Review of: "Enhancing Academic Speaking Skills: An Immersive Virtual World Approach"

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This is an extremely useful article which will be of real value to anyone working in EFL or exploring the role of Virtual Worlds in learning. It outlines a highly innovative project in which students were immersed in a Virtual World to help them develop motivation, confidence and effective English language skills. The paper has an extensive body of previous literature on the topic, a rigorous research methodology and convincing results. It shows the importance of teacher presence in the VW and the impressive improvements by the students through the immersive experience and elements of gamification. Finally, it is honest about the limitations of the study. Overall, this is an important contribution to scholarship in the field