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Direct assessment of speech

Speech assessment technology is built directly into the CATs Core and CATs Higher Preparation and Practice Materials apps, allowing learners to have their speech analysed in real time, even when they are working offline.

An invaluable part of the learning process is being able to recognise where errors occur and carrying out repeated practice until they are corrected. CATs combines model samples of speech with the ground-breaking speech training software developed by Carnegie Speech, providing learners with extensive opportunities to improve their fluency and pronunciation.

At various stages throughout the downloadable CATs Core and CATs Higher Preparation and Practice Materials, learners can:



Play a recording delivered by a native speaker of English.



Record themselves saying the same word, phrase or sentence.



Play back their speech and compare it with the native speaker.



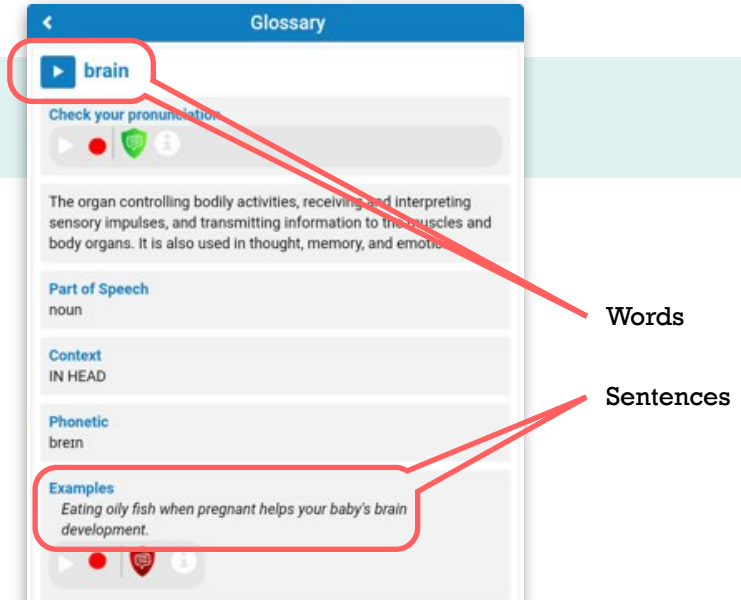
Get immediate feedback on how good their speech is.



See which part of their speech needs more practice.

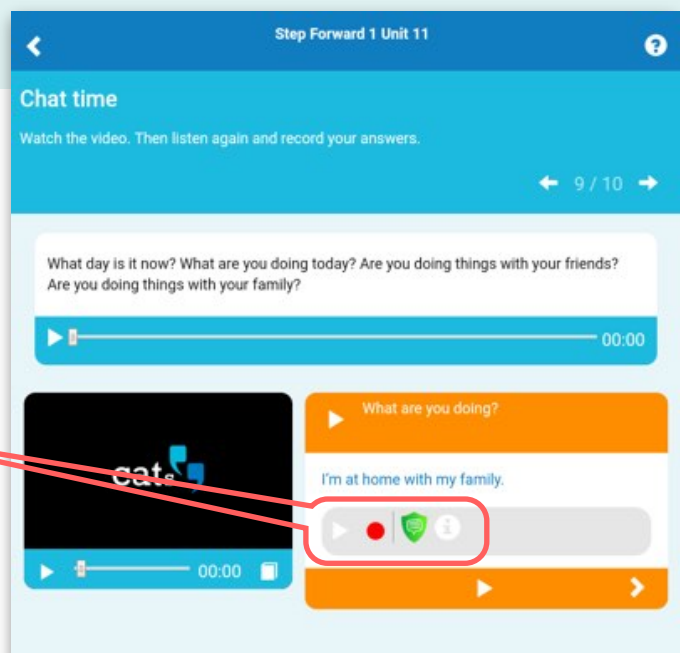
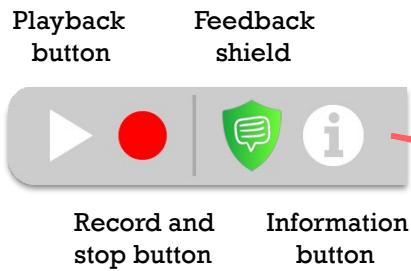
Glossary

Speech analysis is provided within the vocabulary glossary, at both the word and sentence level.



Chat

The Chat activity allows learners to take part in a conversation and see how well they communicated.



Feedback



The shields indicate how good the speech is overall.

Green — Excellent. Well done!

Amber — OK. That's fine.

Red — Keep practising and try again.



The information button shows which parts of the speech need further practice.