Thinking about using Mango? Review by LLRC Staff

Strengths:

- 72 languages available
- Learn English as a second language
- Everyday practical conversation
- Excellent speaking and listening practice
- Voice comparison tool
- Easy to follow steps
- Low-pressure format allows for lessons to be repeated
- Grammar notes provided
- Gain cultural knowledge
- Learn a new language for study abroad or travel
- Learn regional dialects of a language
- Learn legal jargon, business lingo, text talk, or slang
- User-friendly interface for Mac, PC, iPhone and Android

Limitations:

- Content is limited to beginner and early intermediate students
- Content is not in depth
- Word-by-word so students with background might be frustrated
- Google Translate is the translation platform offered
- Some phrases don’t align with those taught in class
- No strictly vocabulary or dictionary sections
- Some languages have more content than others
- No flexibility in assessment
- Less variety than Duolingo

Tips:

- Take the placement test first
- Start with lessons for proficiency level after taking placement test
- Speak out loud and write down some of the information that doesn’t easily stick
- Use a separate microphone when recording speaking
- Use in a quiet environment for recording
- Track your progress
- Use phone app to listen to lessons, or skip lessons
- Watch a film from provided collection with both English and foreign language subtitles