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Conversation Space Introduces New Website for English Speech Improvement

December 16, 2014– A Los Angeles startup has released a new online interactive video system dedicated to helping people improve speaking ability.

<u>Conversation Space</u> offers a library of speech workout videos for phonetics, the mechanics of forming the sounds of English, and for using voice intonation and emphasis to add meaning and emotion to speech.

"Conversation Space is about the value of good speech. We teach people to vocalize the English language at the high level expected from the American professional workforce," said Sidney Sheres, a founder and lead developer. "Our online interactive videos are a lot like karaoke, where you participate by speaking, with music. And they deliver results, by firming up your phonetic accuracy, fluency, and vocal strength when speaking in an interview or to a group."

Visitors to the site can create a Conversation Space, by combining spoken phrases with text, music, and imagery, which can be replayed, saved and shared. Membership enables access to the full content library, and to initiate online conversations with other members. Members can connect with Conversation Space personal speech trainers via *Skype*, and purchase time to rehearse for an interview, a presentation, or for training in specific professional vocabularies.

A smartphone application, in development, features a Conversation Engine that interacts with members in simple and natural language conversations, using voice recognition. Voice training functions include graphic display and corrective feedback for pronunciation, volume and tone contours of speech.

Conversation Space is developing musical content for '*A Music America*,' a karaoke-like TV show which teaches people to sing along with patriotic and traditional American songs. An Australian company, Actet (<u>http://www.actet.org</u>) has contracted to include Conversation Space speech training content in *Mako English*, an online language training network that connect students in Seoul, Korea with live English instructors.

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