Chatting with ChatGPT (small talk, interviews, research discussions)

It is possible to dialogue with ChatGPT on a computer or on a smartphone.

1/ Working on a computer is more interactive, as you can speak to GPT and it can reply. To do this, one good and easy solution is to install a plugin like “Voice Control for ChatGPT” (either the Bing (Microsoft) or Chrome version). You can find the plugin with Google. Your ChatGPT screen will then look like the picture below (left). Make sure that the Google voice/translation control is in English. By clicking on the microphone tab, the tab will turn red and you can dictate a message for GPT. Click on the tab again, and your words are sent to GPT. (You obviously need a microphone & loudspeakers/headset, similar to when using Zoom.)

2/ You can also download the ChatGPT app to your smartphone (right image). The app will work automatically if you have an Openai ChatGPT account. The app allows you to dictate to GPT, by pressing on the microphone in the message box, and you send your text with the arrow. Here, GPT can only write a reply, it does not read it out loud.

ChatGPT may take a little time “initialising” to recognise your voice, but it is surprisingly accurate afterwards.

Dialogue prompts which can be dictated to GPT to begin the activity. Each activity can be regenerated differently!

1/ “Let’s organise a role play. We are two participants at a university conference, meeting during a coffee break. I am (GIVE YOUR NAME) and you are (CHOOSE A NAME: Susan, Sasha, etc.). The conversation should be based on small talk, about where we come from, where we are staying, how things are going at the conference, and what there is to do in town. You (P2) must wait for my answer before asking me another question. Also, before asking another question, correct my English, indicating corrections in bold. Please start the conversation.” (This prompt only works very well with GPT-4, but GPT-3.5 will give the whole conversation. You can repeat or change information, but GPT-3.5 will regenerate a full conversation.)

2/ “Let’s do a role play. You will interview me about my present work, previous training and experience, as well as my future plans. Prepare twenty questions, but only ask one question at a time and wait for me to reply. Correct my English mistakes before asking me the next question.” (Again, this prompt works well with GPT-4 as it corrects answers. With GPT-3.5, the role play only moves from one question to the next.)

3/ “Let’s do a role play. The following text is an abstract of a communication I have just presented. Pretend that you have listened to my presentation as a conference participant. Ask me successive questions about my research based on the text. Then correct my answers indicating your corrections in bold. Only ask one question at a time! Wait for me to answer the question, correct my answer, indicating corrections in bold. Then ask me another question. The abstract is:... (COPY text here).” (GPT-3.5 dialogues quite well but does not correct answers. GPT-4 corrects and improves the answers you give to the questions.)