



Can AI Be an English Conversation Partner?

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Teaching focus

Give the practice a clear purpose, then look at what the learner can actually do with the language afterwards. In this episode, Gav is enthusiastic about the idea of an AI conversation partner, while Em prefers to describe it as an assistant and brings the discussion back to checking information.

Our suggested routine

1. Choose a small communication task and check that the selected tool supports the interaction needed.
2. Prepare useful language and one manageable follow-up question.
3. Try a short exchange, shortening it or returning to a teacher model if needed.
4. Bring one useful expression or doubtful correction back to the lesson for explanation and checking.
5. Repeat the task with a changed follow-up and review what the learner can use with less support.

After the attempt

What could learners do? What needed another model or a smaller step? Choose one useful adjustment and try the task again.

Notes for our next lesson

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