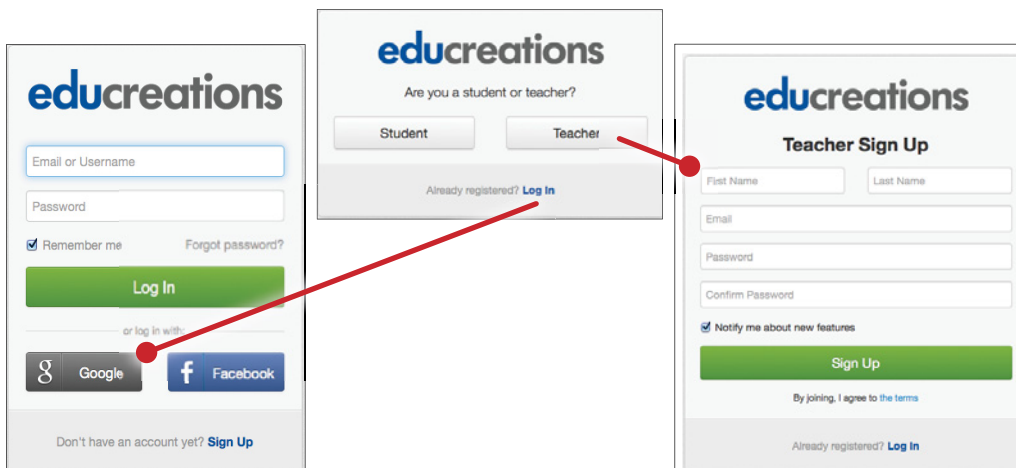
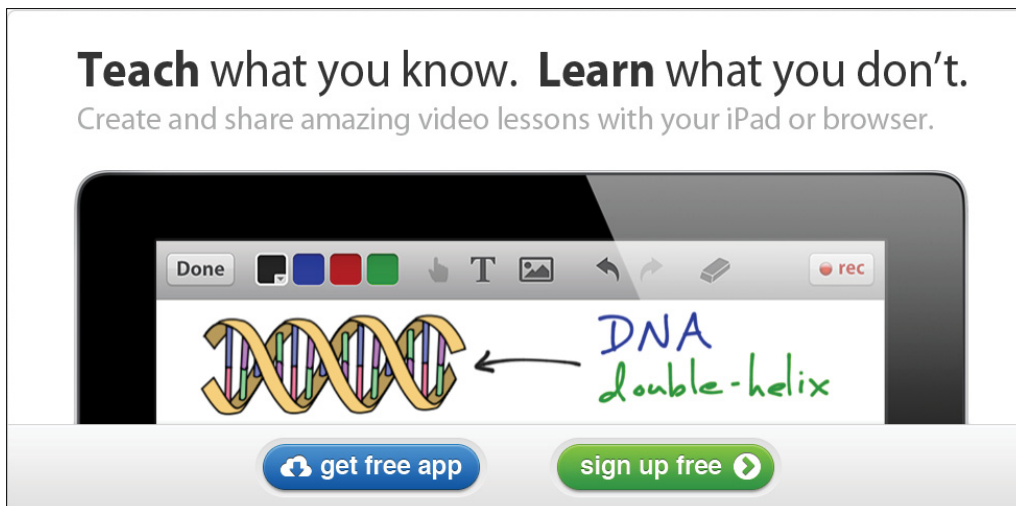


# Using Educreations for interactive teaching on iPad

## Signing up to Educreations

Educreations is an application that is used to create and share video lessons on iPad and web browsers.

To sign up, go to <http://www.educreations.com/> and click *Sign up for free*. You can use a *Google* (either personal or University-provided EC Mail account) or *Facebook account* to log in immediately, or can create a profile by clicking *Teacher* and entering your details.



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## Creating a Course

**Courses** are where you can store and share your lessons directly to students.

- 1 To create your first course, click the **Create a course** button. Enter the necessary details and again click **Create**.

The screenshot shows the 'Create Course' interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options: Dashboard, Biology 103, Create a Course, Browse Lessons, and Your Profile. The main area has a breadcrumb trail 'Dashboard > Create Course'. The form fields are: Course Name (Biology 103), Subject area (Science), Privacy (Visible to My Students), Subject (All), and Description (Biology 103 is a course in teaching basic human biology from cellular structures to evolutionary theory.). There is a checkbox for 'Enable Q&A for lessons in this course.' and 'Cancel' and 'Create' buttons at the bottom.

- 2 In the **Students** tab of your new course you will find the **link** and **course code** that you can give to students to easily access your lessons.

The screenshot shows the 'Students' tab of the 'Biology 103' course. At the top are tabs for Lessons, Students, and Settings. Below are 'Move' and 'Notify' buttons, and an 'Add' button. A table header shows columns for Username, First, Last, Email Address, Password, and Last Active. The table content indicates 'No students in this course yet.' and provides a registration link (<http://www.educreations.com/sr/D5CD34>) and a course code (D5CD34). A 'Remove Selected Students' button is at the bottom.

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## Opening and configuring Educreations

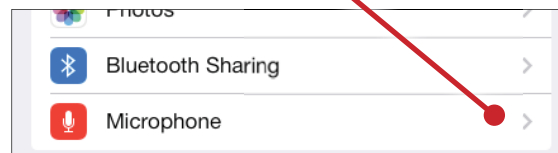
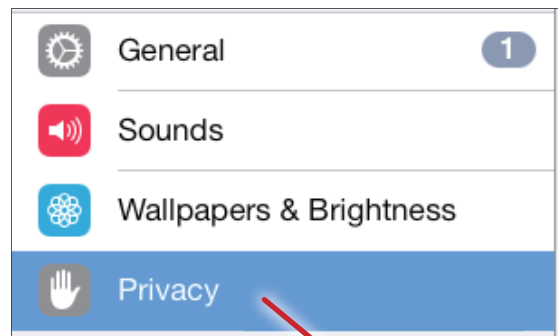
- 1 Tap on the *Educreations* icon in your iPad apps.



- 2 You may receive a prompt from the app asking for *Microphone Permission*. Press the *home button* and open your iPad settings.

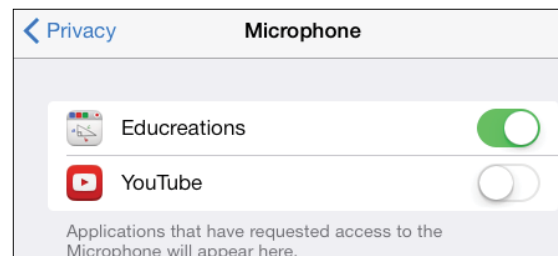


- 3 Tap on the *Privacy tab*, followed by *Microphone*.



- 4 Next to *Educreations*, swipe across to turn on the app permission to access the microphone.

You can now return to the *Educreations* app and begin creating content!



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## Creating your first content on Educreations

Now we can begin creating recorded video lessons for students. It is always a good idea to set up your lesson before you start recording. It is also highly recommended to use a touch screen stylus if you wish to annotate or draw during a lesson recording session.

- 1 When *Educreations* opens, it will automatically be set at a new lesson template. To review old lessons, go to *My Lessons* by tapping *Done*.

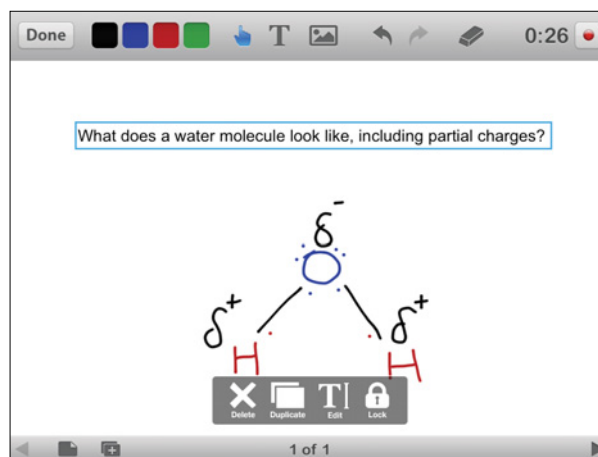
The *menu bar* contains *four different colour options* to quickly change between that can *each be chosen from one of ten colours*.

It also contains the *Move, Write Text, Insert Picture, Undo* and *Redo tool* and the *Erase tool*.

The *Record* button at the right of the menu bar is where you can begin to record your video, or pause your recording if you wish to make changes midway through a video.

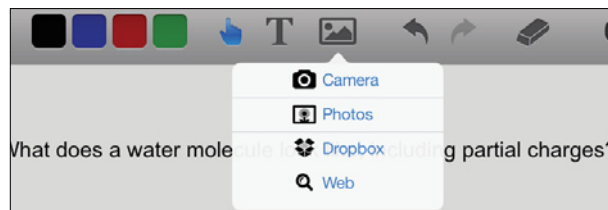


- 2 In the example image, the *Write text* tool has been used to write a small message, and the *Colours* have been used to draw a small image. To *edit* your text, choose the *Move tool* and tap the text. You can also move inserted images and text. To *remove* your image, use the *Eraser tool*.



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- 3 To insert an image, tap the *Image Icon* in the toolbar. You can insert an image by taking a picture, browsing your iPad's photos, accessing Dropbox, or from the web. To *resize* your image, use two-finger *pinch to zoom*.



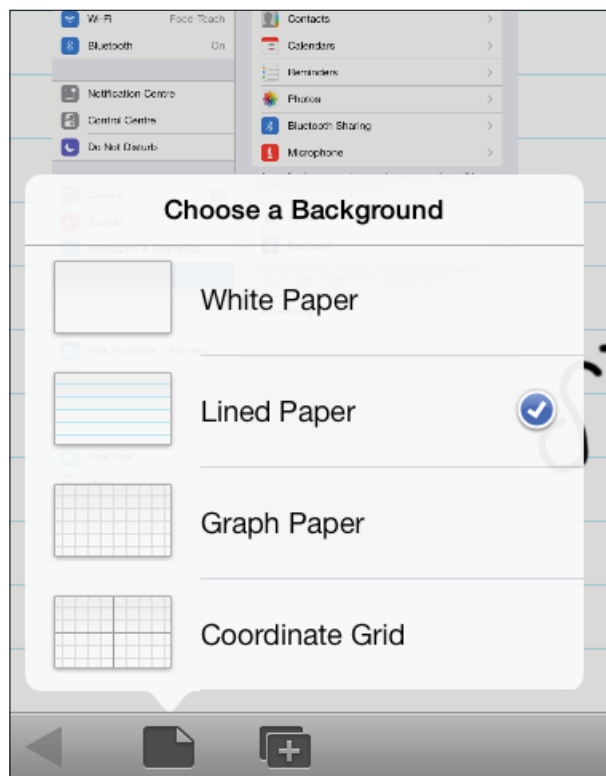
- 4 You can also change the *background style* of your lesson to one of four different options by tapping the *page* icon in the lower menu bar.

- 5 To create more space in your lesson, use *two-finger scroll* to scroll downward. You can scroll back up to the original content of your lesson if needed.

- 6 Once you begin recording your lesson, you are able to *pause*. An unfortunate feature of the app is that you are *unable to restart recording or re-edit* your lesson once you have saved it.

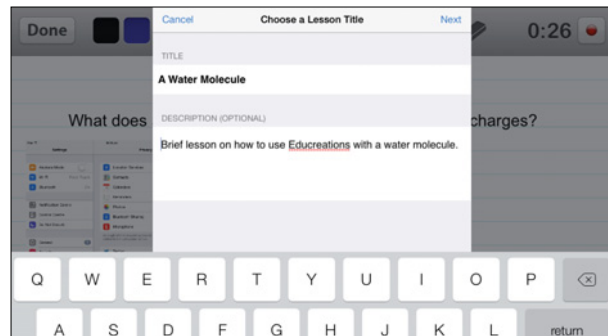
Be careful of external noise or becoming tongue-tied when you start recording your lesson, otherwise you'll have to begin again from scratch!

When you have finished recording your lesson, tap the *Done* button and press *Save Lesson* to save. If you want to scrap the lesson, tap *Start Over*.



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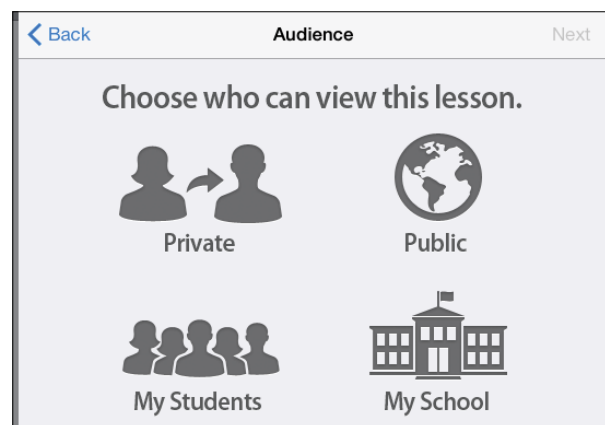
- 7 Enter a *title* and *brief description* of your video and tap *Next*.



- 8 When choosing who can view your lesson, you can choose *Private* or *Public*. If you sign into Educreations in a web browser, you can also share a URL link to your video.

If you have signed up with a teacher account on the Educreations website, you will also have the option to share your video with *My Students* or *My School* (see *Signing up to Educreations*).

- Choosing *Private* will allow you to email and privately view your video.
- Choosing *Public* will allow you to embed your video on a website and others can view your video online at the Educreations website.



- 9 If you have not logged in or created an account, you will now need to do so. You are able to sign in using a *Google account*, *Facebook* or simply by *Creating a free account*.

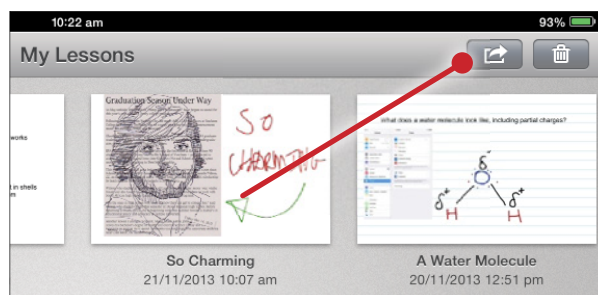
You will now be able to view your video from *My Lessons* or online at the Educreations website.

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## Sharing your lessons from an iPad

1 Go to *My Lessons* by tapping *Done* in the top left of the screen.

2 Tap the *Share* button at the top right of the screen. Under each video, a menu will pop up allowing you to share via *Facebook*, *Twitter*, *email* (if you have an email account linked to your iPad) or by a *web link*.



3 To share the web link by email, tap the *Web Link* icon and tap *Copy Session Link*. You can now paste this link into an email to share your video.

