

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

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The topic is extremely crucial and needed in our English instruction. I really appreciate tackling such issues and enjoyed reading this study. I have some issues mentioned below. I think they will contribute in improving the study in terms of the topic's relevancy and the argument's consistency.

1- The abstract looks nice and informative but I expected to find in the key words terms like, academic and speaking skills.

2- The introduction:

In terms of the literature review, a lot of talk about other issues. I would like to see more focus on academic speaking. In addition, some of the mentioned studies are old. I expected to find more updated ones especially the study talks about manipulating technology in language teaching and learning.

3- The topics of motivation and Confidence in language acquisition are discussed. However, I was unable to get an explanation for why these are presented here without providing any context for the current study or how they are connected to it. In other words, the literature review lacks coherent paragraphs and persuasive logic.

4- There is a significant methodological problem. Hypotheses are not tested in a pilot research.

5- The findings are covered in great detail

Overall, the work on the topic will be well-structured If the feedback is properly included, it will have a wider audience and more significance.

Finally, again I really thank you for the study.