What 410,000 Real English Speaking Conversations Reveal About How People Practise

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According to SpeakPal Club data from about 410,000 one-to-one English conversations that lasted at least 30 seconds, held by 34,348 learners between 6 August and 3 November 2026, the median conversation lasted 4 min 58 s (298 seconds) and 35.1% lasted 10 minutes or longer.

Key findings

- According to SpeakPal Club data, 34,348 learners held about 410,000 real one-to-one English conversations (30 seconds or longer) in 90 days (6 August to 3 November 2026).
- The median SpeakPal Club English conversation lasted 4 min 58 s (298 s) and the average 10 min 30 s (630 s), based on about 410,000 conversations of 30 s or longer (Aug-Nov 2026).
- In SpeakPal Club data from 1.97 million logged call sessions (Aug-Nov 2026), 58.4% ended within 30 seconds and 41.1% within 10 seconds; we treat these as connection attempts, not conversations.
- 35.1% of real SpeakPal Club English conversations (30 s or longer) lasted 10 minutes or more (about 410,000 conversations, Aug-Nov 2026).
- Each SpeakPal Club learner with at least one real conversation took part in 23.8 real conversations on average over 90 days (34,348 learners, Aug-Nov 2026).
- Of SpeakPal Club learners who had a real conversation, 40.7% had another one the next day and 20.5% on day 30 (26,347 learners, cohorts 6 Aug-4 Oct 2026).
- The median real conversation by SpeakPal Club learners in India lasted 6 min 44 s (404 s), against 4 min 20 s (260 s) in Uzbekistan (Aug-Nov 2026).

What is SpeakPal Club?

SpeakPal Club is an iOS and Android app where people practising spoken English are matched by level and interests for live one-to-one voice calls with other learners and native English speakers. The app is free to use; free calls have a per-call time limit. Every call in this dataset is a one-to-one conversation between two app users; there are no teachers, no AI tutor and no group voice rooms.

What counts as a real conversation?

According to SpeakPal Club data from 1,967,528 logged call sessions (Aug-Nov 2026), we count a call as a real conversation only if it lasted 30 seconds or longer; 58.4% of sessions ended before that and are reported separately as connection attempts.

Call length	Sessions	Share	Uzbekistan	India
0-10 s	808,778	41.1%	42.7%	37.9%
10-30 s	340,868	17.3%	17.6%	16.4%
30-60 s	161,430	8.2%	8.6%	7.9%
1-3 min	170,262	8.7%	8.3%	8.5%
3-10 min	198,788	10.1%	10.2%	10.2%
10 min or longer	287,402	14.6%	12.6%	19.1%
Total sessions	**1,967,528**	100%	933,591	277,030

Sessions, not conversations: both participants log every call. Country is the learner's current analytics country.

Lengths are bimodal: a large spike under 10 seconds, a low trough between 30 seconds and 3 minutes, and a second peak of long calls. The 30-second line is there to exclude dropped or failed connection attempts, most of which end in under 10 seconds (41.1% of all sessions); 30 seconds is long enough for two people to have actually started talking. Analytics cannot see what happened inside a call, so some 30-60 second calls will still be quick skips; with the stricter 60-second line used in an earlier draft there would be about 328,000 conversations (656,452 sessions).

How long is a typical English speaking practice conversation?

According to SpeakPal Club data from about 410,000 conversations of 30 seconds or longer (Aug-Nov 2026), the median conversation lasted 4 min 58 s (298 s); the average was 10 min 30 s (630 s), pulled up by long calls, and 35.1% lasted 10 minutes or more.

Including the sub-30-second connection attempts, the average across all sessions is 4 min 26 s (266 s). That figure describes how long a call screen stays open, not how long people talk, so we do not use it as the headline. Free calls have a per-call time limit, which caps how long some conversations can run.

How often do people practise speaking English with a partner, by country?

According to SpeakPal Club data from 34,348 learners with at least one real conversation (Aug-Nov 2026), each took part in 23.8 real conversations on average over 90 days: 23.6 in Uzbekistan and 28.1 in India.

Country	Learners with a real conversation	Share of learners	Real-conversation sessions	Per learner	Median length	10 min or longer
All countries	34,348	100%	817,882 (≈408,941 conversations)	23.8	4:58 (298 s)	35.1%
Uzbekistan	15,698	45.7%	370,786	23.6	4:20 (260 s)	31.8%
India	4,500	13.1%	126,632	28.1	6:44 (404 s)	41.9%
Afghanistan	1,844	5.4%	34,090	18.5	2:34 (154 s)	20.8%
Indonesia	1,547	4.5%	28,631	18.5	7:42 (462 s)	44.1%
Turkey	1,428	4.2%	27,414	19.2	7:23 (443 s)	42.8%
Germany	1,059	3.1%	11,676	11.0	5:07 (307 s)	35.2%
Bangladesh	734	2.1%	17,683	24.1	6:40 (400 s)	41.4%
Saudi Arabia	601	1.7%	11,422	19.0	5:44 (344 s)	38.4%
Pakistan	550	1.6%	13,541	24.6	3:36 (216 s)	31.3%

Real conversation = `conversation_done` with duration ≥ 30 s. Country rows count sessions, i.e. conversations that country's learners took part in; they are not halved, because a call between two learners in the same country is logged twice there and a cross-border call once, so only the worldwide total can be converted to distinct conversations (÷2). Iraq is excluded: its 440 learners logged 23,081 sessions with a median of 70 s, an unusual cluster between one and three minutes that we have not explained. France (886), the United States (653), the Netherlands (547), Azerbaijan (508) and the United Kingdom (462) also have more than 200 learners but are not broken out here.

Do advanced English learners practise more than beginners?

According to SpeakPal Club data from about 410,000 real conversations (Aug-Nov 2026), C1 learners took part in 33.0 real conversations each with a median length of 6 min 25 s, versus 18.0 conversations of 3 min 38 s for A1 learners.

Self-reported level	Learners	Real-conversation sessions	Per learner	Median length	10 min or longer
A1	7,031	126,480	18.0	218 s	29.5%
A2	5,556	92,816	16.7	242 s	30.4%
B1	8,874	162,512	18.3	278 s	33.2%
B2	9,392	220,491	23.5	336 s	37.1%
C1	5,089	167,720	33.0	385 s	40.6%
C2	1,508	47,852	31.7	323 s	37.1%

Level is the CEFR level learners select in the app at the time of each call. Learners who changed level appear in more than one row (37,450 level assignments vs 34,348 learners). Session counts are not halved because partners are often at a different level. See Study 3 for a fuller breakdown.

Why do people use English conversation apps?

According to SpeakPal Club data from 25,857 learners who picked a goal (Aug-Nov 2026), 70% wanted to improve their English and 33% wanted to make friends; learners could choose both.

Country	Users who picked a goal	Improve my English	Make friends
All countries	25,857	18,108 (70%)	8,431 (33%)
Uzbekistan	10,789	7,714 (71%)	3,424 (32%)
India	3,262	2,269 (70%)	1,058 (32%)
Turkey	1,299	863 (66%)	464 (36%)
Indonesia	1,154	724 (63%)	462 (40%)
Afghanistan	944	692 (73%)	303 (32%)
Saudi Arabia	718	527 (73%)	198 (28%)

Goals come from all users who picked one, including people who never had a real conversation, so this table does not depend on the real-conversation threshold and is not limited to the 34,348 learners above.

Do learners keep practising English after a real conversation?

According to SpeakPal Club data from 26,347 learners who had a real conversation (daily cohorts, 6 August to 4 October 2026), 40.7% had another real conversation the next day, 29.4% on day 7 and 20.5% on day 30.

Country	Learners in cohorts	Day 1	Day 7	Day 30
All countries	26,347	40.7%	29.4%	20.5%
Uzbekistan	11,751	41.0%	27.8%	18.2%
India	3,578	46.5%	35.9%	27.6%

N-day retention: the share with a real conversation (30 s+) on exactly that day. Cohorts end on 4 October so every learner had a full 30 days to return. Afghanistan, Indonesia and Turkey were not recomputed and are not shown.

Are learners whose conversations run longer more likely to come back?

According to SpeakPal Club data (cohorts 6 August to 4 October 2026), Uzbek learners whose conversation lasted 10 minutes or longer had another real conversation the next day 50.8% of the time, versus 40.4% after a 30-second to 10-minute conversation; in India the figures were 56.3% and 45.8%.

Country	Starting conversation	Learners	Next day	Day 7	Day 30
Uzbekistan	30 s-10 min	11,126	40.4%	27.1%	17.5%
Uzbekistan	10 min or longer	7,485	50.8%	34.9%	22.5%
India	30 s-10 min	3,345	45.8%	35.0%	26.8%
India	10 min or longer	2,478	56.3%	44.6%	34.4%

This is a correlation, not evidence that longer calls cause people to return: learners who are already motivated are likely both to talk longer and to come back, and a learner can appear in both rows.

When do people practise speaking English?

According to SpeakPal Club data from 8 days of real conversations (27 October to 3 November 2026, local time), 50.8% of conversations in Uzbekistan and 42.3% in India took place between 18:00 and midnight. Full hour-by-hour results are in Study 2.

FAQ

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Which English levels practise speaking the most?

On SpeakPal Club, B1 and B2 learners are the largest groups (8,874 and 9,392 learners with a real conversation), but C1 learners took part in the most: 33.0 real conversations each over 90 days, versus 18.0 at A1 (Aug-Nov 2026).

Why do so many English practice calls end in under 30 seconds?

In SpeakPal Club data from 1.97 million call sessions (Aug-Nov 2026), 58.4% ended within 30 seconds and 41.1% within 10 seconds; these are mostly dropped or failed connection attempts, and analytics cannot tell a failed connection, a silent partner and a quick skip apart, so we do not count them as conversations.

Is SpeakPal Club free?

SpeakPal Club is free to use, but free calls have a per-call time limit.

Methodology and limitations

- **Source:** SpeakPal Club product analytics (Amplitude), queried read-only on 4 November 2026; aggregates only, no personal data exported, no new tracking.

- **Window:** 6 August to 3 November 2026 (90 days, Europe/Madrid). Return rates use daily cohorts from 6 August to 4 October 2026; peak hours use 27 October to 3 November 2026 in local time.
- **Events:** call completed = `conversation_done` with `duration` in seconds. **Real conversation** = duration ≥ 30 s, chosen to exclude dropped or failed connection attempts, most of which last under 10 seconds. Shorter sessions are reported only as connection attempts.
- **Deduplication:** both participants log each call, so distinct conversations = sessions ÷ 2 (817,882 ÷ 2 ≈ 408,941) worldwide only. Per-learner figures count the conversations each learner took part in and are unaffected. Calls logged by only one side would make the true total slightly higher.
- **Medians** are Amplitude's approximate property medians; averages are shown only where stated.
- **Call length cap:** free calls have a per-call time limit, so the share of very long conversations partly reflects the product, not only learner behaviour.
- **Skewed sample:** 45.7% of learners with a real conversation are in Uzbekistan and 13.1% in India, so results are reported by country and are not representative of all English learners.
- **Survivorship:** per-learner and retention figures cover only learners who reached a real conversation, not everyone who installed the app.
- **Self-reported** level and goals; **country** is inferred by the analytics platform (VPNs and travel can affect it).
- **Correlation only:** call length and return rates are linked, not proven causal.
- **Revision:** an earlier draft ("What 935,000 English Speaking Calls…") counted every logged session as a call, and a later draft ("What 320,000 Real English Speaking Conversations…") used a 60-second threshold. Figures were re-pulled on 4 November 2026 with a 30-second threshold; the before/after figures are listed in the research audit.

A **PDF version** of this study is available: 410000-real-english-speaking-conversations.pdf. Data: speakpal-410000-real-english-speaking-conversations-data.csv.

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How to find an English speaking partner

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conversations with real people. The app has more than 1 million downloads and is rated 4.6 on the App Store (846 ratings) and 4.4 on Google Play.

- Website: speakpal.club
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