Google + Hangouts

What is it?

It is a space from Google to meet via video connection with other people that have Google+ accounts and are part of your circle [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bo390-3ohW4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bo390-3ohW4)

I want to Hangout! What do I need?

1- You need a Google account [Your @hawaii.edu will not work]
2- Once you have a Google account you need Google+ → Click on the very left item of the black bar at the top of your Google account +YOU
3- Fill up the information and add the people that you want to your circle

You can also find Google + by going to the last item of the menu on the black bar and choose MORE. If you don’t see Google, then click EVEN MORE and find it on the opening page.
4- Once you have created your + account and have a few people in your circle, then you can start a Hangout
You will see all your friends and you can select who you want to include in your Hangout (as well as you camera on the bottom of the screen). Green dots show who is connected. Click on their images and start the conversation. You can have up to 9 people on a Hangout but it is not recommendable 😊
What can I do with it?

It works for almost any activity that you would do in pairs and groups in the language class but the students can do it outside of the class. Interactive collaborative homework!

A few ideas:

- **[Intermediate to advanced] – Telecollaboration**- Use Hangouts to connect students in your language class with students in faraway places that speak the L2 to work collaborative in telecollaborative projects. For example:
  - Prepare a trip together
  - Discuss a movie/book that can be found in both languages
  - A number of intercultural activities to discover each others’ cultures (word association, concept comparison, …)
  - Develop a power point or webpage on a topic/famous person/place/…
  - Anything that students would do otherwise in groups or pairs in the class

- **[Intermediate to advanced] – Culture topics**- Ask them to respond and compare questions about culture/art/music (holidays, pop music…).

- **[Intermediate to advanced] – A mystery speaker**- Have two or three students connect and interview a "guest speaker" to practice questions and find out information to then write a biography.

- **[Intermediate] – Gap tasks**- Students work in pairs or groups of three. One describes a picture (that the teacher can send ahead of time or they can draw it themselves) and the other ones draw what it is being described in the L2. Then they show the result and discuss the differences.

- **[Beginner] - What am I holding in my hand?**- Ask one participant to turn off the camera and describe an object in her/his hand and answer questions until one of the other students guess what it is.

- Other ideas?