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Speaking Companion

For learners and teachers

What's new?

Speaking Companion is a new AI-powered speaking tool on Cambridge One that helps learners build confidence through short, one-to-one conversations with Calli, a friendly avatar. Designed for structured, low-pressure practice, it can be used anytime for self-study or set as homework. After each activity, learners can review a transcript and CEFR vocabulary insights to support reflection and progress.

The benefits

Speaking Companion gives learners more opportunities to speak and requires no teacher marking time. It supports:

- More meaningful speaking time for every learner, including quieter learners, in a supportive environment.
- Confidence-building practice through guided conversations with a friendly avatar that responds to what learners say.
- Instant reflection after each activity with audio playback, a transcript, and CEFR vocabulary insights.
- Easy to use in Cambridge One, with simple assigning and tracking for teachers, and clear progress views for learners.

How does it work?

- Learners open a Speaking Companion activity in Cambridge One and speak one-to-one with Calli (an avatar).
- On first use, they complete a quick audio/microphone check and see a reminder that Calli is an AI-powered speaking tool.
- Each activity starts with a clear objective and practical tips; some include a short text or video, and some let learners choose a focus area (for example, a skill or context).
- Learners can end the conversation at any time, or it ends when the time limit is reached.
- After an activity, learners see a rewards summary, a CEFR vocabulary chart and a transcript (with audio playback).

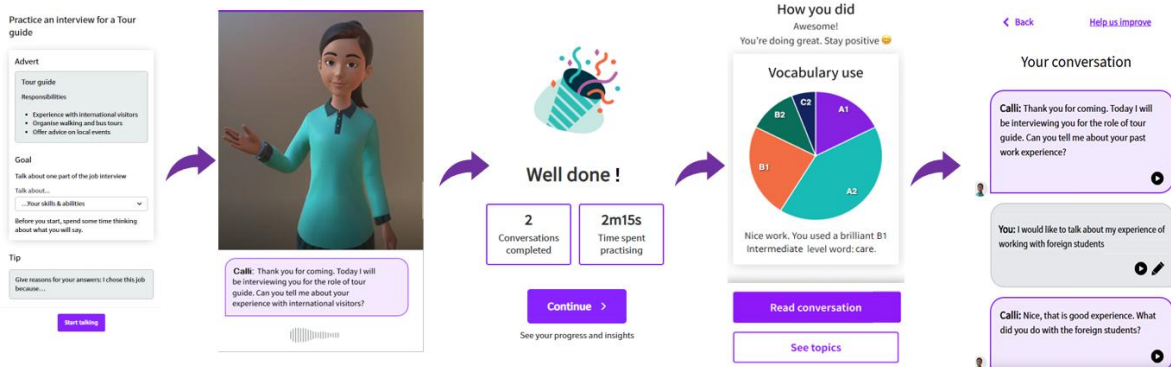
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- Learners can edit the transcript if Calli misheard them, listen to corrected text read aloud, and practise selected pronunciation items.
- Learners and Teachers can track completion, number of attempts and time spent speaking in class data views (Speaking Companion does not generate scores).
- Teachers can preview Speaking Companion activities, assign them to their class and manage learners' access to them using the usual Cambridge One workflows.

How it looks



To try this feature cambridge.org/one

Add link to the FAQ on Cambridge One:

[What is Speaking Companion?](#)

[What devices and browsers can I use for Speaking Companion?](#)