

AI-Enhanced English Learning: A Deep Dive into The Phantom of the Opera

This session features a unique collaboration between a student and teacher, utilizing advanced AI tools to explore the themes of *The Phantom of the Opera*. Anatoly demonstrates how generative AI can facilitate language learning through automated presentations and interactive character roleplay.

Detailed Key Points

Participant Backgrounds and Interests

Anatoly, an accountant based in Moscow, shares his extensive travel history, including trips to Cuba, the USA, and various Asian countries. His teacher, Kellin, provides a contrasting perspective from Belize, where she manages an animal farm raising cows, sheep, and chickens while teaching English part-time. Both participants find common ground in their love for cinema, with Kellin noting that teaching online feels like "virtual traveling" [03:03-03:4404:39-05:55](#).

AI-Generated Literary Analysis

The core of the lesson revolves around a presentation Anatoly created using Google's Gemini Notebook. The presentation analyzes Gaston Leroux's original 1910 novel, *The Phantom of the Opera*, moving beyond the horror elements to explore the "monster" archetype. The discussion highlights how the character Erik (the Phantom) is portrayed not as a mystic entity, but as a physically deformed man whose "monstrosity" is a reflection of societal perception [08:57-09:4213:35-15:51](#).

The Phantom's Love Triangle

The Phantom (Shadow)

Represents music, soul-deep understanding, and a "suffocating" intensity.

Raoul (Light)

Represents safety, childhood nostalgia, and a life in the "open air."

"How am I to choose between the light and the shadow?" — AI Christine

Interactive AI Roleplay

Anatoly introduces an AI model named "Maya" (via [Sesame.com](#)) to roleplay as the character Christine Daaé. During this interactive segment, Kellin and Anatoly

"interview" the AI character about her internal conflict. The AI provides nuanced responses, describing her heart as being "tied to the music" of the Phantom while her mind seeks the peace offered by Raoul. Kellin expresses surprise at the emotional depth and realism of the AI's performance [16:14-20:43](#).

Practical Applications of AI

Beyond language practice, Anatoly discusses his daily reliance on AI for professional efficiency. He uses models to generate complex Excel formulas for database management and collaborates weekly with a friend in Germany to explore new tools for coding, image generation, and video creation. He explains that even this class recording is part of an AI pipeline that converts audio to text, and eventually into a structured HTML summary [20:44-23:47](#).

Anatoly's AI Toolset

- ✓ **Google Gemini:** Content creation and structured presentations.
- ✓ **Sesame.com:** Interactive character roleplay and conversation.
- ✓ **Excel/Coding AI:** Professional data analysis and formula generation.

To-Do / Next Steps

- Kellin will explore the [Sesame.com](#) platform to test the interactive AI characters mentioned during the lesson.[23:52](#)
- Anatoly will wait for the automated system to process the recording into a text chat and HTML file.[22:40-23:26](#)
- Anatoly will check the generated "radio show" link to hear the virtual AI versions of the participants discussing the class topic.[23:26](#)

Conclusion

This lesson demonstrates a sophisticated shift in language learning, where the student takes an active role in content curation using AI. By integrating literary analysis with real-time AI roleplay, the session moved beyond basic conversation into a deep, multi-layered exploration of narrative and technology.