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## FAQs – DISCUSS (Interpersonal Speaking Feature)

**Q:** Who can assign a discussion between students using this feature?

**A:** The teacher can assign specific students to be in groups of 2-4 or the teacher can assign a maximum number of students per group and they will then be randomly grouped.

**Q:** How long can the entire discussion be in terms of minutes?

**A:** The teacher can choose 1, 2 or 3 minutes for the transcription/recording duration.

**Q:** How is the due date set for the discussion?

**A:** The teacher will set the due date when they are setting up the discussion.

**Q:** How many students can be assigned to a group?

**A:** The maximum number of students that can be assigned to a group is 4.

**Q:** Is each student evaluated independently or is the entire group evaluated together?

**A:** Both options are available. Each student can be evaluated independently OR the entire group can be evaluated together.

**Q:** Is the student discussion graded with a letter grade or a level of fluency?

**A:** There is no grade given. The discussion is evaluated using the interpersonal speaking analytical growth rubric from Wayside's material.

**Q:** Can the evaluation by the tool be adjusted by the teacher if they disagree with the evaluation based on reviewing the transcription?

**A:** Yes, the teacher can adjust the automated evaluation and make comments as well.

**Q:** Can the teacher opt to evaluate the discussion instead of the tool?

**A:** Yes, the teacher can decide to evaluate it themselves and not have the tool do it for them.

**Q:** Can two students conduct their discussion in or outside of the classroom?

**A:** Yes, the tool can be used inside or outside the classroom. However, if used outside the classroom, the students would need to coordinate a mutual time to do so.

**Q:** Do students have the ability to use their avatars when using this feature, or do they have to use their cameras live?

**A:** Students can have a "face to face" conversation or can opt to use the feature as a Nuala character.

**Q:** Can students use this feature for any other purpose inside or outside the classroom?

**A:** No, students will only be able to utilize this feature if there is a discussion assigned to them by their teacher and with a partner.

**Q:** Does this interpersonal speaking feature review the audio of the conversation?

**A:** No, it will review a transcription of the conversation, not an audio file.