

# Virtual assistant

Virtual Assistants are intelligence-powered assistants that are primarily available on mobile and smart home devices. Most of them can engage in two-way conversations, which makes it perfect for escape games.

Virtual Assistants can search the Internet, schedule events and alarms, adjust hardware settings on the user's device, and show information from the user's account.

There are numerous board games that use a virtual assistant like Google Assistant or Alexa.

## Materials required

- A smartphone or any other gadget that uses Google Assistant, Alexa, Siri or other assistant.

## Possible uses

- The assistant will answer questions, will teach you the rules of the game or will even keep scores.

## Possible restrictions

- The player's level of English is important as the assistant might not understand incorrect questions, and this might cause frustration.

## Is it inclusive for SLD?

- Learners with speech and hearing difficulties might not be comfortable using the assistant. Also, the assistant will not pick up unclear speech.

## References:

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