

Review of: "Enhancing Academic Spoken English Skills Through an Immersive Virtual World: A Pilot Study Focusing on Motivation, Confidence, and Teacher Presence"

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Enhancing Academic Speaking Skills: An Immersive Virtual World Approach

1. The abstract provides a clear overview of the study's purpose, methods, and key findings. However, it could be made more concise by eliminating some redundancies. For example, "Students need to dedicate hours of practice in order to reach this level" could be shortened to "Students need dedicated practice to achieve this level."
2. The abstract effectively highlights the gap in current language education methods and the significance of using a virtual world platform. However, it could be further strengthened by briefly mentioning existing research or practices in this area.
3. The manuscript gives a clear overview of the positive outcomes of the study, such as improved speaking and listening skills, increased motivation and confidence. To enhance its impact, it could briefly mention the broader implications for language education and how this study contributes to the field.
4. Providing more specific numbers and percentages from the results can make the abstract more compelling. For instance, how much did the participants' skills improve, and to what extent did motivation and confidence increase?
5. The abstract mentions various participant numbers (N=41, N=28, N=120), but it's not entirely clear what these numbers refer to. Clarify whether these numbers represent the same set of participants or different groups within the study.
6. While manuscript usually focus on positive findings, it's also important to briefly mention any limitations or challenges encountered during the research. This can provide a more balanced view of the study.
7. While the discussion presents a wealth of data and participant feedback, it lacks critical analysis and interpretation. More detailed analysis will improve the manuscript
8. The discussion mainly focuses on positive outcomes and feedback from participants, which may create a bias in the presentation. A more balanced approach would involve discussing both positive and negative aspects,
9. More actionable recommendations may be included.
10. They may be presented in a clear, concise, and step-by-step format

