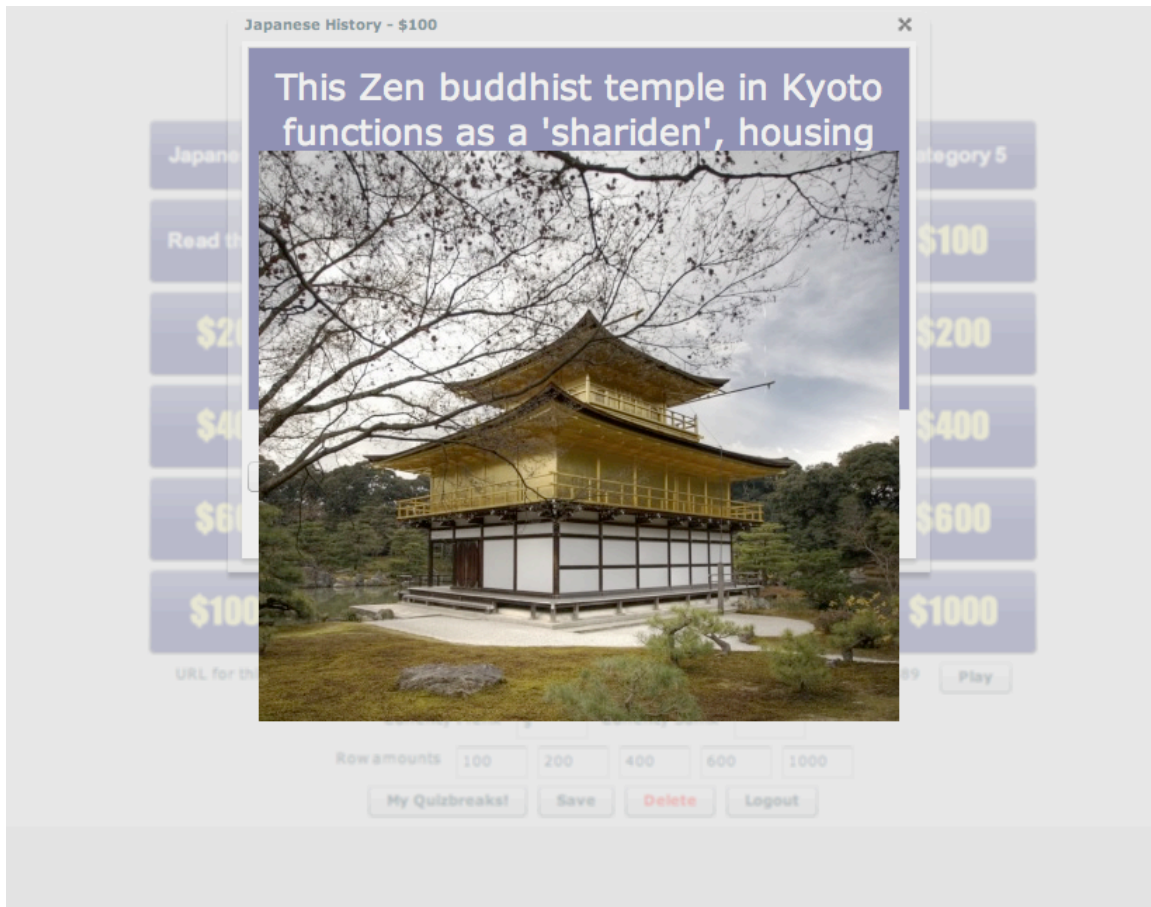
Record Video

Add Image

Add Link

Upload

Ok



Click on the image or press the Escape key to close the image. *(Note: The same applies during playing the quiz too..click on the image or press the Escape key to close an image).*

To delete the image from the question, click on the red 'X' button next to 'Display Image'.

Uploading Audio Files

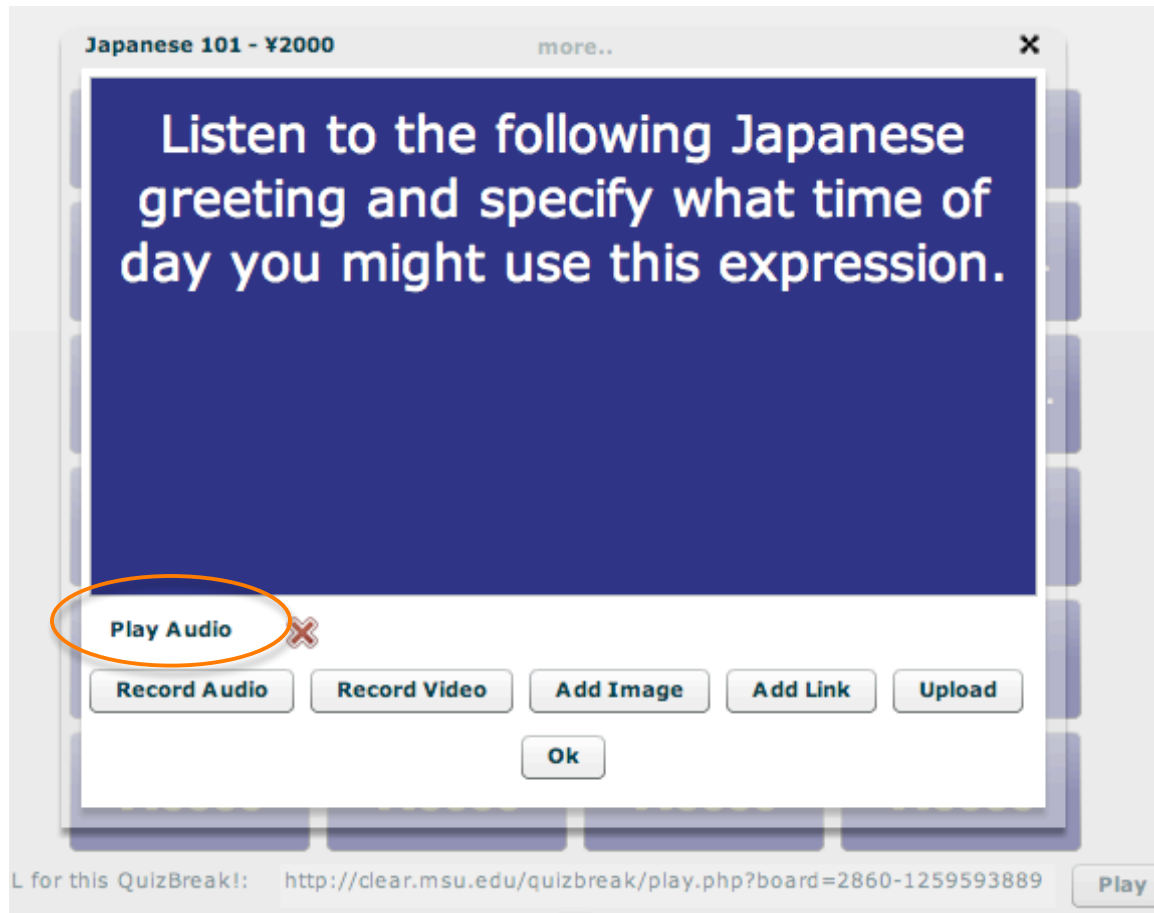
To upload audio files, follow the procedure for uploading files (see Section ['Questions with uploaded media'](#)).

Currently mp3 and m4a files are supported, so make sure you convert any audio files you wish to upload to these formats (and trim/enhance the recordings accordingly) using an audio-editing software of your choice, like Audacity.

During uploading, a progress bar shows up, indicating the progress of uploading your audio file. This may take a few seconds or minutes depending on the speed of

your Internet connection. If for some reason you wish to cancel the upload, click on the Cancel button. (Note: After the progress bar reaches 100%, it may take a few more seconds to convert your audio file into a format suitable for QuizBreak!, so please be patient!).

Once the audio file is uploaded, a button labeled 'Play Audio' appears below the question. Click on the button to play the audio.



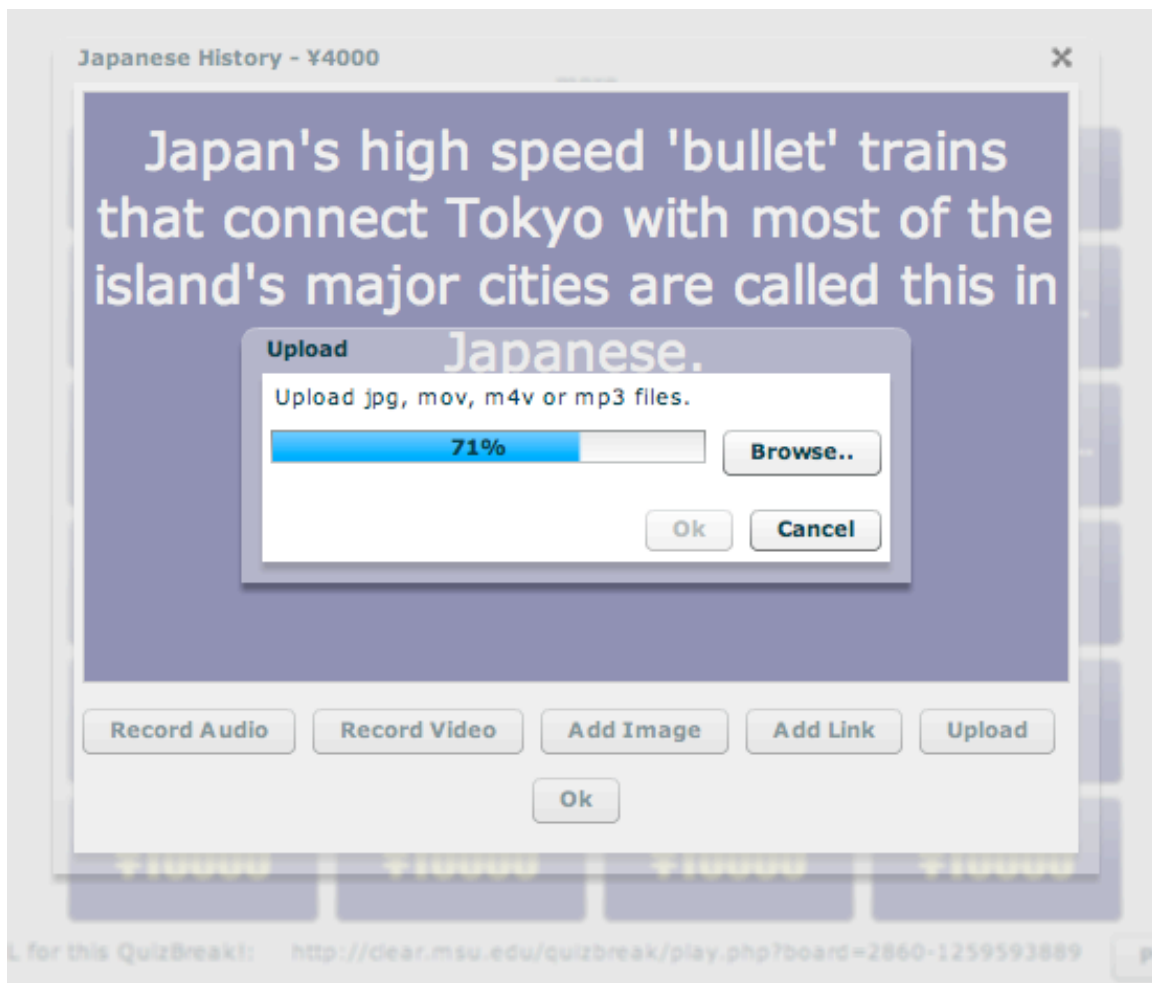
To delete the audio from the question, click on the red 'X' button next to 'Play Audio'.

Uploading Video Files

To upload video files, follow the procedure for uploading files (see Section ['Questions with uploaded media'](#)).

Currently mov, wmv and m4v files are supported, so make sure you convert any video files you wish to upload to these formats (and trim/enhance the recordings accordingly) using a video-editing software of your choice, like Quicktime or Windows Movie Maker.

During uploading, a progress bar shows up, indicating the progress of uploading your video file. This may take a few seconds or minutes depending on the speed of your Internet connection. If for some reason you wish to cancel the upload, click on the Cancel button. *(Note: After the progress bar reaches 100%, it may take a few more seconds to convert your video file into a format suitable for QuizBreak!, so please be patient!)*.



Once the video file is uploaded, a button labeled 'Play Video' appears below the question.

Japanese History - ¥4000

Japan's high speed 'bullet' trains that connect Tokyo with most of the island's major cities are called this in Japanese.

Play Video

Record Audio Record Video Add Image Add Link Upload

Ok

URL for this QuizBreak!: <http://clear.msu.edu/quizbreak/play.php?board=2860-1259593889> Play

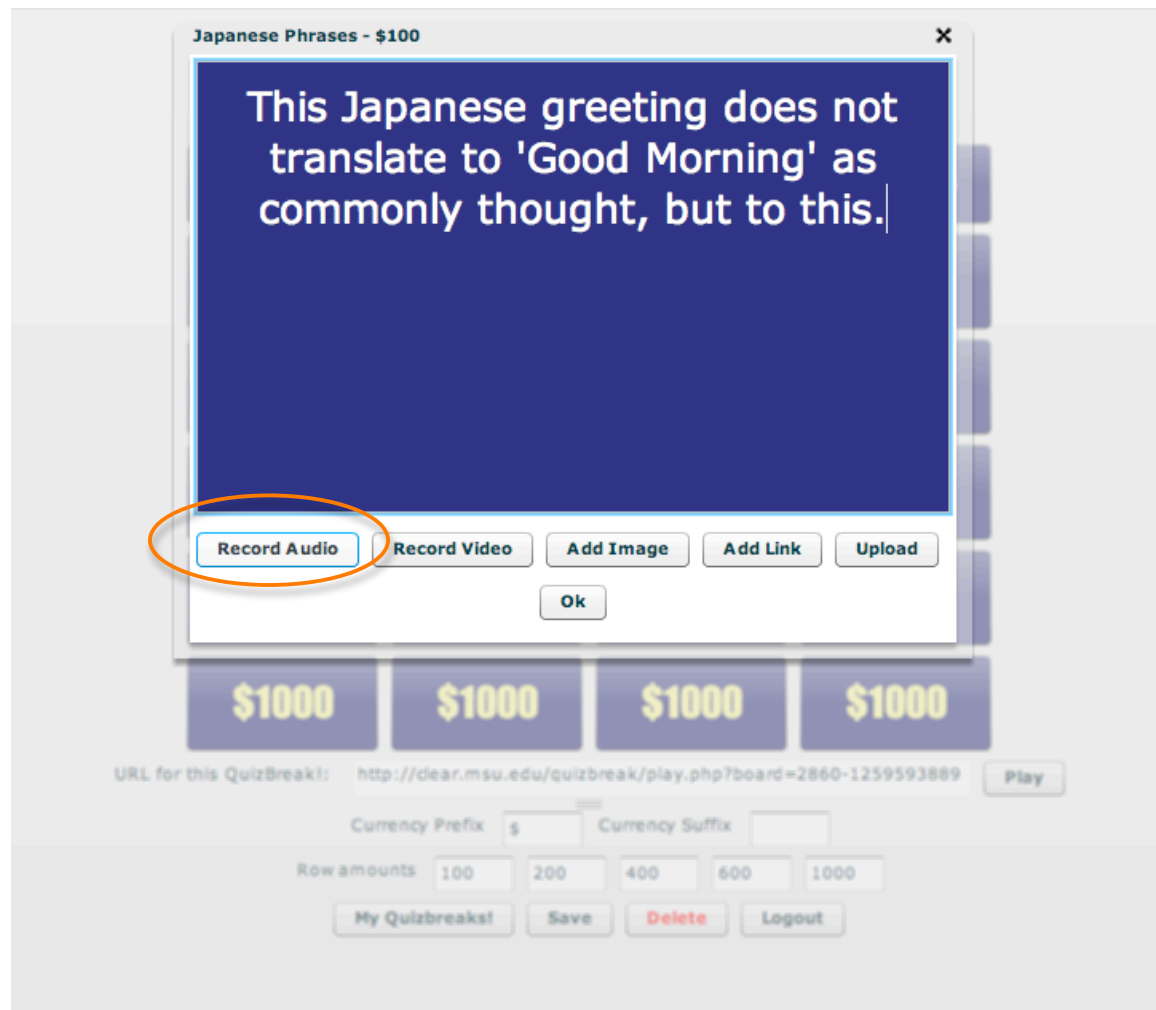
Click on the 'Play Button' button to play the video and make sure it looks okay.



Recording Audio

QuizBreak! allows you to record an audio clip for a question, using your computer's microphone.

To record an audio clip, enter the question text in the blue textbox and click on the 'Record Audio' Button at the bottom.



An audio recording control dialog comes up. The three buttons in order are for record, play and stop.



After you're satisfied with your recording, click 'Ok'. Once you record an audio clip, a button labeled 'Play Audio' appears below the question.



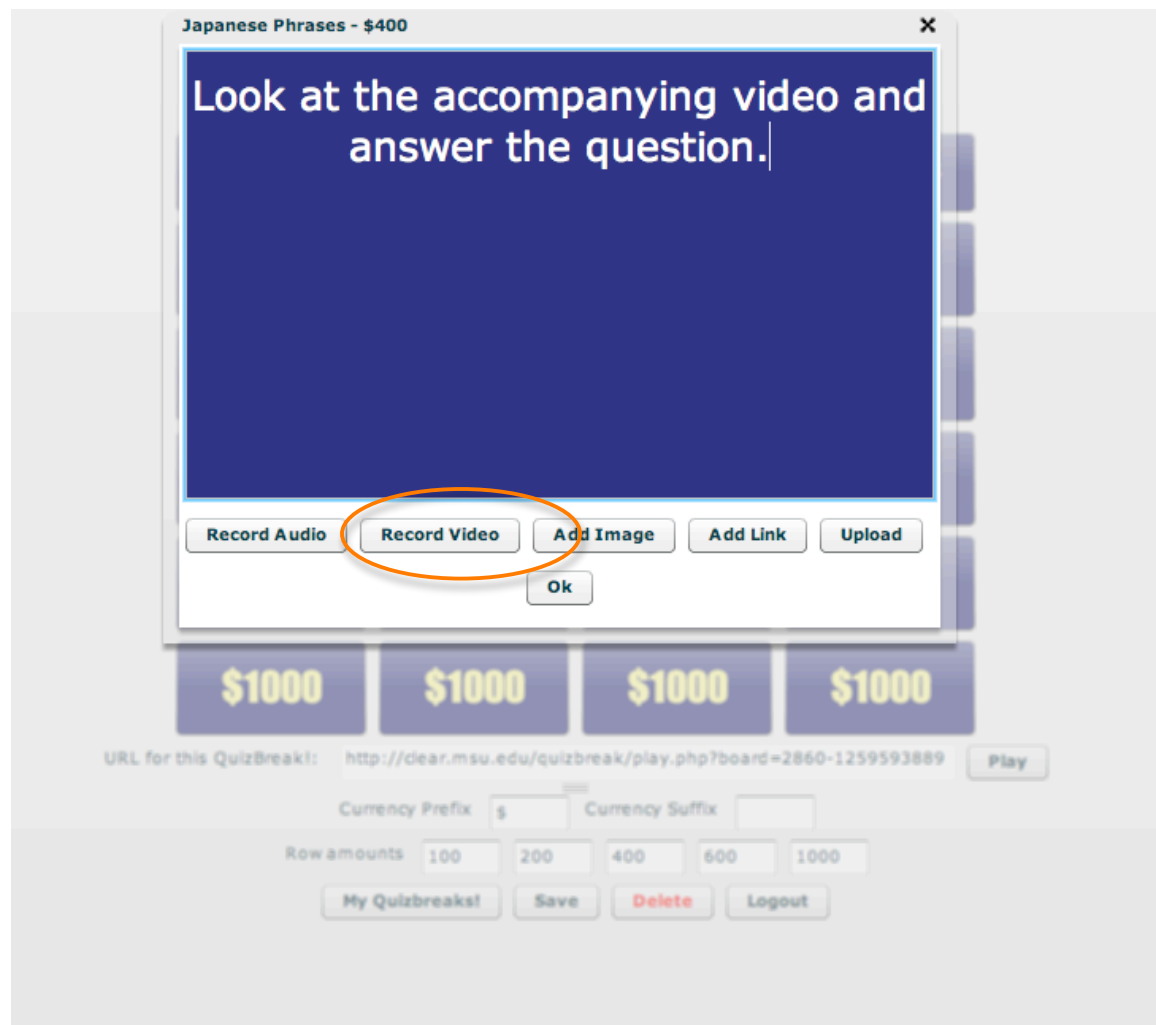
To delete the audio from the question, click on the red 'X' button next to 'Play Audio'.

If you're having trouble recording using your microphone, see Section ['Troubleshooting your microphone and camera'](#).

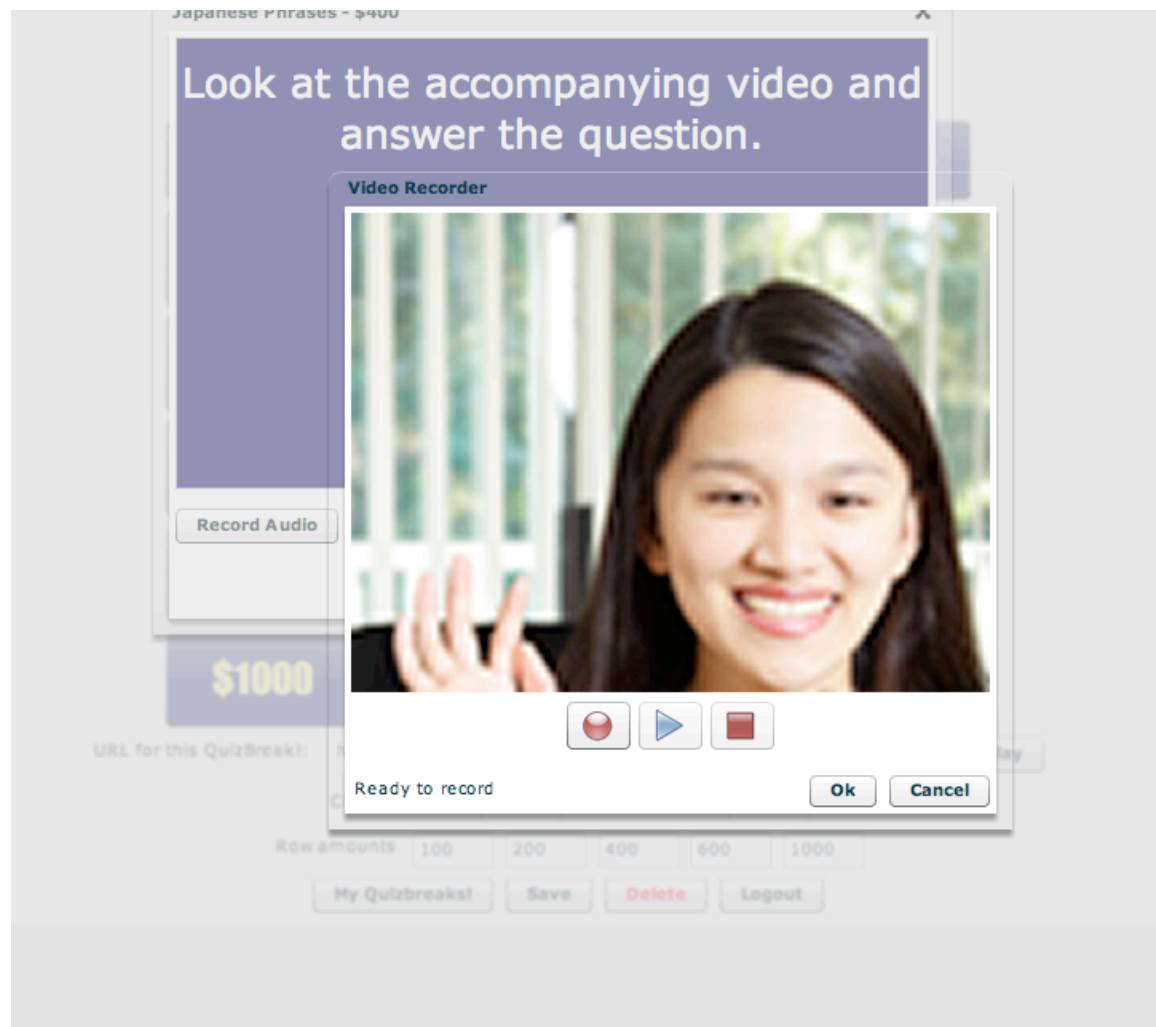
Recording Video

QuizBreak! allows you to record a video clip for a question, using your computer's webcam.

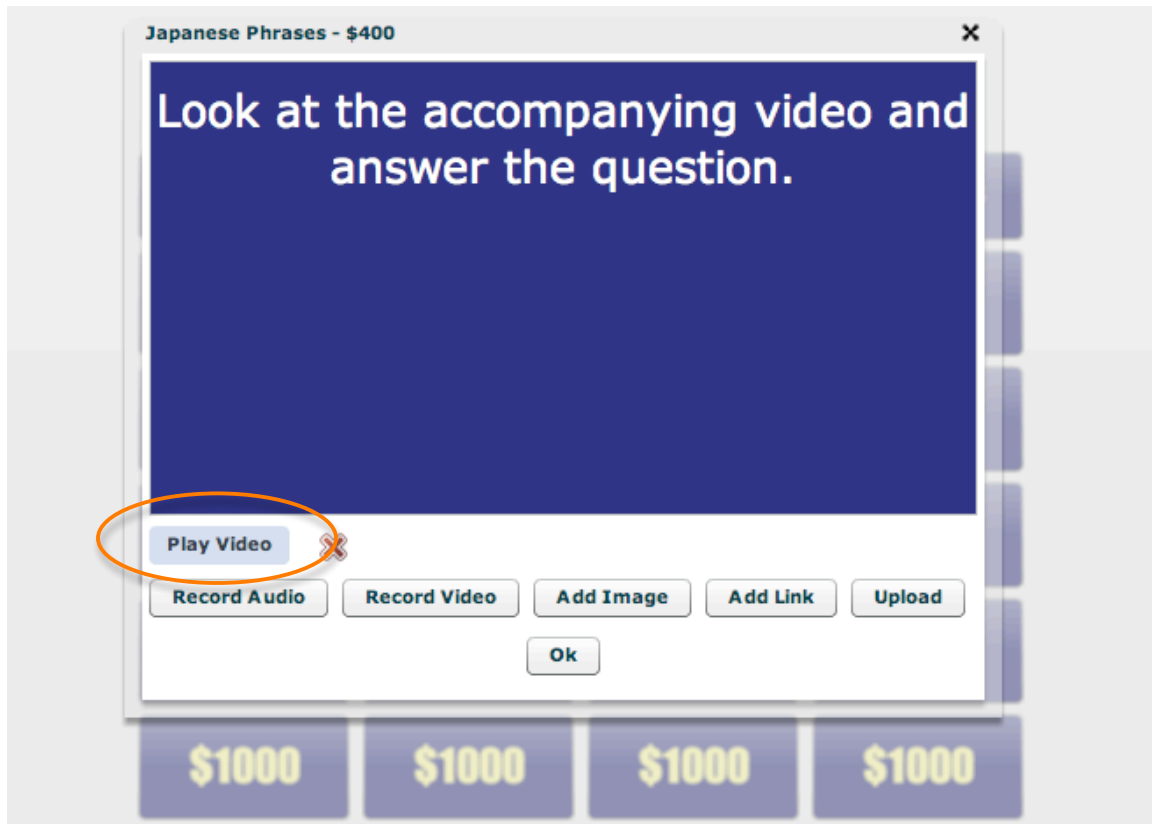
To record a video clip, enter the question text in the blue textbox and click on the 'Record Video' Button at the bottom.



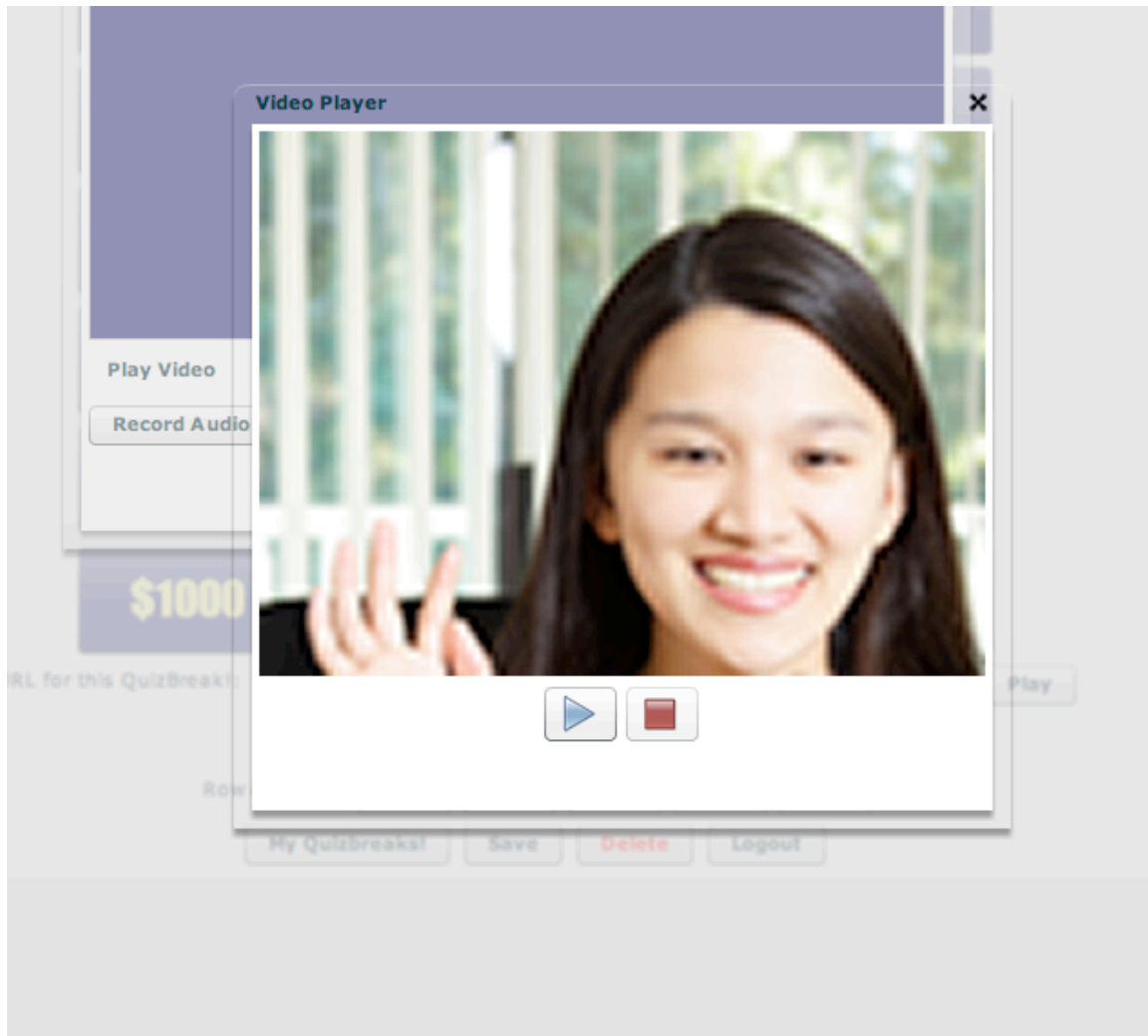
A video recording control dialog comes up. The three buttons in order are for record, play and stop.



After you're satisfied with your recording, click 'Ok'. Once you record a video clip, a button labeled 'Play Video' appears below the question.



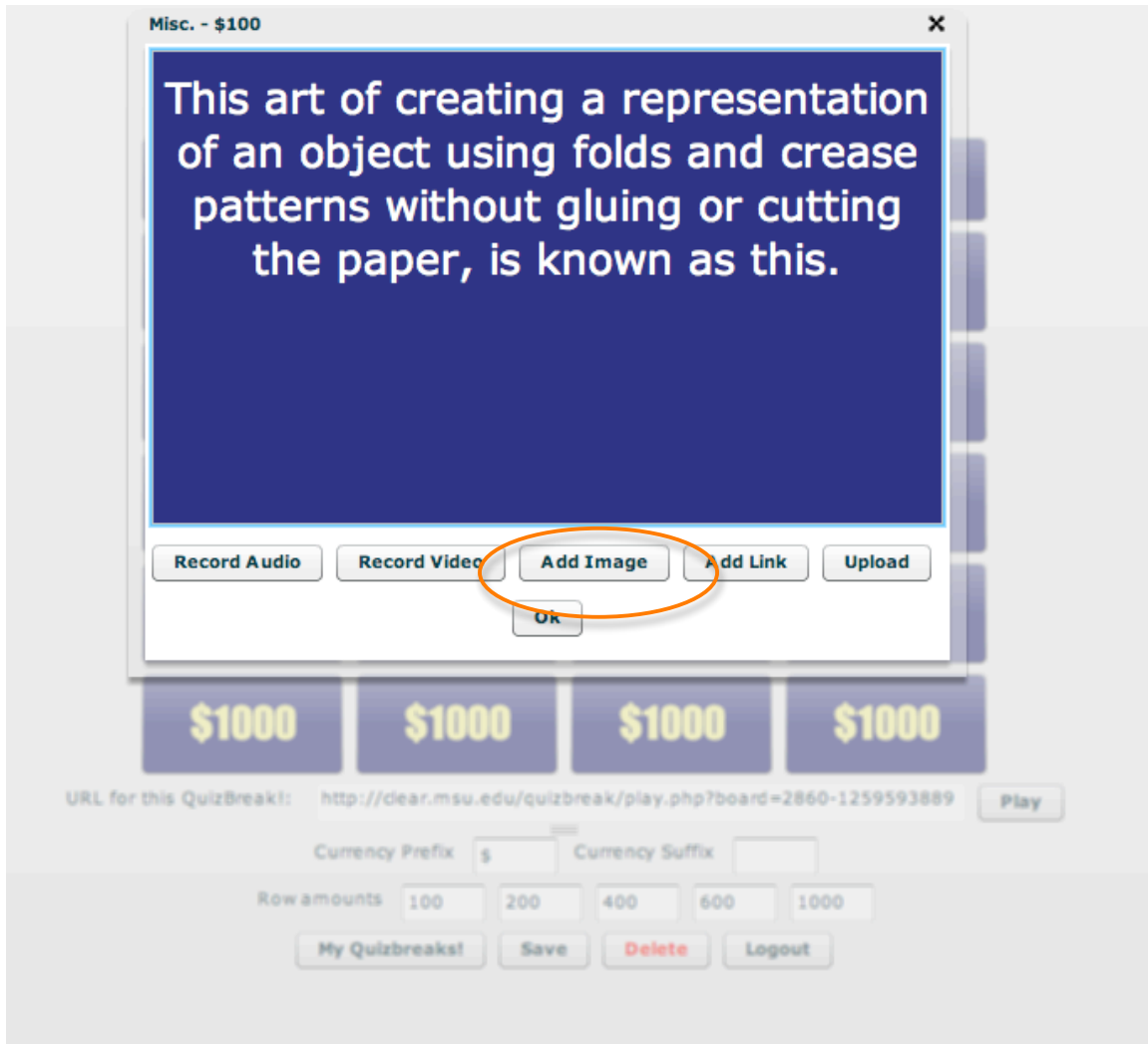
Click on 'Play Video' to make sure the video appears okay. If your video recording is cut off or grainy because of bandwidth issues, you may want to try recording the video again.



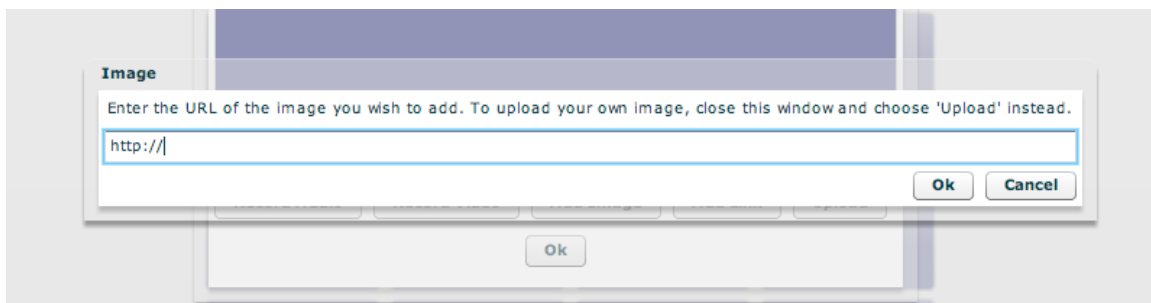
If you're having trouble recording using your webcam, see Section '[Troubleshooting your microphone and camera](#)'.

Adding Remote Images

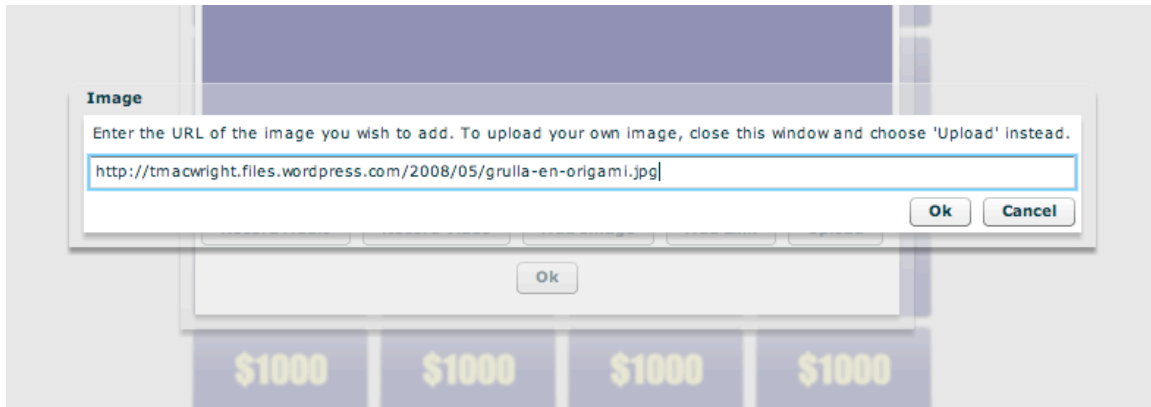
QuizBreak! allows you to add links to remote images using their URLs. Click on the button titled 'Add Image' at the bottom of the question:



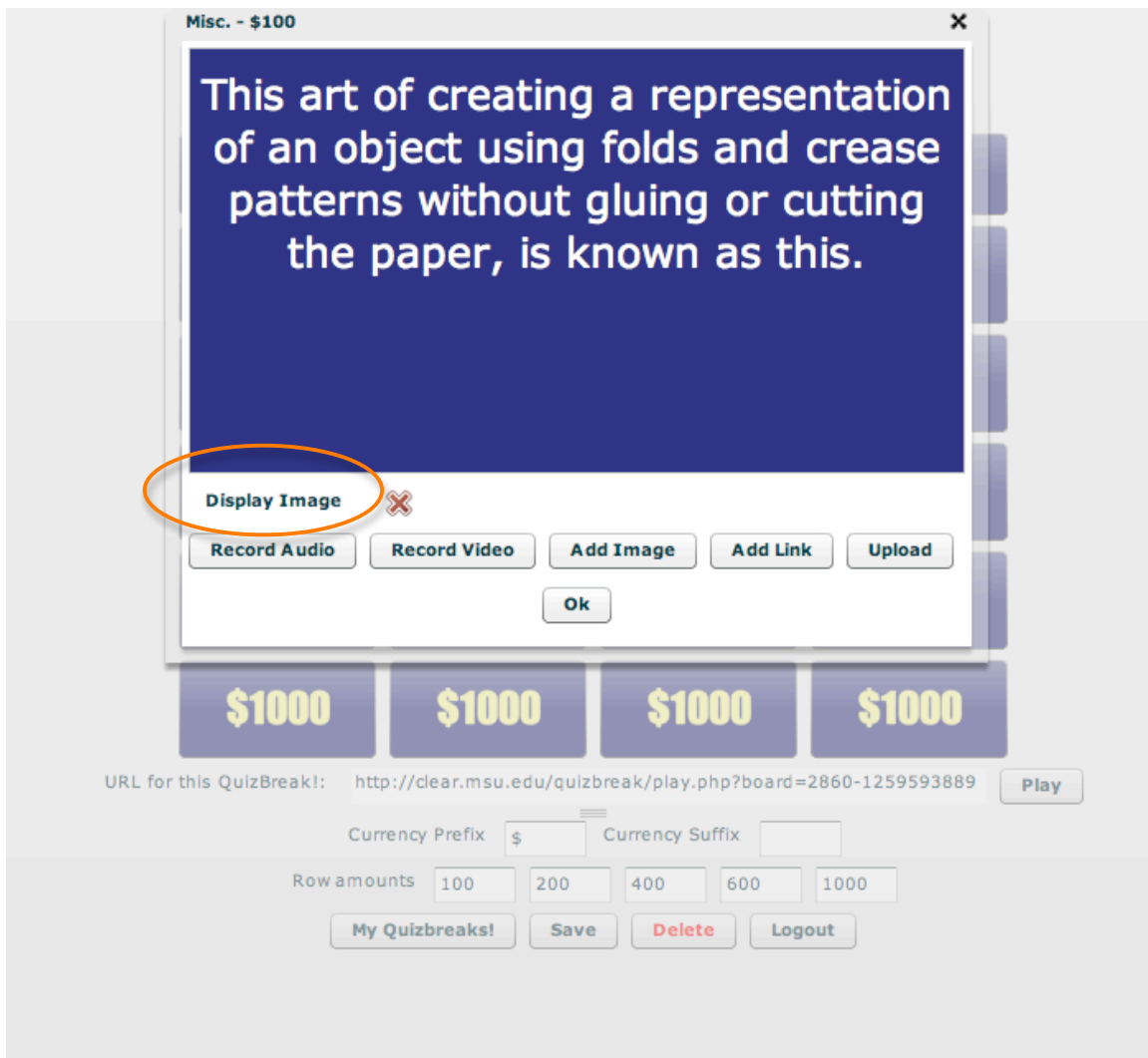
A dialog box comes up where you can enter the URL of the image. (This is the address of the image, beginning with 'http://...')



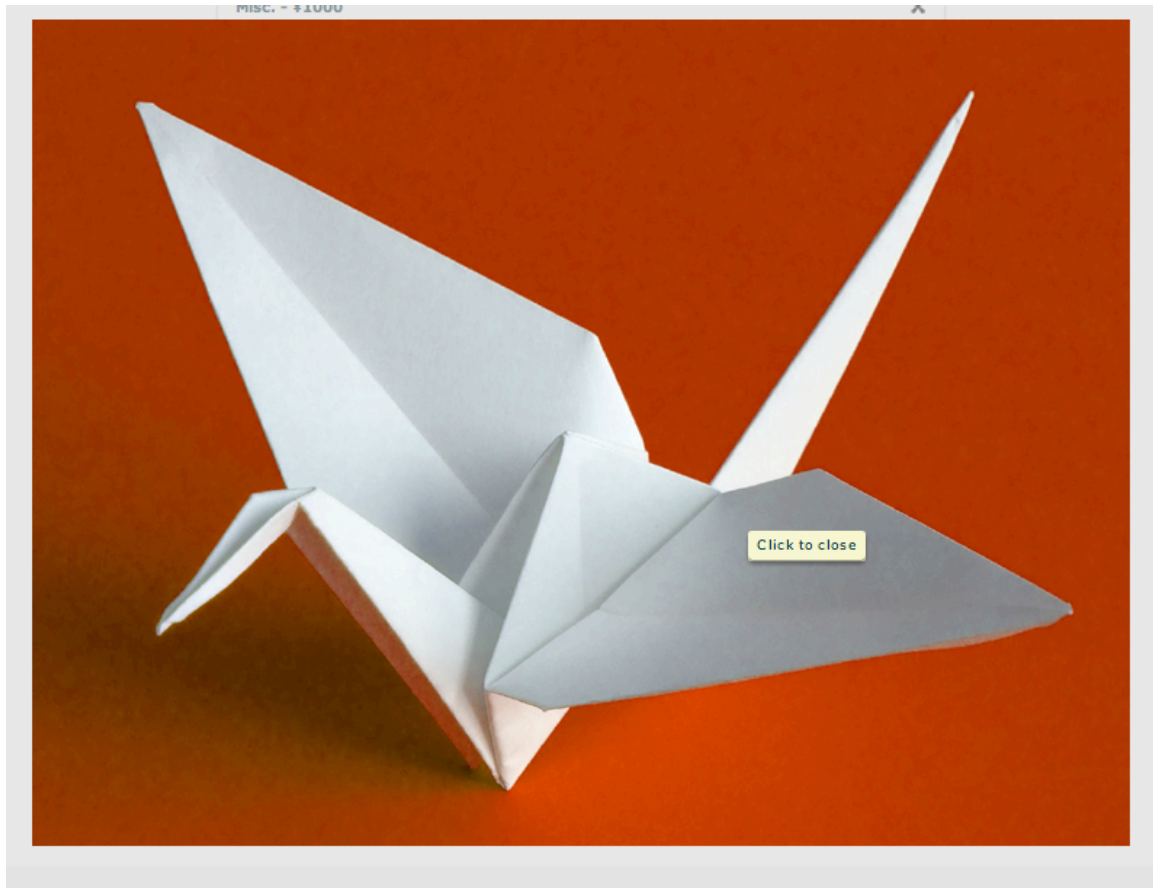
Enter the Image URL and click 'Ok'.



A button labeled 'Display Image' appears below the question.



Click on the button to display the image.



Click on the image or press the Escape key to close the image. *(Note: The same applies during playing the quiz too..click on the image or press the Escape key to close an image).*

To delete the image from the question, click on the red 'X' button next to 'Display Image'.

Adding Links

QuizBreak! allows you to add links to remote web pages using their URLs. Enter your question in the blue textbox and click on the button titled 'Add Link' at the bottom of the question:




A dialog box comes up where you can enter the URL of the link you wish to add. (This is the address of the page, beginning with 'http://...'.) Enter the URL and click 'Ok'.



A button labeled 'Go to Link' appears below the question. Clicking on this button will open up a new browser window to the web page:

Misc. - \$200

This country has the largest Japanese population outside of Japan.

Go to Link 

Record Audio Record Video Add Image Add Link Upload

Ok

\$1000 \$1000 \$1000 \$1000

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Currency Prefix \$ Currency Suffix

Row amounts 100 200 400 600 1000

My Quizbreaks! Save Delete Logout

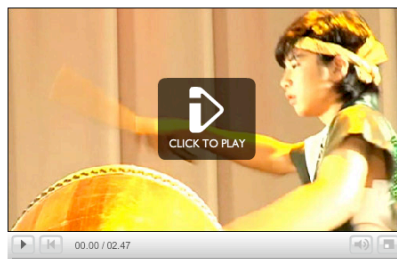
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Lasting legacy of Brazil's Japanese

By Gary Duffy
BBC News, Sao Paulo



Japanese culture is celebrated in Brazil

One hundred years after the first Japanese immigrants arrived in Brazil, the country as a whole has been reflecting on an anniversary that has left a significant legacy.

Numbering an estimated 1.5 million, there are more people of Japanese descent in Brazil than anywhere in the world outside of Japan itself.

The celebrations are a chance to pay tribute to the pioneering immigrants that first arrived at the port of Santos near to Sao Paulo -

Configuring your Quiz

Changing the currency symbol

QuizBreak! allows you to modify the currency symbol displayed for your board. The default currency symbol is the US Dollar sign (\$), but you can change this to anything you want. You can also specify a currency suffix in addition to/in place of a prefix.

To change the currency prefix/suffix, simply enter the new symbols in the appropriate 'Currency Prefix' or 'Currency Suffix' textboxes:

[more..](#)

Japanese 1...	Japanese H...	Japanese P...	Misc.
Read the fo...	This Zen bu...	This Japan...	This art of ...
¥2000	¥2000	These tradi...	This countr...
¥4000	¥4000	Look at the ...	¥4000
¥6000	¥6000	¥6000	¥6000
¥10000	¥10000	¥10000	¥10000

URL for this QuizBreak!:

Currency Prefix Currency Suffix

Row amounts

Changing the currency values

You can change the currency values for the rows on the board by typing in the numerical values in the 5 textboxes next to 'Row amounts'. These row amounts will automatically be used to calculate the teams' running score during gameplay.

*Note: You can specify zero ('0', without the quotation marks) as a row amount. In this case, the concerned row will **NOT** be shown during gameplay. This allows you to have less than 5 rows per category for your board.*

Saving your Quiz

After creating your quiz, click on the 'Save' button to save your quiz.

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Japanese 1...	Japanese H...	Japanese P...	Misc.
Read the fo...	This Zen bu...	This Japan...	This art of ...
¥2000	¥2000	These tradi...	This countr...
¥4000	¥4000	Look at the ...	¥4000
¥6000	¥6000	¥6000	¥6000
¥10000	¥10000	¥10000	¥10000

URL for this QuizBreak!:

Currency Prefix Currency Suffix

Row amounts

You will be prompted to give a name to the quiz. Provide a name that makes sense to you and click 'Ok'.

The image shows a web interface for QuizBreak! with a 5x4 grid of question cards. Each card has a monetary value in yellow text on a purple background. The values are: Row 1: ¥2000, ¥2000, ¥2000, ¥2000; Row 2: ¥4000, ¥4000, ¥4000, ¥4000; Row 3: ¥6000, ¥6000, ¥6000, ¥6000; Row 4: ¥10000, ¥10000, ¥10000, ¥10000. The text on the cards is partially obscured by a modal dialog. The dialog has the title 'Please give a name to this QuizBoard.' and a text input field containing 'Japanese 101'. There are 'Ok' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom of the dialog. Below the grid, there is a URL field with the text 'URL for this QuizBreak!:' and the URL 'http://dear.msu.edu/quizbreak/play.php?board=2860-1259593889'. To the right of the URL is a 'Play' button. Below the URL field are two input fields for 'Currency Prefix' (containing '¥') and 'Currency Suffix'. Below these are five buttons for 'Row amounts': 1000, 2000, 4000, 6000, and 10000. At the bottom are four buttons: 'My Quizbreaks!', 'Save', 'Delete', and 'Logout'.

Read the fo... This Zen bu... This Japan... This art of ...

¥2000 ¥2000 These tradi... This countr...

¥4000 ¥4000 Look at the ... ¥4000

¥6000 ¥6000 ¥6000

¥10000 ¥10000 ¥10000 ¥10000

Please give a name to this QuizBoard.

Japanese 101

Ok Cancel

URL for this QuizBreak!:

http://dear.msu.edu/quizbreak/play.php?board=2860-1259593889

Play

Currency Prefix ¥ Currency Suffix

Row amounts 1000 2000 4000 6000 10000

My Quizbreaks! Save Delete Logout

Once saved, you can click on the 'Play' button at the bottom to start playing the QuizBreak! (make sure you save the QuizBreak! first).

To play your QuizBreak! at a later time, you should note down the URL for your QuizBreak!, provided at the bottom of the screen:

more..

Japanese 1...	Japanese H...	Japanese P...	Misc.
Read the fo...	This Zen bu...	This Japan...	This art of ...
¥2000	¥2000	These tradi...	This countr...
¥4000	¥4000	Look at the ...	¥4000
¥6000	¥6000	¥6000	¥6000
¥10000	¥10000	¥10000	¥10000

URL for this QuizBreak!: <http://clear.msu.edu/quizbreak/play.php?board=2860-1259593889> Play

Currency Prefix Currency Suffix

Row amounts

My Quizbreaks! Save Delete Logout

Providing this link to your students will take them directly to this QuizBreak!, without requiring them to log in.

Playing your QuizBreak!

Once you visit the URL you noted down when you save your game (See Section [‘Saving your Quiz’](#)), you’re ready to play the QuizBreak!

Edit your team names

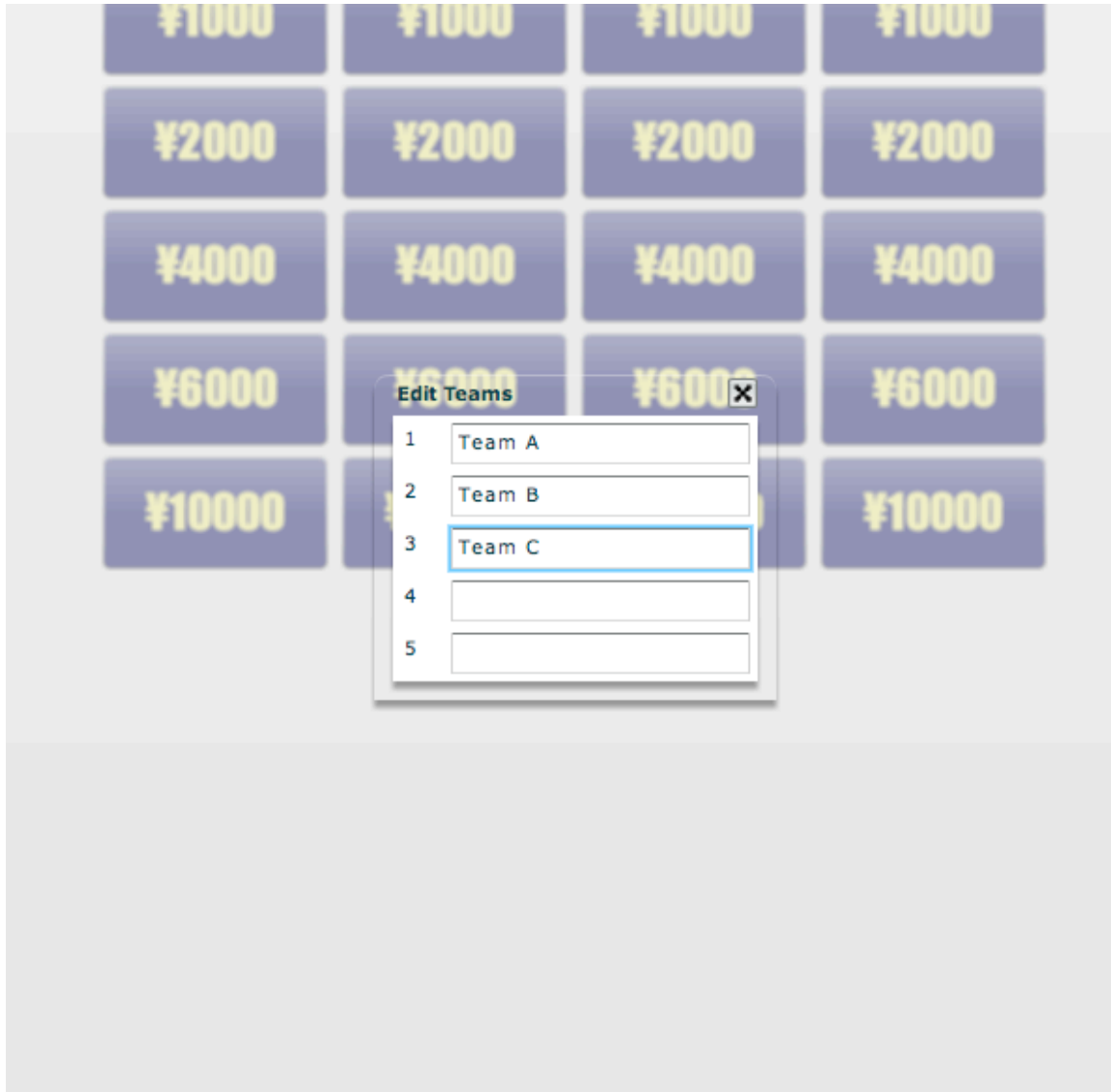
Before starting to play the QuizBreak!, make sure you edit the names of the teams. Move your mouse over the team names (Team A, Team B) and click on the ‘Edit teams..’ button

Japanese 101	Japanese History	Japanese Phrases	Misc.
¥1000	¥1000	¥1000	¥1000
¥2000	¥2000	¥2000	¥2000
¥4000	¥4000	¥4000	¥4000
¥6000	¥6000	¥6000	¥6000
¥10000	¥10000	¥10000	¥10000

Team A ¥0 Team B ¥0

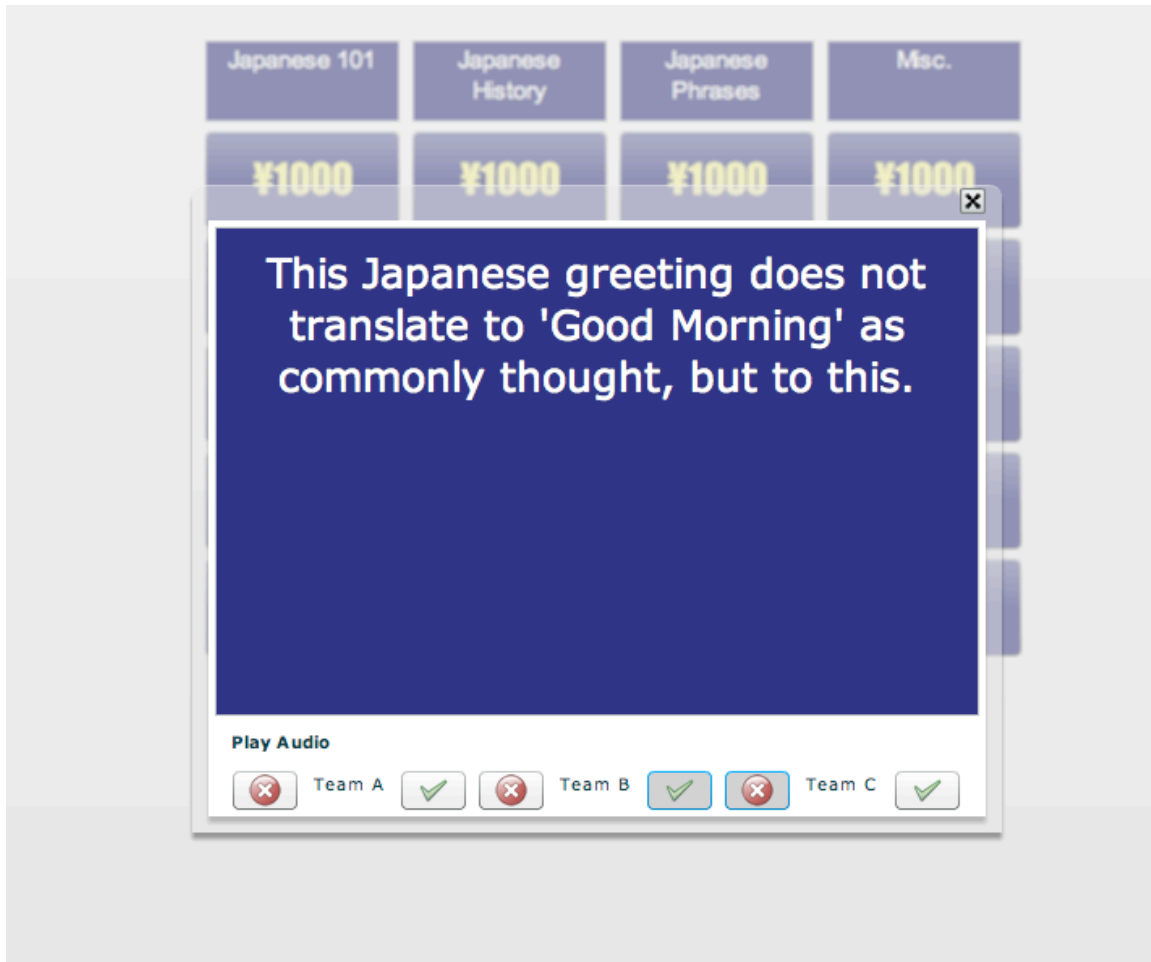
Edit Teams..

In the dialog box that shows up, enter names of up to 5 teams:



Once you have entered the team names, press the Escape key or click on the close 'X' button on the top right of the dialog box.

Click on the currency buttons to view the clues one by one:



In addition to the text clues, you can use any accompanying buttons (e.g. 'Play Audio' button in the example above), to play any supplementary media items associated with a question.

Once the clue has been answered by the team(s), you can use the buttons at the bottom to keep a track of which team answered the clue correctly, and which team(s) answered it incorrectly, if any. The team scores at the bottom of the screen will be updated to reflect this.

Once a clue has been 'opened', the corresponding button on the board goes blank, to allow you to keep track of which clues have already been opened.

Japanese 101	Japanese History	Japanese Phrases	Misc.
¥1000	¥1000		¥1000
¥2000	¥2000		¥2000
¥4000	¥4000	¥4000	¥4000
¥6000	¥6000	¥6000	¥6000
¥10000	¥10000	¥10000	¥10000

Team A **¥2000** Team B **¥1000** Team C **¥-1000**

Troubleshooting your Microphone and Camera

If you're having trouble recording audio or video using your microphone or camera, it may be the case that your microphone or camera is not configured correctly with Flash, or that QuizBreak! does not have access to your microphone or camera.

Firewall Settings

For QuizBreak! to be able to record and play back audio and video recordings, your firewall should be opened to our server. **You will need to open up Port 1935 to and from the server fms.clear.msu.edu.**

If you're using a personal firewall on your computer, consult its documentation to find out how to enable ports to and from specific servers. If you're accessing QuizBreak! from a lab, please contact your Tech support team and they will help you with the issue.

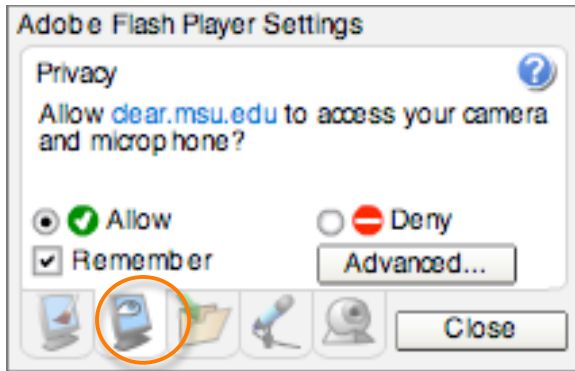
You can always contact us at clear@msu.edu in case of further questions. We will be happy to work with your Tech team on this issue.

Note: You do not have to open up the firewall if your QuizBreak! if you are not uploading audio or video files, and if you are not recording audio and video from your microphone or camera.

Allow QuizBreak! to access your microphone and camera

Right click anywhere on the QuizBreak! screen and choose 'Settings' from the context menu that appears.

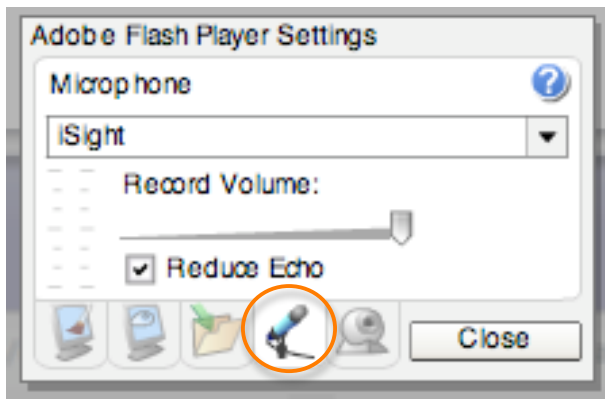
Click on the second menu item in the resulting dialog box, an icon that looks like a monitor with an eye.



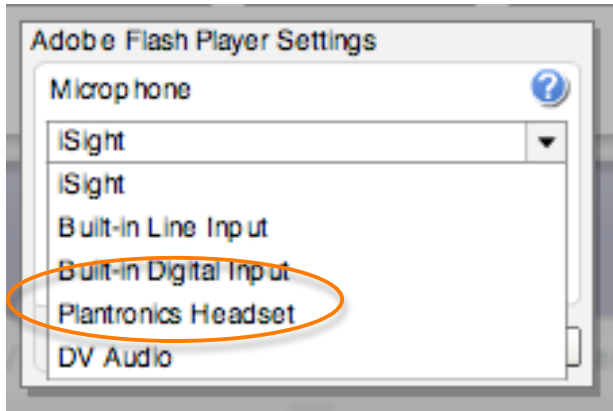
Click on the checkbox next to the green check icon. This will allow QuizBreak! to access your microphone and camera.

Configuring your microphone

Click on the second to last menu item in the resulting dialog box, an icon that looks like a microphone.



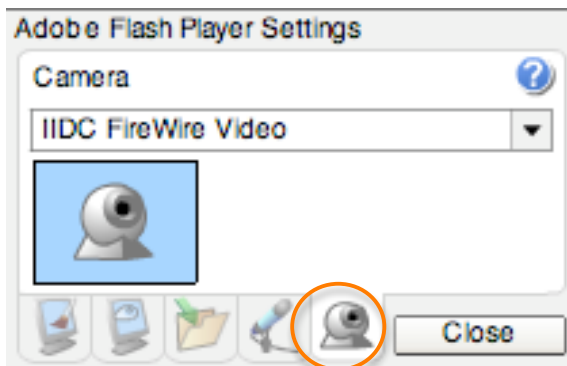
From the drop-down at the top of this dialog-box, make sure you select the correct microphone for your system (your list may look different from the one below).



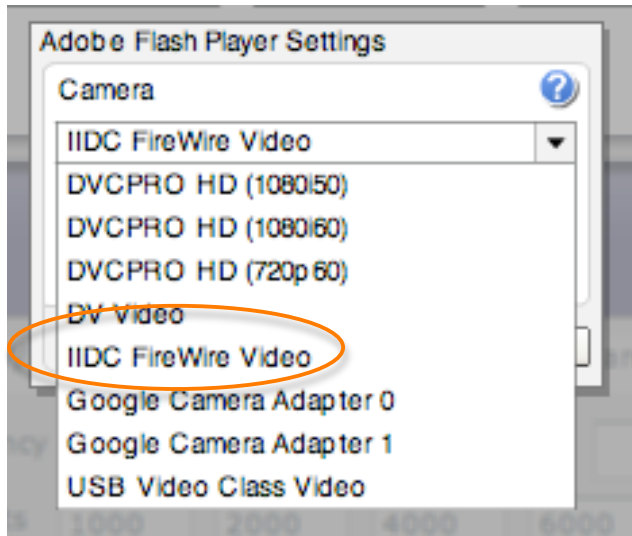
Click 'Close' when you have selected the correct microphone for your system.

Configuring your Camera

Click on the second to last menu item in the resulting dialog box, an icon that looks like a webcam.



From the drop-down at the top of this dialog-box, make sure you select the correct camera for your system (your list may look different from the one below).



Click 'Close' when you have selected the correct camera for your system.