Create a profile on language learning social media site "HelloTalk"

Course Type/ Level:	Foreign Language Course (Any level)
Assignment Goals:	Help students practice online language and slang. Introduce students to self-learning software and communities such as HelloTalk.
Materials to Provide Students:	Provide students with a link to HelloTalk to download in their app store. Create an example profile on HelloTalk for students to look at and model their own after.
Technological Resources Needed:	Smartphone or smart tablet needed for each student
Preparatory Steps:	Build out a HelloTalk profile for the instructor for students to see and model after. Create an assignment sheet that outlines the specific requirements for students to build their profile (e.g., must include a full profile description of 100+ words, must have 1 post of 50+ words, students must comment on 3-4 other users accounts, etc.).
Tasks/Activities: (Outline of the steps this activity or assignment requires)	As an assignment, the instructor asks students to build out an online profile for themselves or a fictional person on the language learning social media site "HelloTalk." This social media site is created for language learners and is made-up of an online community of native and non-native speakers. The platform has all of the major features of a social media site like Facebook – a profile description, profile wall, instant messaging, etc. When users register an account, they indicate a native language and a language that they are trying to learn. In this assignment, ask students to build out a HelloTalk profile and make at least one post in the target language, generally with a minimum word requirement. This assignment is used to practice online language and modern slang – a widely used, but rarely taught aspect of a language for students.

Additional Tips or Advice:	Participation on HelloTalk could be rewarded with extra credit or the site could be used for additional assignments such as sharing video or audio recordings in the target language.