

AI in Language Teaching

Teachers' Guide

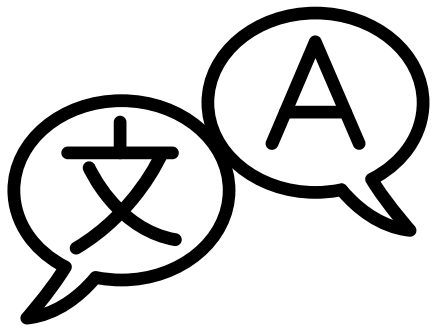


Reduces Anxiety

Learners practice with non-judgmental AI partners, building confidence.

Realistic practice

Chatbots and voice assistants simulate authentic conversation.



Benefits of AI in Language Teaching & Learning



Fast feedback

Instant insights on errors and progress for targeted teaching.

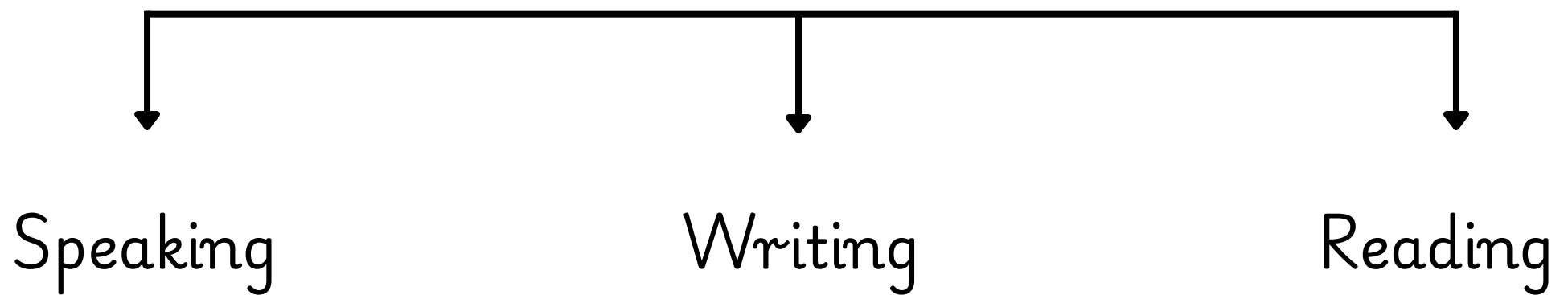
Keeps learners engaged

Social robots and interactive tools turn drills into dialogue.

Personalized support

Adaptive feedback meets students at their level.

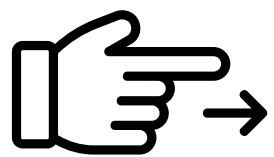
How AI Supports Language Learning



Speaking

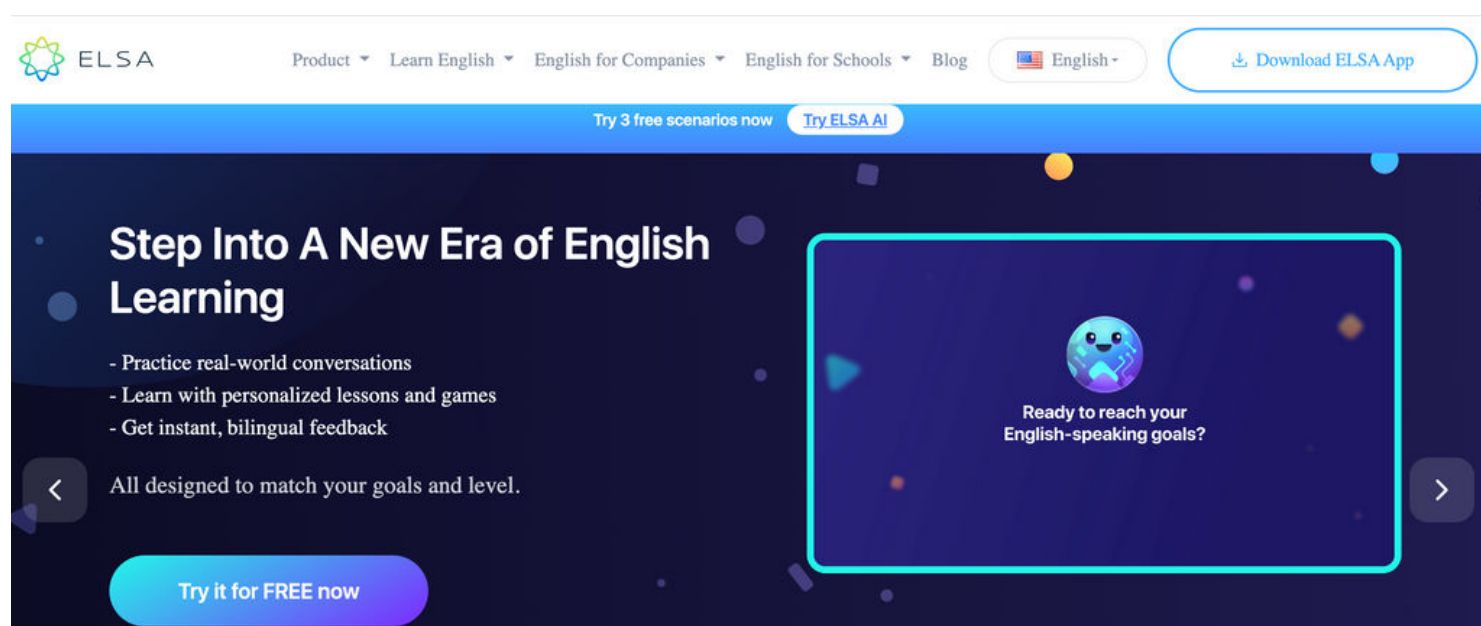
Speaking is one of the areas in language teaching and learning where AI makes a real difference. Here's how it supports learners and teachers alike.

- ✓ Real-Time Pronunciation Coaching
- ✓ Safe Conversation Practice
- ✓ Adaptive Follow-Up
- ✓ Reducing Anxiety, Building Confidence



Now, let's develop each of these points individually!

Real-Time Pronunciation Coaching



AI tools like ELSA Speak give instant feedback on stress, rhythm, and intonation. Learners see visual cues highlighting mispronunciations and get guided corrections right away.

Safe Conversation Practice

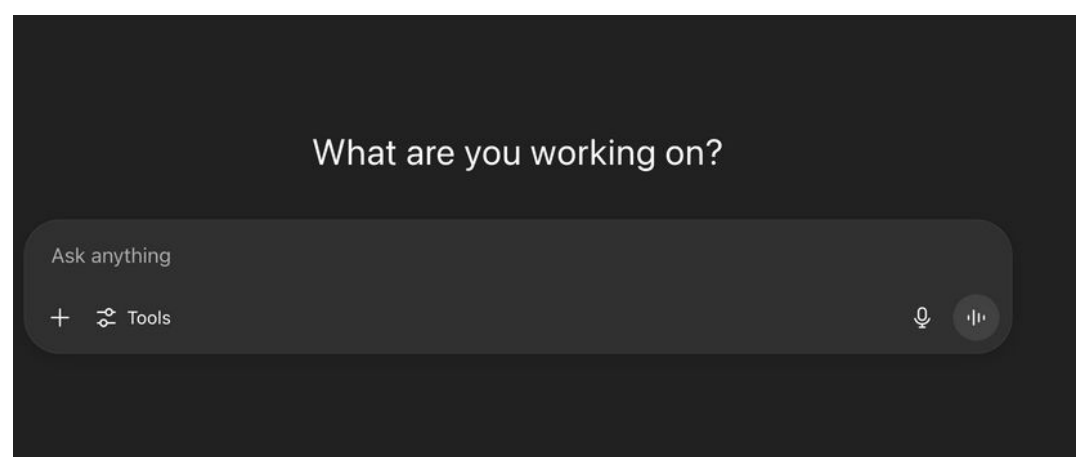
With ChatGPT voice mode or Duolingo's AI role-play, learners can hold natural conversations.

They can repeat scenarios as often as needed, without fear of being judged.

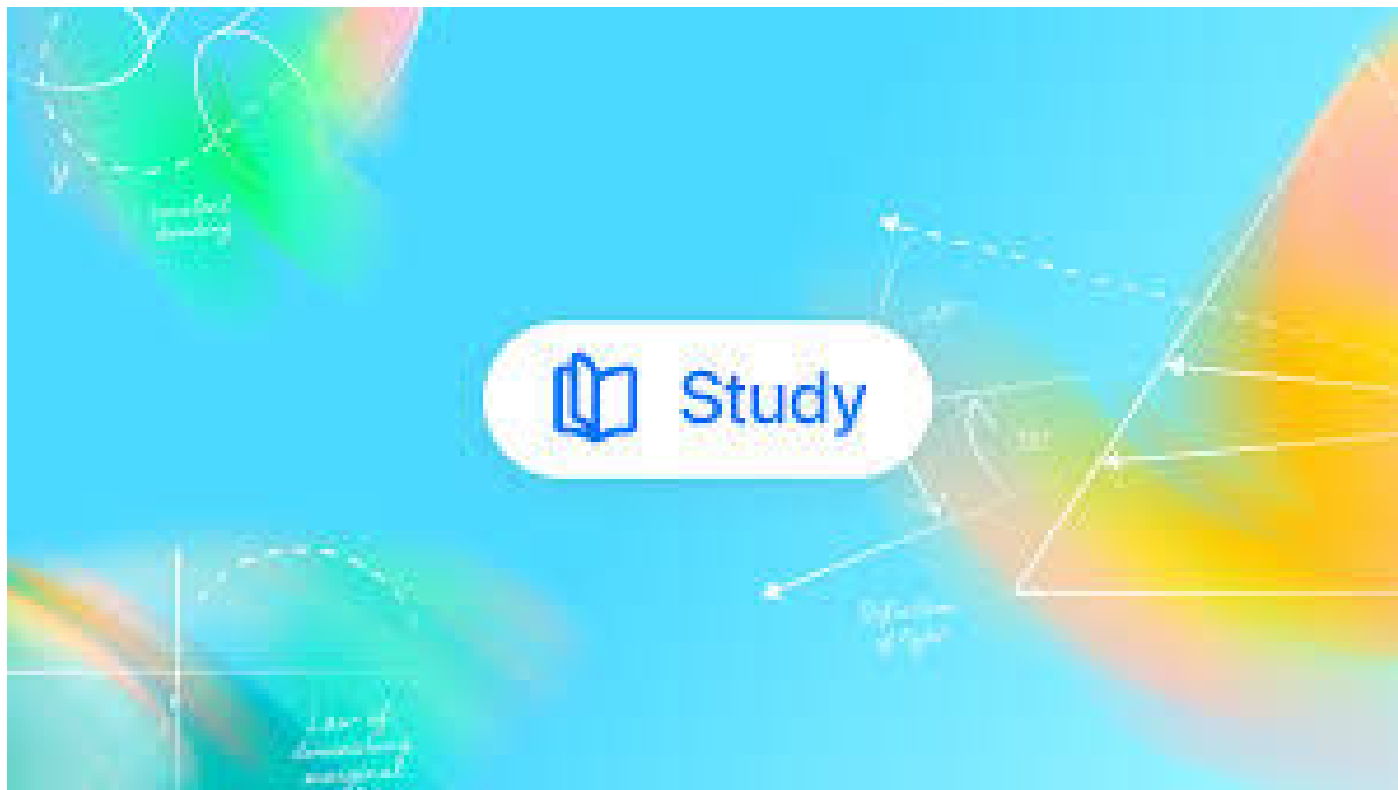
Duolingo



ChatGPT Voice Mode



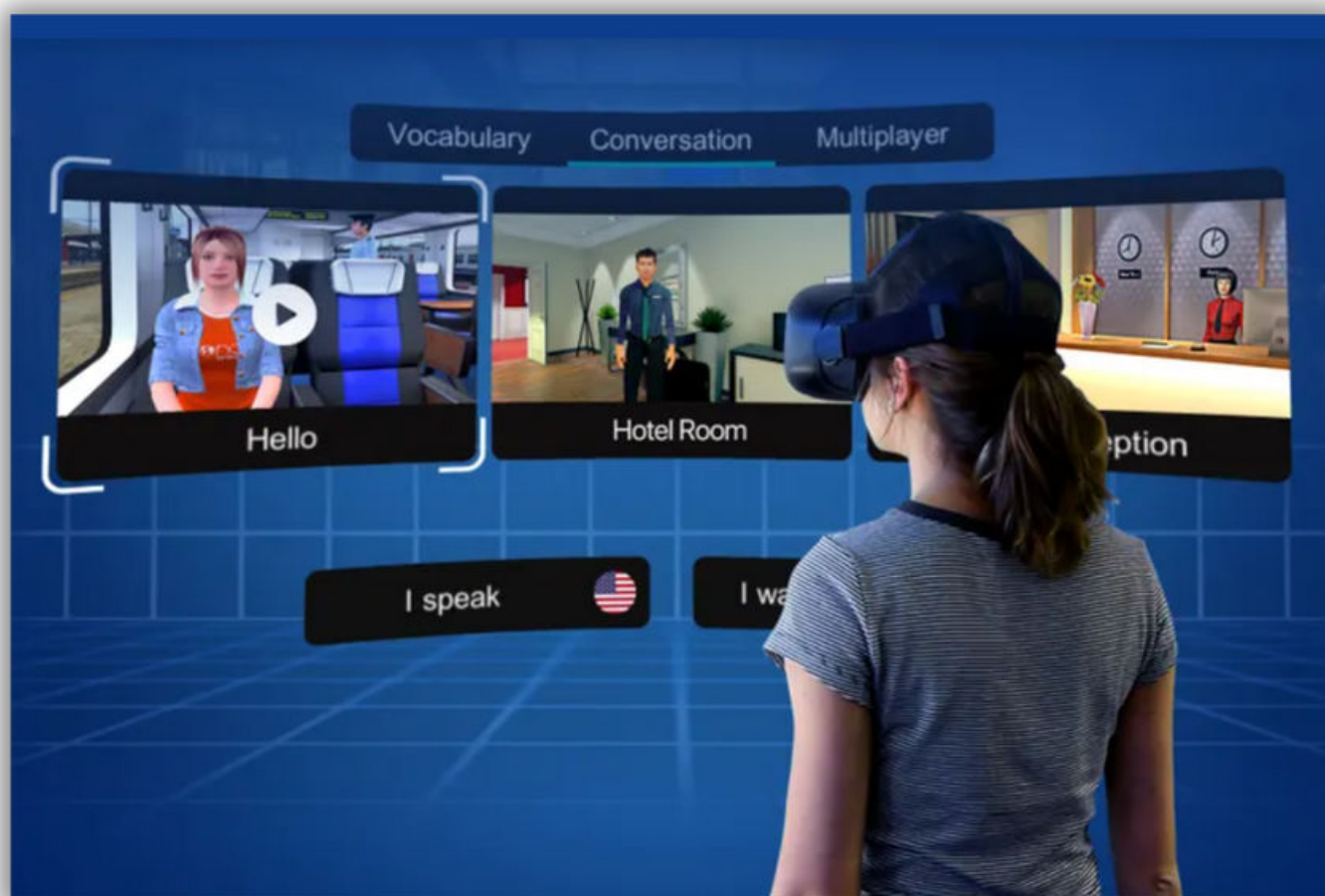
Adaptive Follow-Up



ChatGPT Study Mode tailors questions to learner responses.

If a student answers correctly, the AI raises the challenge; if not, it simplifies and offers hints.

Reducing Anxiety, Building Confidence



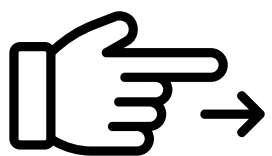
Apps like Mondly VR let learners practice dialogues in simulated real-world settings (like ordering food).

The low-stakes environment builds comfort, making real interactions less intimidating.

Writing

Writing is another area where AI adds strong support. From instant feedback to richer expression, here's how AI helps learners write with more accuracy and confidence.

- ✓ Instant Feedback on Grammar and Vocabulary
- ✓ Tools for Lexical Growth and Richer Expression
- ✓ Guided Writing Support



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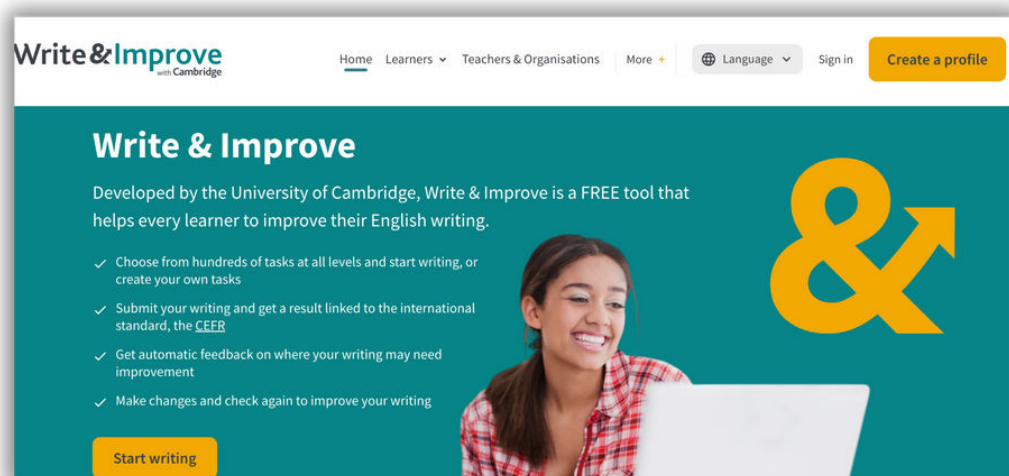
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Instant Feedback on Grammar and Vocabulary

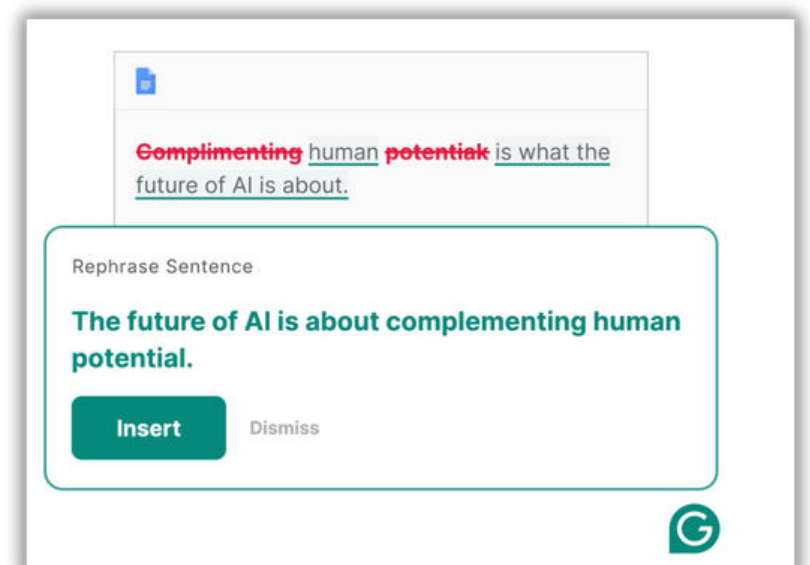
Tools like Grammarly and Write & Improve (Cambridge English) provide real-time corrections.

Learners see grammar and vocabulary errors highlighted instantly, making revision quicker and more effective.

Write & Improve



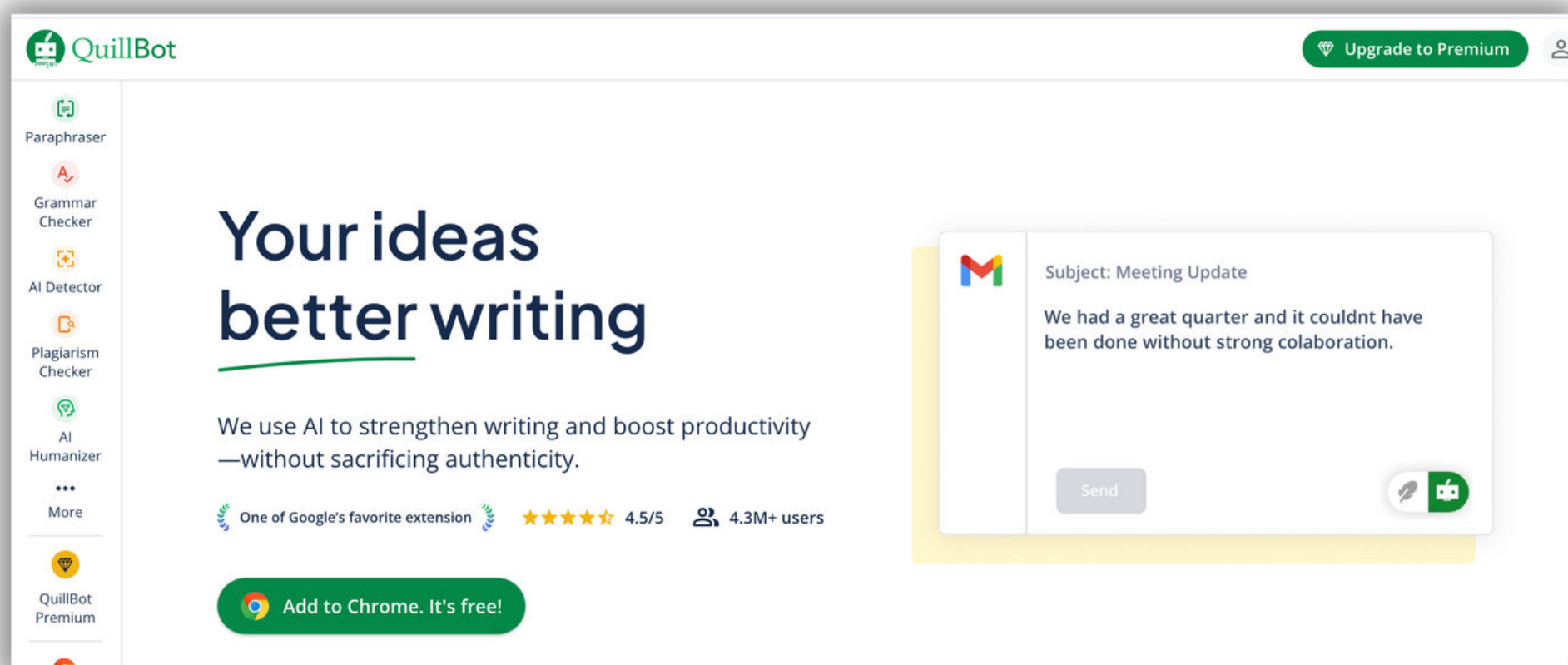
Grammarly



Tools for Lexical Growth and Richer Expression

AI-powered aids such as QuillBot or ChatGPT suggest synonyms, rephrasing, and advanced vocabulary.

This helps learners experiment with richer language and expand their word bank without getting stuck.

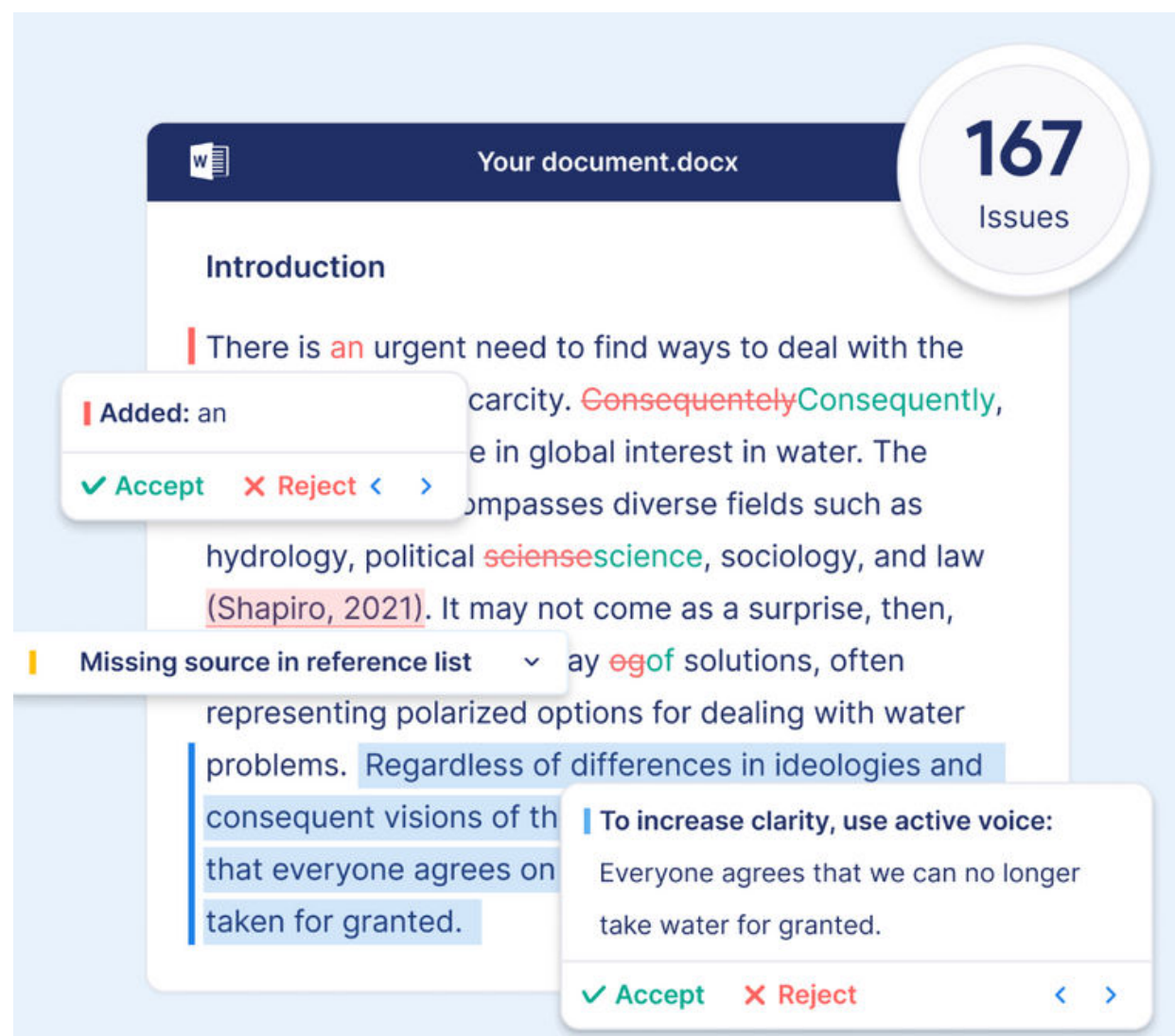


Tools for Lexical Growth and Richer Expression

Platforms like Scribbr's AI Proofreader or ChatGPT with structured prompts guide learners through essay organization and flow.

They receive scaffolded support on structure, coherence, and fluency, step by step.

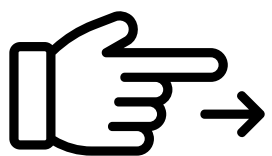
Scribbr's AI Proofreader



Reading

Reading is another area where AI makes a difference. From vocabulary growth to adaptive supports, here's how AI helps learners read with more confidence and understanding.

- ✓ Contextual vocabulary learning in meaningful contexts
- ✓ Adaptive reading scaffolds that adjust difficulty and glosses
- ✓ Gamified formats that keep practice engaging



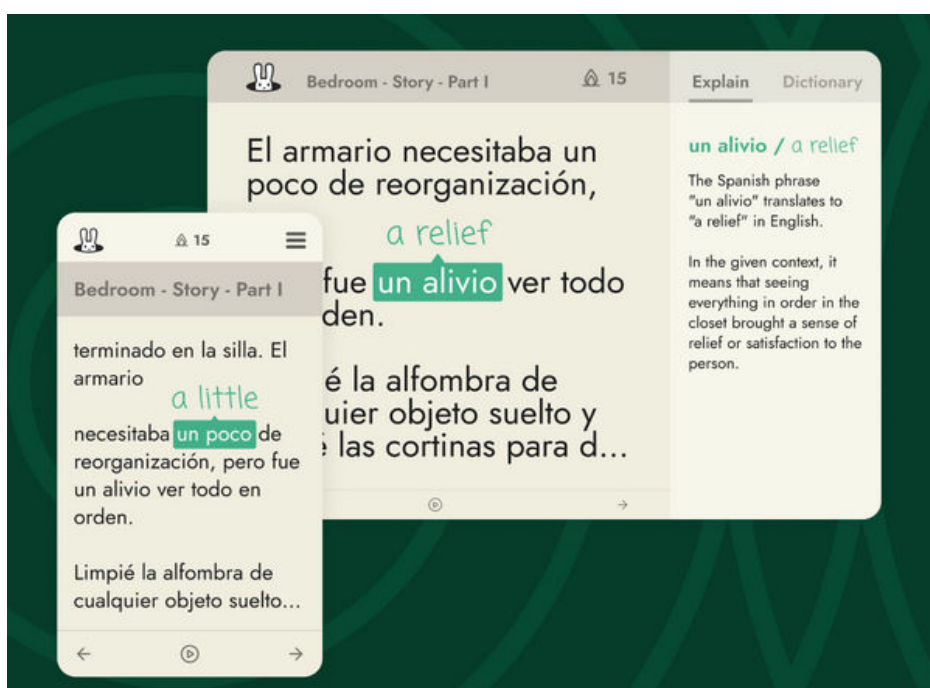
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Contextual vocabulary learning in meaningful contexts

Tools like LingQ and Readlang introduce new words in real reading passages.

Learners pick up vocabulary in context, making it easier to remember and use.

Readlang



LingQ



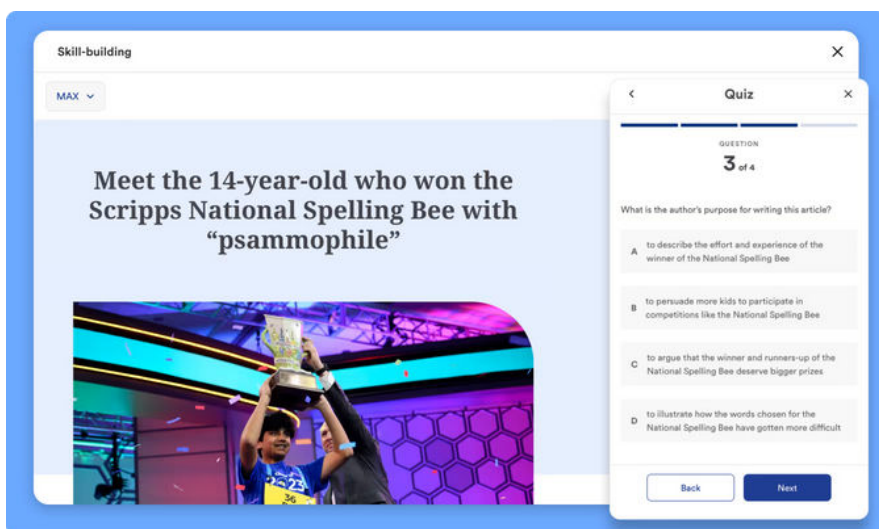
Adaptive Reading Scaffolds

Platforms such as Newsela and Brisk Teaching with AI support adjust text complexity.

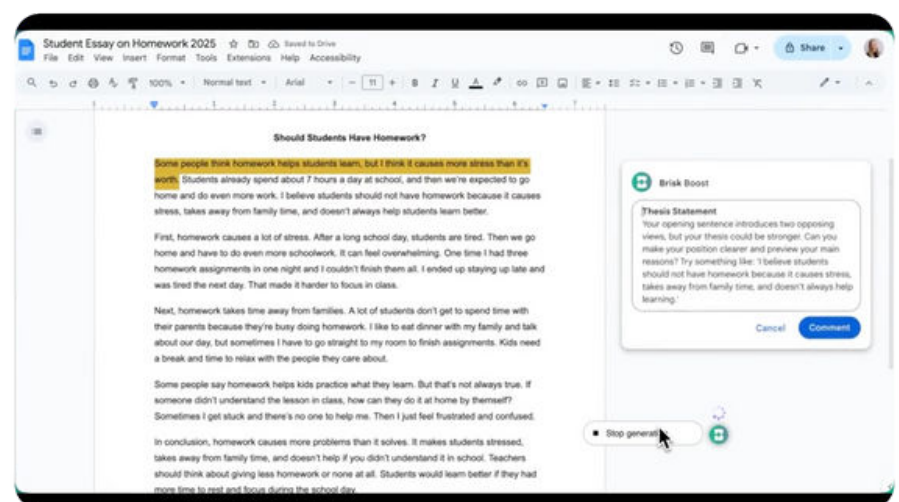
Glosses, summaries, and guiding questions are tailored to each learner's level.

Other tools to use for levelling text difficulty include: Brisk Teaching, Eduaide, Diffit, Almanack, and Twee.

Newsela



Brisk Teaching



Gamified Reading Practice

Apps like Epic! and Duolingo Stories turn reading into interactive challenges.

Points, rewards, and story-based tasks keep learners motivated and engaged.

Other tools to use for gamified language learning include: Quizlet, Blooket, Kahoot, Quizalize, and Quizizz

Epic!

Teachers love Epic!
2 MILLION+
already use it in school.

90% of Epic educators think Epic helped their students catch up from pandemic learning loss.

Limitations of AI in Language Learning

While AI offers powerful support, it also comes with clear limitations. Being aware of these helps teachers and learners use AI wisely and critically.

- ✔ Lacks empathy and emotional nuance
- ✔ Can feel mechanical without careful design
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ChatGPT Prompts Every Language Teacher Should Try



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Say It Three Ways

Practice tone and register by expressing the same sentence in formal, casual, and humorous styles.

Prompt

Take this sentence in [language] and say it in 3 different ways: formal, casual, and funny.

+  Tools





Accent Switch

Explore pronunciation and vocabulary differences by reading a paragraph in two regional accents.

Prompt

Read this short paragraph in two different accents or regional styles. Show how the pronunciation or words change.

+  Tools



Topic Word Map

Organize vocabulary by theme and usage, with grouped words and example sentences.

Prompt

Make a word list for [topic], grouped into types like actions, things, feelings. Add a few example sentences.

+  Tools



Cultural Tips List

Learn social dos and don'ts when using the language in specific cultural situations.

Prompt

Give me 5 things to do and 5 things to avoid when speaking [language] in [situation, like a café or home visit].

+  Tools



Fix My Mistakes

Identify and understand language errors through corrected examples and simple explanations.

Prompt

Here are some wrong sentences in [language]. Show me what's wrong, and explain how to fix them.

+  Tools



Slang Swap

Transform plain sentences using slang or idioms to sound more natural and native-like.

Prompt

Take 5 boring sentences and rewrite them using common slang or idioms in [language].

+  Tools



Hidden Meaning

Practice reading between the lines with dialogues rich in implied or indirect meanings.

Prompt

Write a short dialogue with phrases that don't mean exactly what they say (e.g., sarcasm, politeness). Add notes to explain.

+  Tools



Build-a-Story

Grow a story gradually while introducing and reinforcing new vocabulary or grammar daily.

Prompt

Start a story with 3 simple sentences.
Add 2 more each day, using 1-2 new
words or grammar rules each time.

+  Tools



Sound Practice

Sharpen your listening by comparing near-identical word pairs and learning how to pronounce them clearly.

Prompt

Give me 5 pairs of words in [language] that sound almost the same. Add pronunciation tips to tell them apart.

+  Tools



Role-Play with a Twist

Practice formal vs informal speech by acting out a scenario with unequal social roles.

Prompt

Create a role-play where one person has more power (like teacher/student). Show how the language should change.

+  Tools



Word Trick Quiz

Test yourself on false friends, words that look familiar but mean something totally different.

Prompt

Give me 10 tricky words in [language]
that look like English but mean
something else. Turn it into a fun quiz

+  Tools



Grammar Myths

Bust common grammar misconceptions and replace them with clear, accurate explanations.

Prompt

List 3 grammar 'rules' students think are true but aren't. Explain what's actually correct in simple terms.

+  Tools





Watch & Learn Plan

Use real media for learning with short, targeted tasks tied to videos or songs.

Prompt

Suggest 5 online videos or songs in [language] and give one short task for each (like: write a summary, find 3 new words)

+  Tools



Talk to Yourself

Build fluency by practicing everyday self-talk phrases in your target language.

Prompt

Give me 10 short phrases I can say to myself in [language] during daily tasks (like: 'Where are my keys?' or 'Let's go!').

+  Tools



Emoji Phrase Set

Learn themed phrases through fun emoji-supported examples and mini-dialogues.

Prompt

Pick a topic (like food or feelings) and give 5 phrases in [language]. Add emojis and short example chats for each.

+  Tools



Lacks Empathy

AI cannot provide real emotional support or encouragement, making feedback feel flat or impersonal.

Can Feel Mechanical

Without careful design, AI interactions may sound scripted, limiting natural conversation.

Limited Authentic Dialogue

Many AI systems struggle to sustain deep, context-rich conversations.

Limitations of AI in Language Learning

Technical Issues

System errors or unreliable outputs can break trust and interrupt learning.

Privacy Concerns

Learners may worry about how their data is stored, shared, or used.

Bias Risks

AI often favors dominant language varieties, sidelining accents and dialects that reflect learners' identities.

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