# Prompts for ChatGPT

We learn foreign languages in order to speak with real people and to have quality conversations. When you don't have another person to speak to, however, ChatGPT with Voice Control can offer you ways to develop your speaking.

With the Voice Control for ChatGPT extension you can speak directly to ChatGPT and it will recognise and respond to your voice. This helps in practicing oral fluency and listening comprehension and can increase your confidence in speaking in English. With the right prompts you can also ask the AI to create practice activities to enhance your speaking proficiency.

You can adjust the settings to make the interactions more, or less challenging depending on your level of proficiency.

‘Use B2 level language.’

‘Use C1 level language.’

The above are examples of prompts, or questions that communicate to the AI what kind of response you are looking for. Prompting is a way of telling the AI what you want and how you want it. You can prompt ChatGPT to:

Act as my language teacher

‘Act as my language teacher and tell me about any grammar mistakes I make while I am talking and how to improve.’

‘Teach me about [insert topic].’

Create a task

‘Create a quiz about [insert topic].’

‘Create a blog post about [insert topic] that we can discuss.’

‘Rewrite this text [insert text] using B2 level language.’

‘Find research on [insert topic] for us to discuss.’

Prompt the kind of response you are looking for

‘Let’s have a dialogue about [insert topic].’

‘Generate ideas on [insert topic] so we can have a dialogue about them.’

‘Critique my argument about [insert topic].’

Customise the language level

‘Can you simplify this?’

‘Can you rewrite this text for a B2 level learner?’

‘Can you rewrite this using C2 vocabulary.’

‘Use vocabulary associated with [insert topic].’

The more specific your prompt, the better your ‘conversation’ with the AI will be. Below is a set of prompts you can use to get you started.

## Fluency practice prompts

Practising with AI can help increase your fluency, as you might feel more comfortable making mistakes, and mistakes are an important part of the learning process.

Ask ChatGPT some of the questions in the Speaking section of a Unit and carry on a dialogue by asking the AI for more detail, or for clarification, or by disagreeing with any information or viewpoints it produces.

Ask ChatGPT to create common questions for you about the topic of the Unit (or a section within a Unit) and use the questions to have a dialogue with the AI.

‘Please tell me 10 things that most people know about [insert topic].’

‘Please tell me 10 things that most people don’t know about [insert topic].’

Ask ChatGPT to generate a dialogue on the topic of a Unit.

‘Can we have a dialogue about [insert topic]?’

‘Let’s have a conversation about [insert topic].’

‘I want you to act as my language tutor. Have a conversation with me about [insert topic]. Please correct any grammar mistakes I make.’

‘Can you explain your correction, so I know how to improve?’

Let’s have a conversation about [insert topic] and suggest different vocabulary I can use.’

‘Based on our conversation, give me feedback on my speaking skills and how I can improve.’

**Note**: ChatGPT’s database is currently based on data 15 months old or more. That means that ChatGPT can’t construct conversations about more recent events. If you want to discuss a recent event you could paste a link to an article and discuss the content of the article with the AI.

## Vocabulary practice prompts

Ask Chat GPT to use a particular word in a sentence. This will not only show you the correct usage of the word, but also provide you with valuable context that can help you understand its meaning. Use some of the new vocabulary you have learned in a Unit.

‘Can you explain the meaning of [insert word or phrase].’

‘Can you use [insert word or phrase] in a sentence.’

Ask Chat GPT to provide synonyms or antonyms. This can help you expand your vocabulary and improve your ability to express subtle differences in meaning.

‘What are some synonyms (or antonyms) for [insert word]?’

Practice collocations, or words that often go together.

‘Can you provide some sentences using collocations with [insert word], which can help me learn how to use words together correctly?

Learn more vocabulary that is specific to a particular SDG:

‘Please generate texts or dialogues on [insert SDG].’

‘Generate an English vocabulary quiz on [insert topic].’

‘Create a text that uses high-frequency vocabulary on the topic of [insert topic]. Highlight the vocabulary words.’

## Pronunciation practice prompts

Ask Chat GPT to provide sentences that include specific sounds or words that you find difficult. You can listen to how various words and phrases are pronounced and engage in shadowing activities (trying to repeat the words or sentences in exactly the same way).

‘Can you provide 6 sentences that contain words with the sound [enter particular sound] to practice English pronunciation, and any instructions or tips for practicing them effectively.’

‘Make a list of 10 words that contain the consonant cluster [enter consonant cluster] and say them to me.’

‘Can you write a sentence that contains words with the sounds [insert minimal pair such as /i:/ and /i/], and say which ones contain [insert one of the pair].’

## Specific prompts for each Unit

In the Speaking section of each unit you’ll find some prompts that relate directly to that unit.