ECHOGUIDE

USER MANUAL

A script that listens to you, so you never lose your place.

EchoGuide is a free, accessibility-first tool designed to support anyone who needs to speak with confidence — students, teachers, performers, clergy, musicians, and people delivering speeches in emotionally charged moments.

It highlights each word of your script as you speak, helping you stay steady, focused, and in control.

1. What EchoGuide Does

EchoGuide:

- Highlights your script in real time as you speak
- Helps you maintain eye contact without losing your place
- Reduces cognitive load for anxious or neurodivergent speakers
- Supports dignity in emotional contexts (eulogies, ceremonies)
- Offers dyslexia-friendly and high-contrast display options
- Includes a gentle "Steady Mode" for vulnerable moments
- Allows you to rehearse chunk-by-chunk
- Lets you add presenter notes
- Works offline once loaded
- Saves scripts locally on your device

EchoGuide is **not** a chatbot.

It does **not** generate text, store audio, or send data anywhere.

2. Who EchoGuide Is For

EchoGuide is designed for:

- Students practising Speaking & Listening
- People delivering eulogies or emotional speeches
- Teachers leading assemblies or lessons
- Clergy delivering sermons
- Musicians reading patter or lyrics
- Comperes and performers

- Anyone who needs a calm, steady safety net while speaking

EchoGuide is free because **confidence and accessibility should be universal**.

3. How to Use EchoGuide

Step 1 — Add Your Script

You can:

- Paste text
- Type directly
- Upload a photo of your script (EchoGuide converts it to text)
- Load a previously saved script

Once loaded, your script appears in a clean, dyslexia-friendly display.

Step 2 — Choose Your Display Settings

EchoGuide lets you customise:

Fonts

- Century Gothic
- Lexend
- OpenDyslexic

Backgrounds

- White
- Cream
- Pastel Blue
- Pastel Pink
- High Contrast

Modes

- **Standard Mode** — everyday use
- **Calm Mode** — softer colours and slower transitions
- **Performance Mode** — larger text for stage use
- **Steady Mode** — gentle pacing for emotional contexts

Accessibility Presets

One-tap presets for:

- Dyslexia
- Calm
- High Contrast

Step 3 — Rehearse (Optional)

EchoGuide automatically splits your script into **chunks** (paragraphs).

You can:

- Select a chunk
- Practise it in isolation
- Add presenter notes (e.g., "pause here", "look up", "soften tone")

This is ideal for Speaking & Listening assessments or performance rehearsals.

Step 4 — Start Speaking

Press **Start EchoGuide**.

As you speak:

- The current word highlights
- The next word gently pulses
- The display scrolls automatically
- Pace feedback appears (steady / too fast / too slow)
- In Steady Mode, messages are softer and non-judgemental

If you pause, EchoGuide waits.

Nothing jumps or moves until you speak again.

Step 5 — Review Your Run

When you finish:

- EchoGuide shows your total time
- Calculates your words per minute
- Lets you save your script
- Lets you export your script as a .txt file
- Allows you to add it to a playlist (useful for shows, services, assemblies)

4. Saving & Loading Scripts

EchoGuide stores scripts **locally on your device** using your browser's storage.

You can:

- Save scripts
- Load scripts
- Delete scripts

- Add scripts to a playlist

No account is needed.

Nothing is uploaded or shared.

5. Using the Playlist

The playlist feature is ideal for:

- Running orders
- Services
- Shows
- Multi-section presentations

Add any script to the playlist and EchoGuide will keep them organised.

6. Breathing Prompt

Before speaking, you can open the **Breathing Prompt**:

- Inhale
- Hold
- Exhale
- Hold

This helps regulate nerves and prepare your voice.

7. Help & Support

The Help overlay explains:

- EchoGuide does not store audio
- EchoGuide does not use AI chat
- EchoGuide does not send data anywhere
- Scripts are stored only on your device

If you need support, you can contact Study Beyond English through the website.

🌿 SAFEGUARDING APPENDIX

EchoGuide is designed with safeguarding at its core.

It is safe for use in schools, pastoral settings, and public environments.

1. EchoGuide is NOT a chatbot

- It does not converse
- It does not respond to user input

- It does not interpret meaning
- It does not generate text
- It cannot be manipulated or "talked to"

EchoGuide is a **closed, finite system**.

2. No free-text input beyond script entry

Users can only:

- Paste text
- Type text
- Upload an image of text

EchoGuide does **not** accept conversational input.

3. No audio storage

EchoGuide listens **only** to match spoken words to the script.

It does **not**:

- Record audio
- Save audio
- Transmit audio
- Analyse emotional tone

All speech recognition happens locally in the browser.

4. No external data transfer

EchoGuide does not:

- Send data to servers
- Connect to external APIs (beyond optional OCR)
- Require an account
- Track usage
- Collect personal information

Scripts are stored **only on the user's device**.

5. Predictable, auditable behaviour

Every output is:

- Pre-defined
- Non-adaptive

- Non-generative
- Safeguarding-compliant

Schools can review all features and behaviour in advance.

6. Emotional Safety Features

EchoGuide includes:

- **Steady Mode** for emotional contexts
- **Calm Mode** for anxious speakers
- **Breathing prompts**
- **Non-judgemental pacing feedback**
- **Dyslexia-friendly fonts and colours**

These features support:

- neurodivergent learners
- anxious speakers
- grievers
- pupils with emotional regulation needs

7. Suitable for School Use

EchoGuide is appropriate for:

- Speaking & Listening assessments
- Pastoral support
- SEND interventions
- Assemblies
- Performances
- Classroom presentations

It aligns with safeguarding expectations for:

- DSLs
- SENCOs
- Pastoral leads
- Classroom teachers