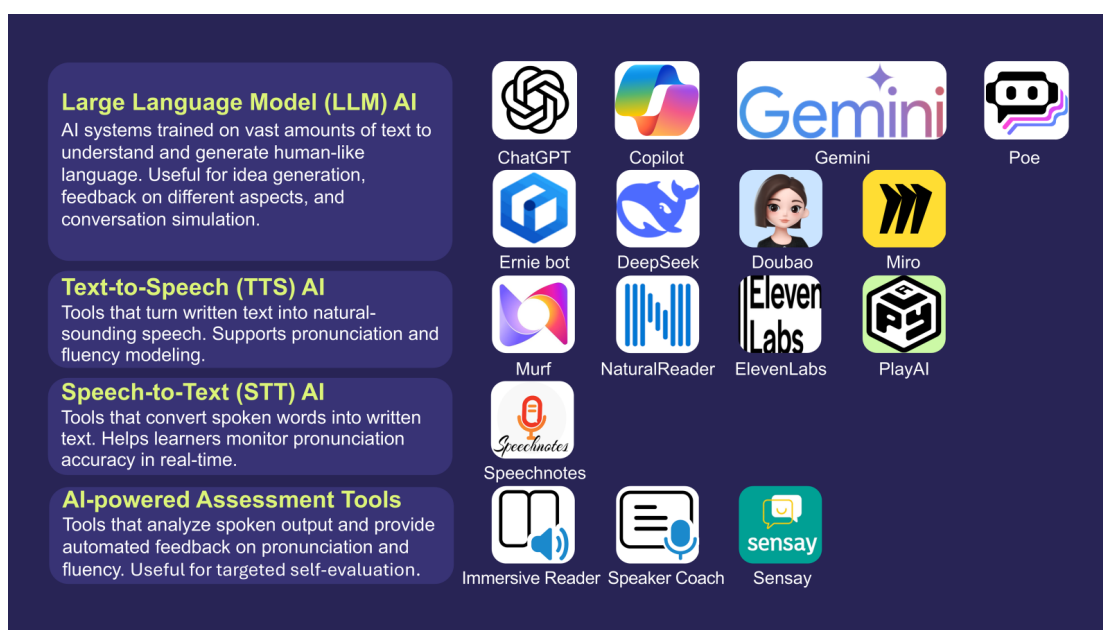


AI toolkit for English speaking



1. Large Language Model (LLM) AI

AI systems trained on vast amounts of text to understand and generate human-like language. Useful for idea generation, feedback on different linguistic aspects, and conversation simulation.

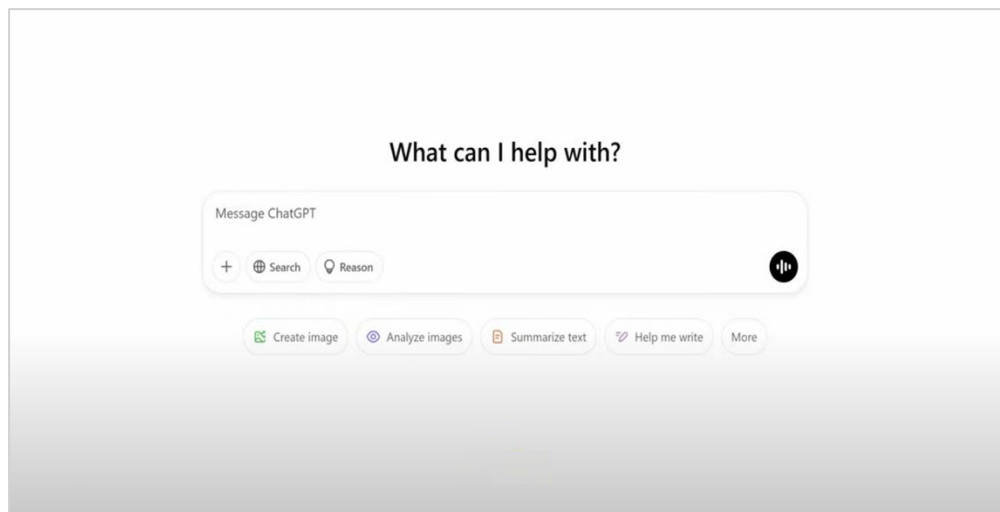
Suggested Uses:

- Generating ideas for productive language tasks
- Providing feedback on GA, LR, PN and FC
- Simulating interactive dialogues for communicative practice

Tools:

1) ChatGPT

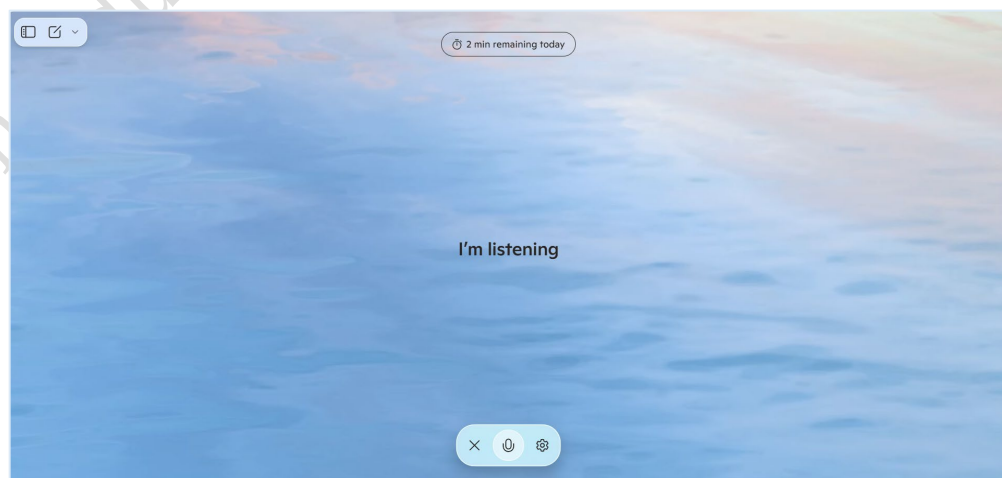
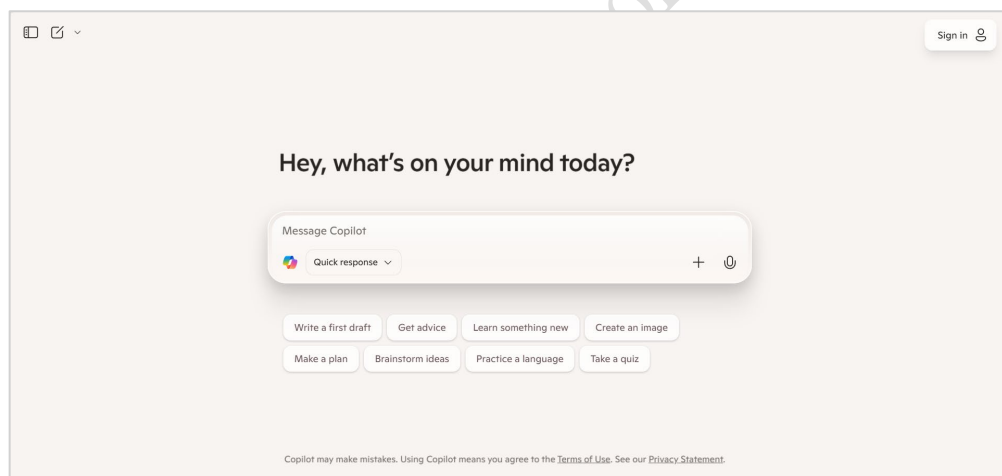
<https://chat.openai.com>



Limitations: Access is restricted or blocked in some regions.

2) Copilot (Microsoft)

<https://copilot.microsoft.com>

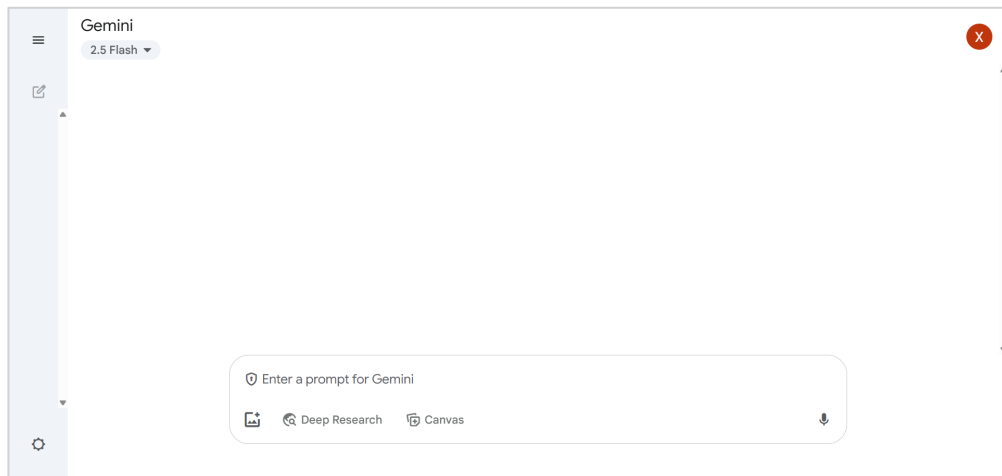


Limitations: Voice input is quota-limited; full access requires a Microsoft 365 account; live transcription is not displayed during voice input; short pauses may cause the input to be segmented.

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3) Gemini (Google)

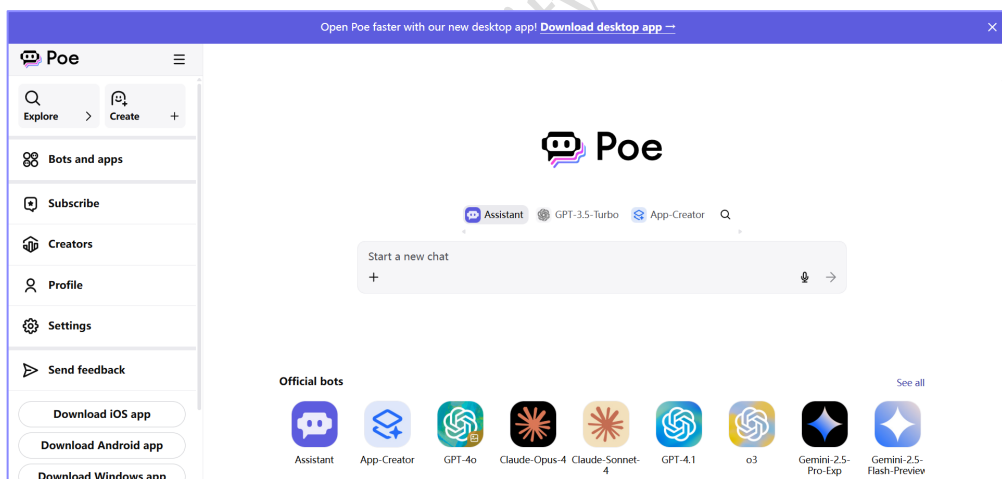
<https://gemini.google.com>



Limitations: Access is restricted or blocked in some regions; Requires Google login.

4) Poe

<https://poe.com>

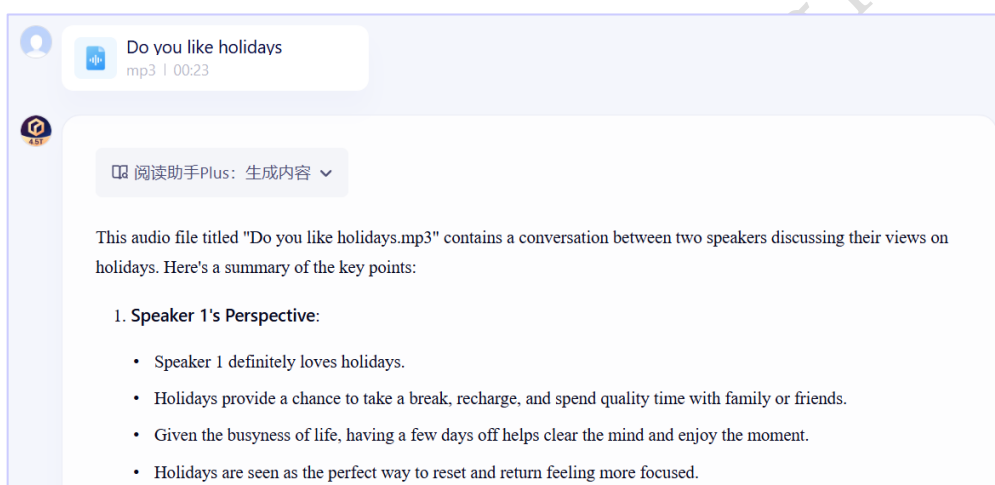


Highlights: Provides access to multiple LLMs (ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, etc.) in one place.

Limitations: Free users have restricted access to advanced bots, limited message quotas, and smaller input sizes.

5) Ernie Bot (Baidu)

<https://yiyan.baidu.com>

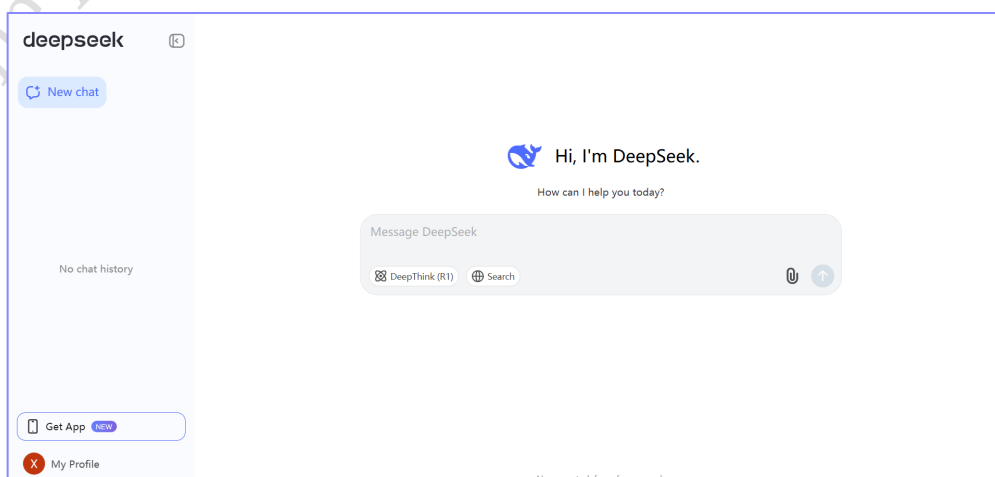


Highlights: Allows sound file uploading

Limitations: The interface is primarily in Chinese.

6) DeepSeek

<https://deepseek.com>

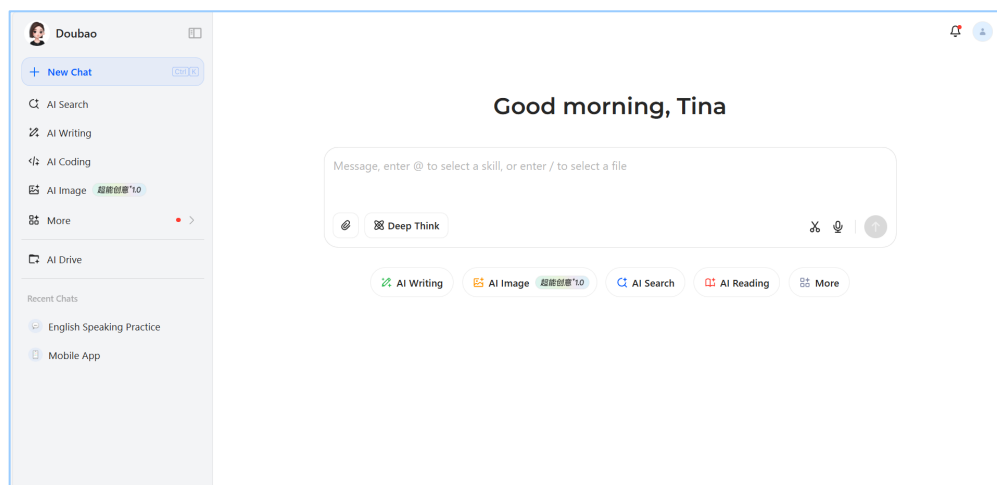


Limitations: No built-in voice input.

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7) Doubao (ByteDance)

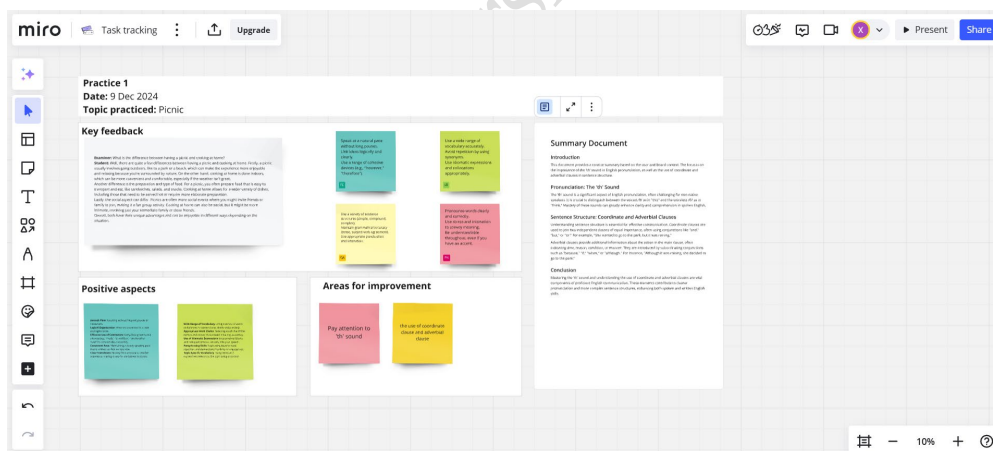
<https://www.doubao.com>



Limitations: Primarily designed for Chinese content.

8) Miro (with AI)

<https://miro.com>



**Visual collaboration tool with brainstorming assistant.*

Limitations: Primarily a collaboration board tool; use of LLM is limited to select features like summarization and diagram generation; requires account login; advanced AI features require a paid subscription.

2. Text-to-Speech (TTS) AI

Tools that turn written text into natural-sounding speech. Supports pronunciation and fluency modeling.

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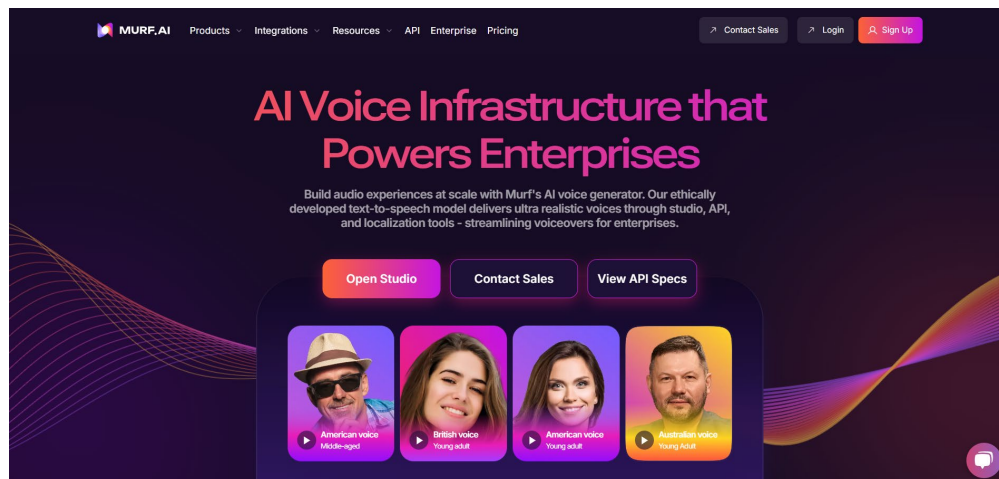
Suggested Uses:

- Generating native-like sample recordings as imitation models
- Providing listening input for shadowing or repetition practice
- Comparing learners' output with AI-generated (native-like) speech

Tools:

1) Murf

<https://murf.ai>



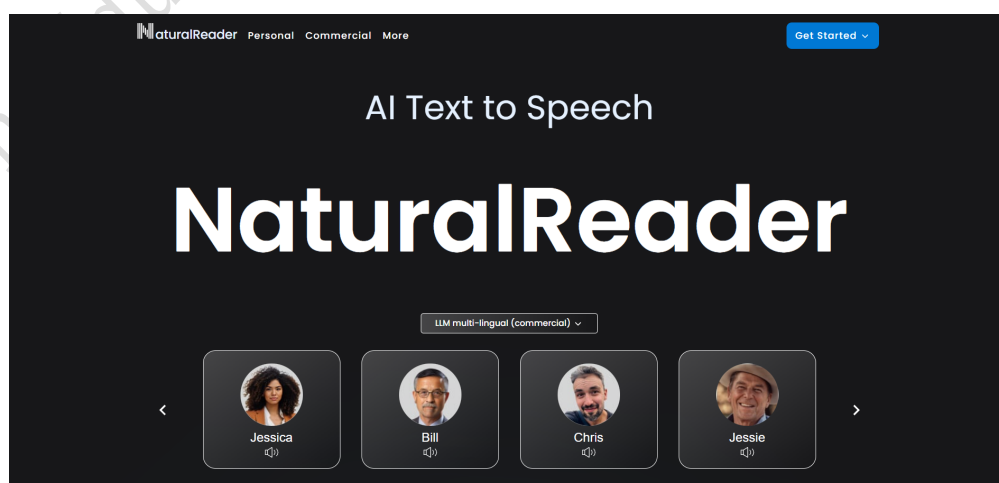
Highlights: Allows users to insert pauses anywhere within the speech

Guidance: <https://murf.ai/blog/custom-text-to-speech-voice>

Limitations: Feature access is limited in the free version; for instance, pitch adjustments and audio downloads require a paid plan.

2) NaturalReader

<https://www.naturalreaders.com>



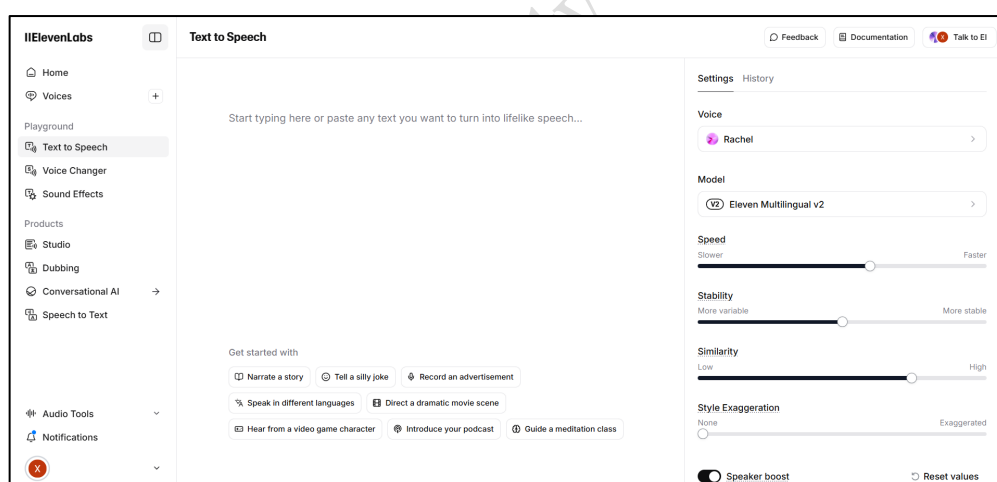
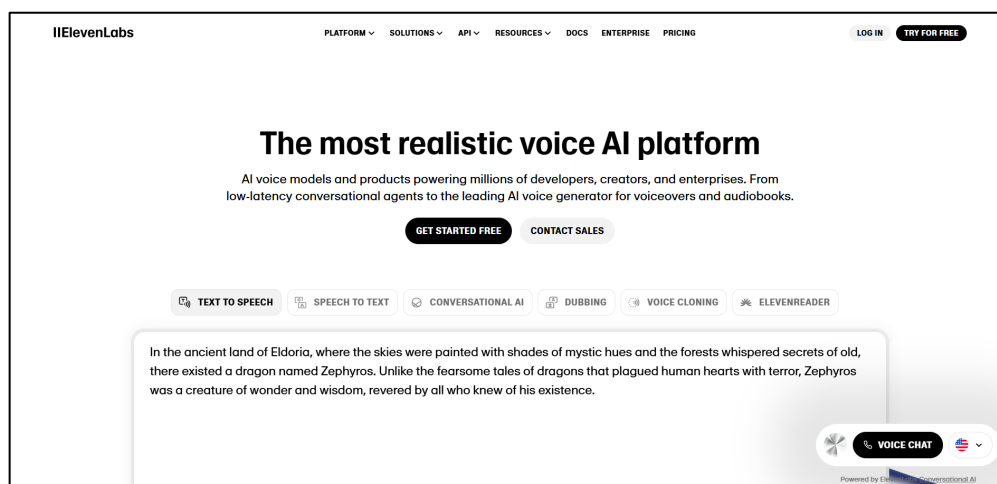
Highlights: The text is displayed and highlighted word by word as the generated audio plays.

Guidance: <https://help.naturalreaders.com/en/collections/3433609-naturalreader-ai-text-to-speech-personal-version>

Limitations: Premium features locked

3) ElevenLabs

<https://elevenlabs.io>



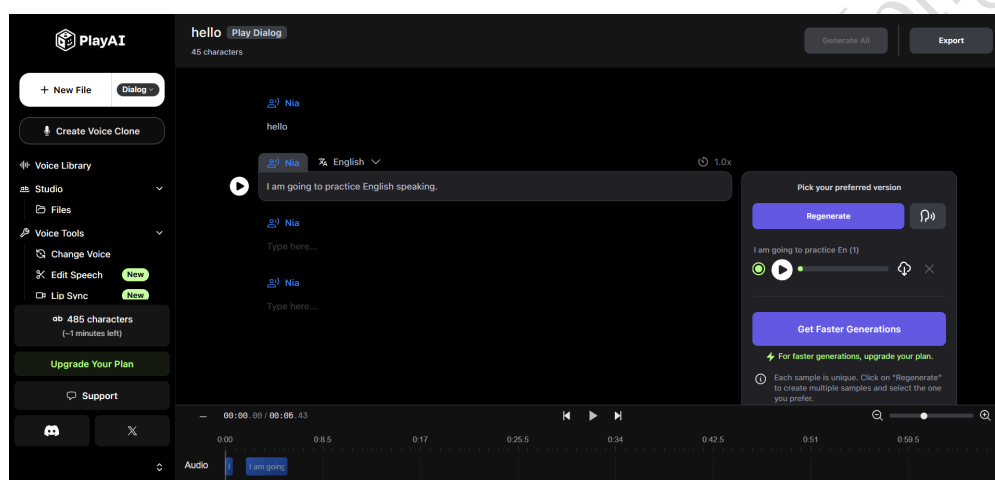
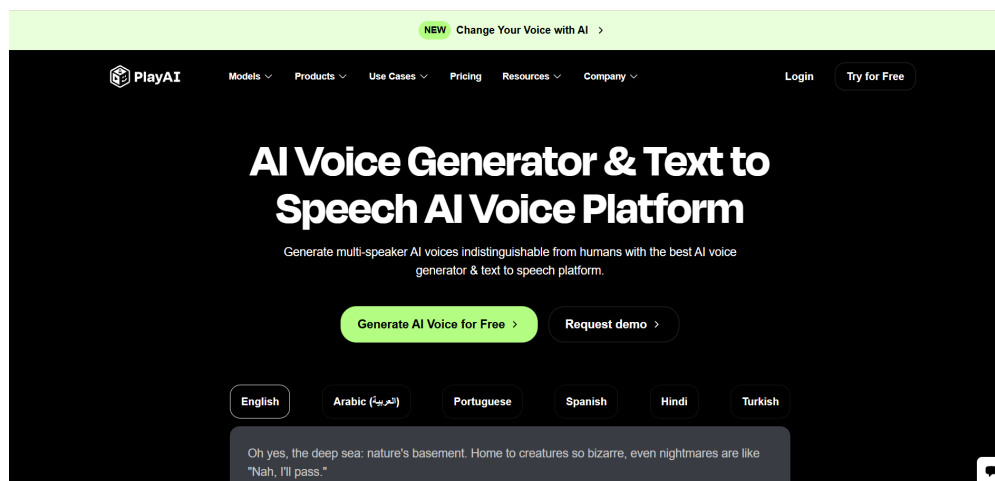
Highlights: Audio recordings can be downloaded with a free account.

Guidance: <https://elevenlabs.io/docs/capabilities/text-to-speech>

Limitations: Access to advanced voice cloning and high-quality output requires a paid subscription. Audio generation is subject to usage caps.

4) PlayAI (PlayHT)

<https://play.ht>



Highlights: Audio recordings can be downloaded within a limited quota on the free plan.

Guidance: <https://help.play.ht/en/article/how-to-create-audio-18mbc1c/#3-heres-how-you-can-create-audio-using-the-color108a5cplayht-voices>

Limitations: Access to advanced voice cloning and high-quality output requires a paid subscription.

3. Speech-to-Text (STT) AI

Tools that convert spoken words into written text. Helps learners monitor pronunciation accuracy in real time.

Suggested Uses:

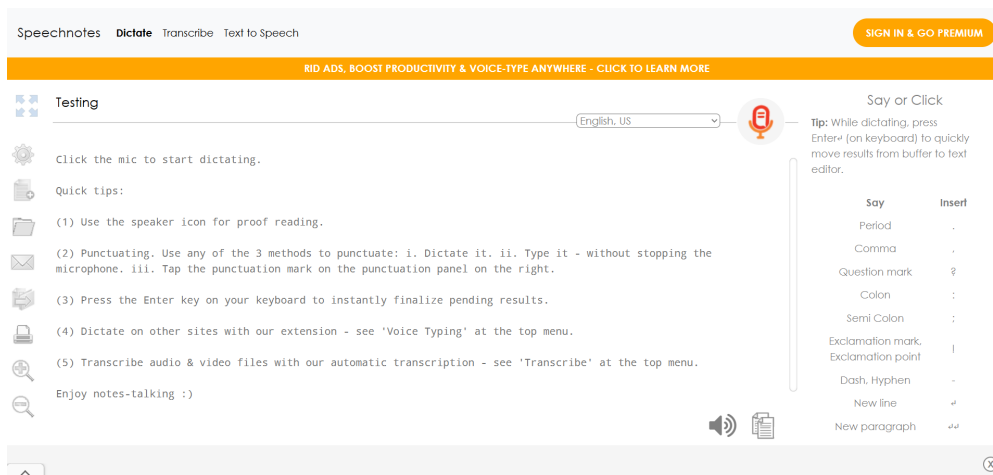
- The transcription mismatches may indicate inappropriate pronunciation.

Tool:

1) Speechnotes

<https://speechnotes.co/dictate/>

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Limitations: No feedback or analysis.

4. AI-powered Assessment Tools

Tools that analyze spoken output and provide automated feedback on pronunciation and fluency. Useful for targeted self-evaluation.

Suggested Uses:

- Track speaking performance over time

Tools:

1) Immersive Reader (Word document)

<https://www.office.com/>

Immersive Reader

Step 1. Log on to Microsoft 365 <https://www.office.com/>
 Step 2. Create a [document](#)
 Step 3. Copy-paste [your answer](#) into a slide
 Step 4. Click on 'View' → 'Immersive Reader'
 Step 5. Click on 'Reading Preference' → 'Reading Coach'
 Step 6. Click on  to start your practice
 Step 7. Click on  to stop




Guidance: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/use-immersive-reader-in-word-a857949f-c91e-4c97-977c-a4efcaf9b3c1>

Limitations: Not designed for full speaking assessment

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2) Speaker Coach (Open PowerPoint for the web)

<https://www.office.com/>

Speaker Coach

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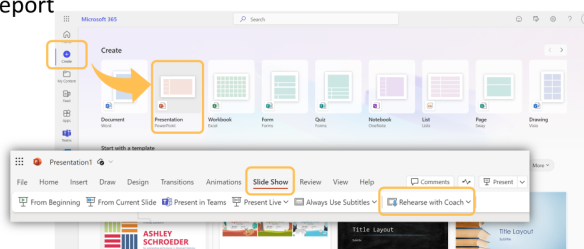
Step 2. Create a PPT

Step 3. Copy-paste your answer into a slide

Step 4. Click on 'Slide Show' → 'Rehearse with Coach'

Step 5. Start your rehearsal

Step 6. Press 'Esc' to get your report

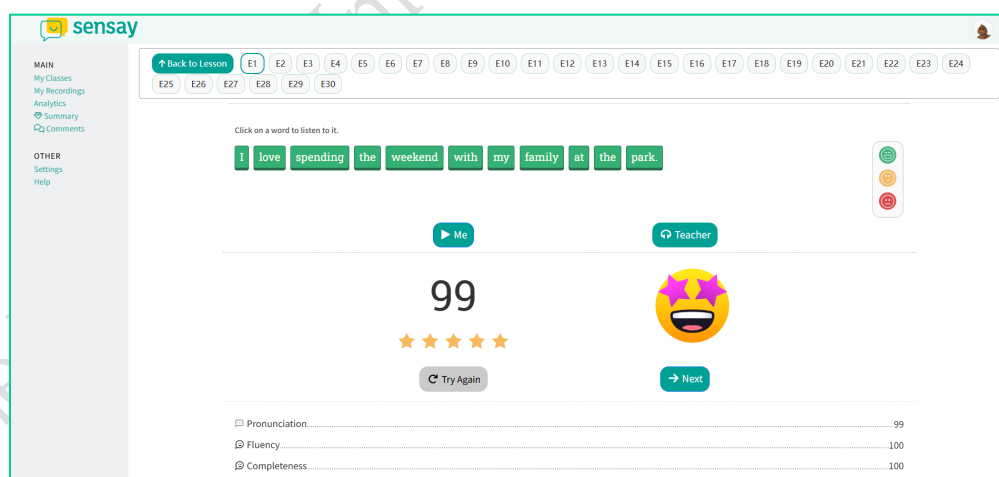


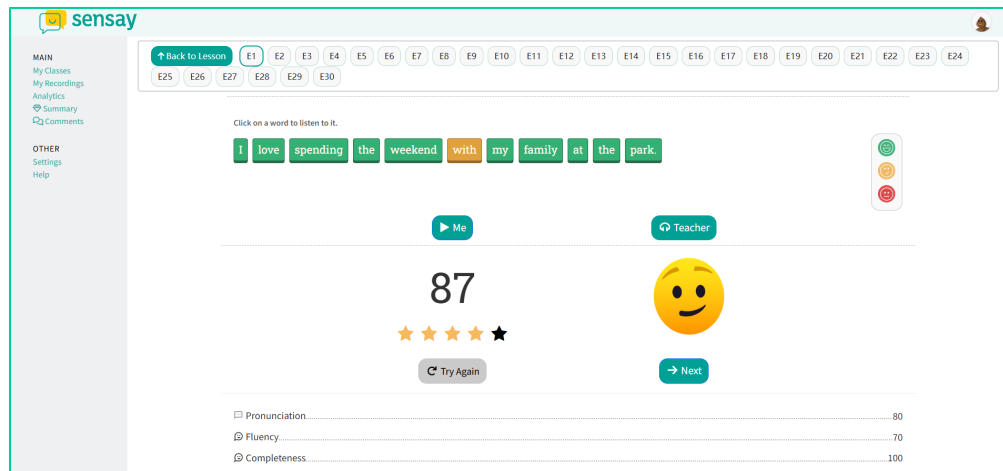
Guidance: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/rehearse-your-slide-show-with-speaker-coach-cd7fc941-5c3b-498c-a225-83ef3f64f07b>

Limitations: Not designed for full speaking assessment

3) Sensay

<https://www.oksensay.com/>





Highlights: Words with incorrect pronunciation are highlighted and clickable for review.

Limitations: No detailed feedback is provided on fluency or pronunciation.

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