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Holt Will Add New Audio Recording Technology to Online Textbooks for Spanish
SoundBooth Integrated into Online Spanish Curriculum

AUSTIN, Texas – February 8, 2005 – Holt, Rinehart and Winston—a leading publisher of textbooks and educational materials for grades six through 12—today announced that it will add a new audio recording technology called SoundBooth to its online Spanish curricula: *¡Exprésate!* ©2006.

The new technology is exclusive to the Holt World Languages curricula and is to be included in all the Premier Online Editions of Holt Spanish textbooks. SoundBooth allows students to record and playback their voices while learning vocabulary, practicing pronunciation, or doing speaking activities in their online textbooks. Teachers can then listen to those recordings, evaluate student performance, and remediate or assign grades as appropriate. SoundBooth will be integrated into lessons and communicative activities throughout the online textbook, so students and teachers will have 24/7 access to the tool, just as they do with their Holt Online Learning textbooks.

“SoundBooth is a tremendous time-saver for teachers and a valuable tool for students to be self-directed when they practice speaking a foreign language,” said Judy Fowler, president of Holt. “We have teachers tell us they are thrilled that SoundBooth is an online recording studio so they don’t have to collect cassette tapes and cart them around. With an online recording tool, they can review their students’ audio recordings anytime and anywhere.”

SoundBooth will be available for the Spanish programs in Spring 2005 and is planned for upcoming revisions of Holt’s French and German programs, as well.

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