Use the Extended Audio Description editor in KMC

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About

The **extended audio description editor** lets you review and edit extended audio descriptions for your videos in KMC. If a video has more than one extended audio description file, the editor opens the one you selected.
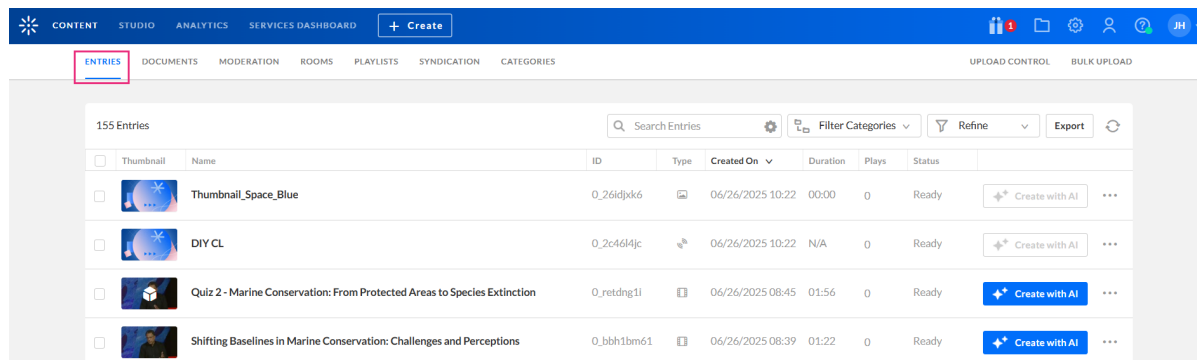
You can easily edit the text and timing, and your changes are saved automatically. A preview mode lets you listen to the audio description during playback, so you can check how it sounds as you work.

The editor also includes helpful tools like auto-scroll, timestamp editing, and search and replace, making it easy to fine-tune extended audio descriptions and support accessible viewing.
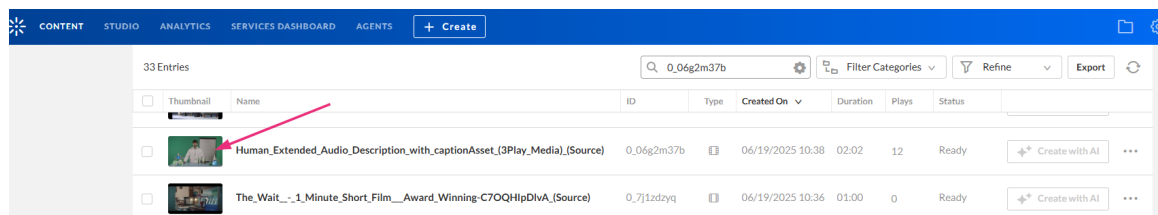
Access the editor

1. Log into your KMC.
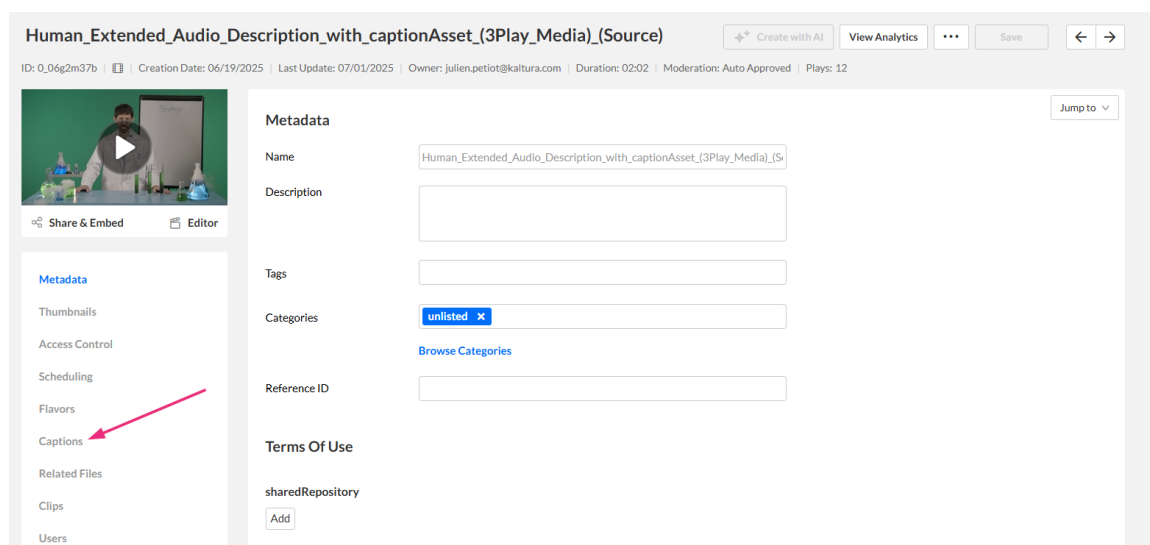
   The **Entries** page displays by default.

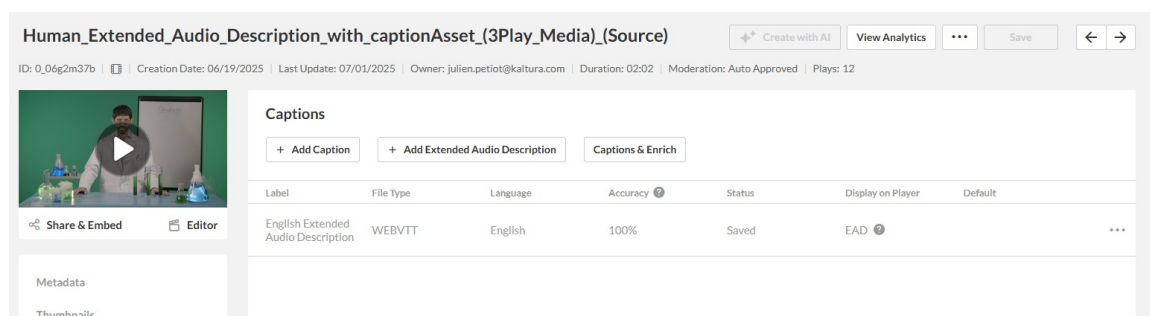2. Locate the desired video and click on its thumbnail.

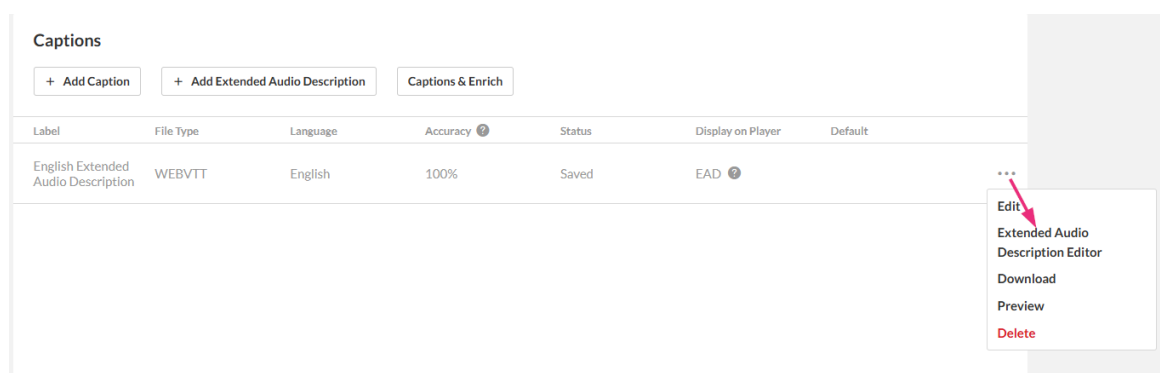   The entry details page displays.

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3. Click the **Captions** tab.
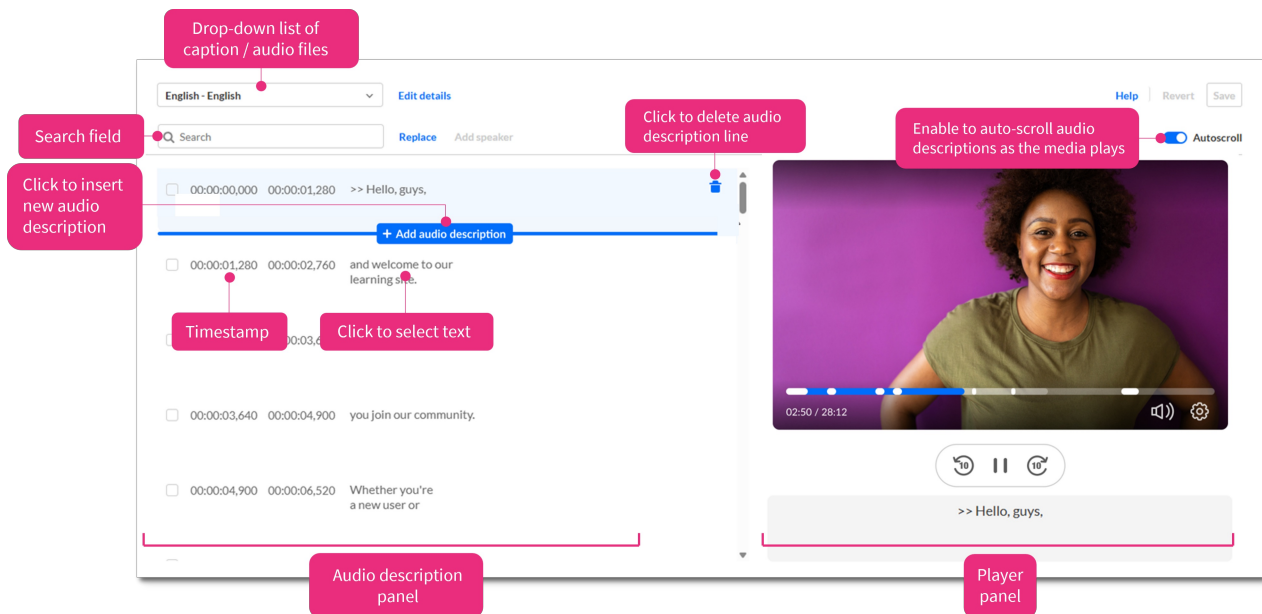

The 'Captions' page displays.

4. Click the **three-dot menu** at the far right and select **Extended Audio Description Editor**.

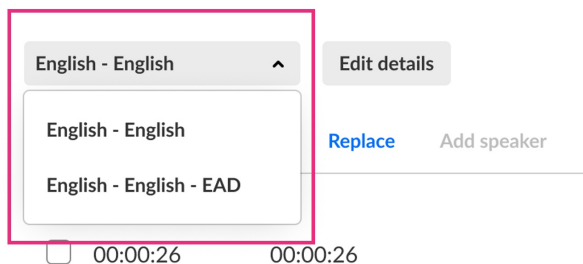

The editor opens.

Editor layout

The editor has two main areas - the audio descriptions panel and the player panel.
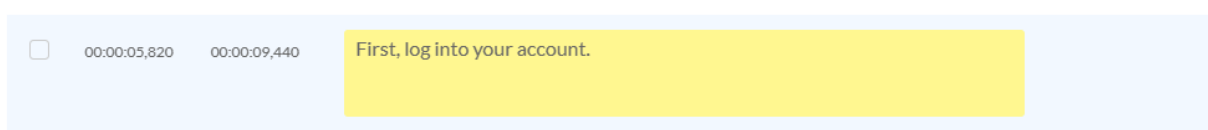
Audio descriptions panel

The audio descriptions panel lists all audio description cues and provides tools for editing them.

- **Audio description file selector** - If the entry includes more than one EAD file, you can select the file you want to edit from the drop-down list. from the list.

- **Edit details** - Click 'Edit details' to update the audio description's language, accuracy, or label.
- **Search field** - Enter a search term and press Enter. Matching results are highlighted.

- **Replace** - Click Replace to quickly find specific words or phrases and replace them

with new text.

- **Autoscroll** - Click 'Autoscroll' to automatically follow the audio descriptions while the media plays.
Delete cue - When you hover over a cue, a trash can icon appears. Click the icon to delete the cue.
- **Add audio description** - Hover over a cue row and click **+ Add audio description** to add a new cue.
- **Timestamp** - Click a cue's timestamp to edit the start or end time.

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> The editor uses the **SMPTE time format**: hours, minutes, seconds, and milliseconds (hh:mm:ss,mmm). This format helps you set precise start and end points.

- **Text field** - Click inside the text field to edit the cue's content. The editor supports dual-panel viewing so you can work in the list while previewing changes in the player.
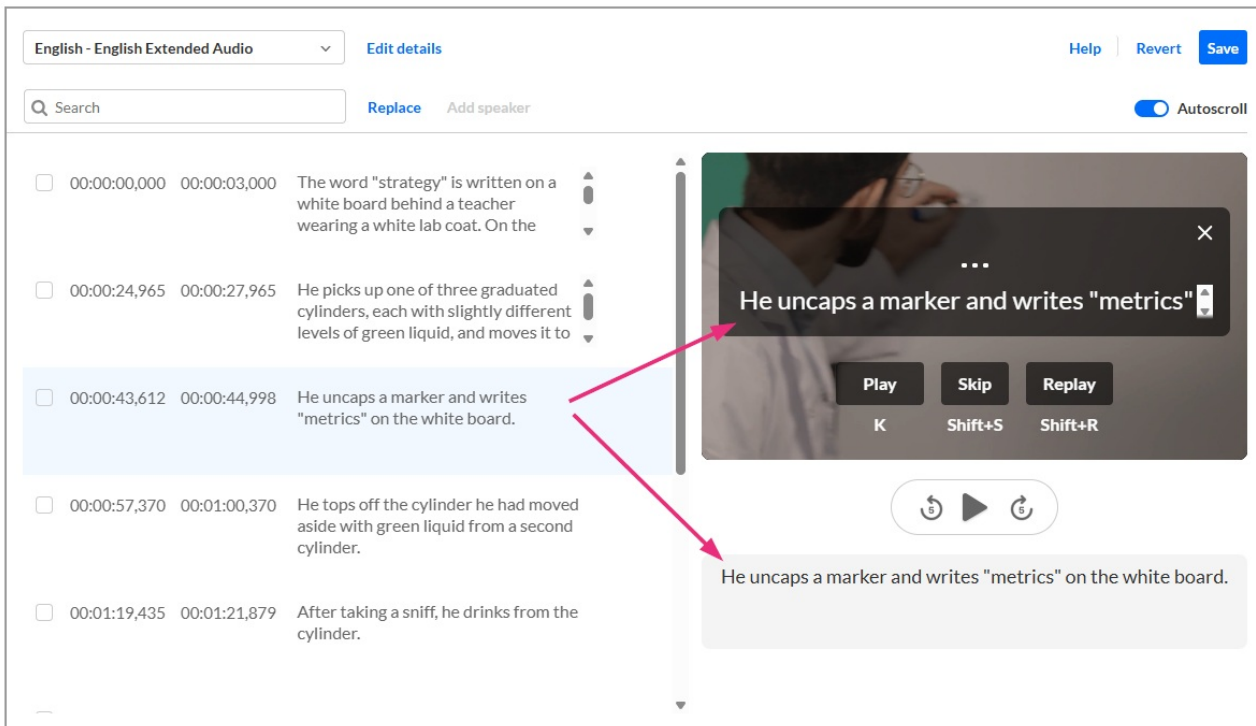
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> Kaltura supports dual screen inside the captions editor.

Player panel

The player panel shows the media and plays back audio descriptions using your browser's text-to-speech voice.

When you click an audio description cue in the panel, the player jumps to the matching timestamp to help you sync text with visual and audio content.
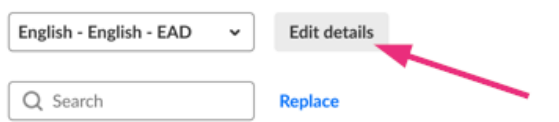
Editing options

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> When editing audio descriptions, you may also need to adjust their timing so everything stays in sync. Because audio descriptions are active from their start time until their end time, they'll still be read out loud if a viewer skips to any moment during that period.
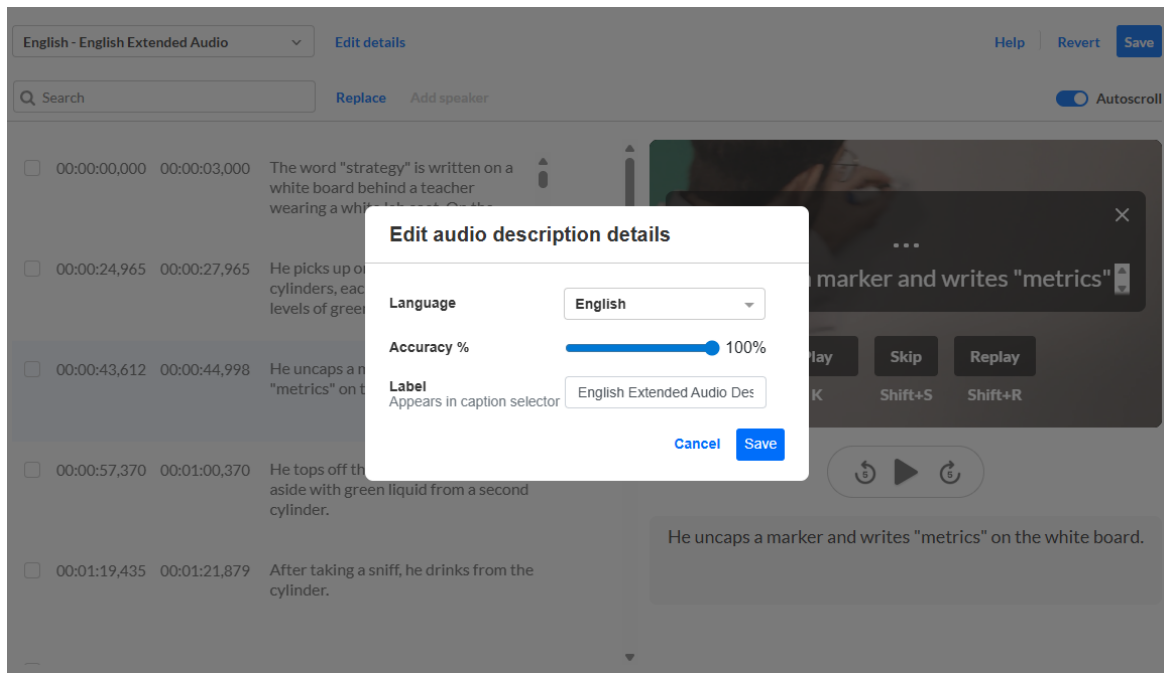>
> Therefore, after making edits, make sure to set the end timestamp to when the described moment ends, so the description doesn't play after the scene has moved on.

Edit audio description details

1. Click on **Edit details**.

The 'Edit audio description details' screen displays. You can update the language, accuracy, and label.
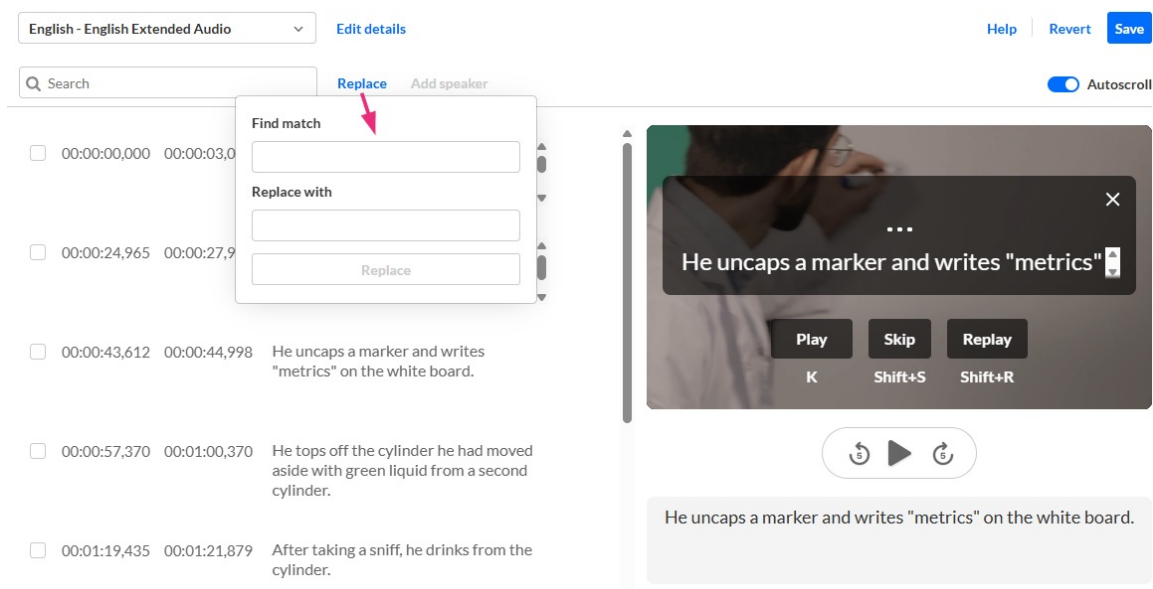
2. Click **Save**. The information is immediately updated.

Find and replace text

Use find and replace to quickly update wording across multiple audio description cues, such as fixing typos, correcting names, or standardizing phrasing.

1. Click **Replace**.

2. Enter the search term in the **Find match** field,
3. Enter the replacement term in the **Replace with** field.

4. Click **Replace** then click **Save** at the top right.

   A popup displays asking you to confirm audio description accuracy.
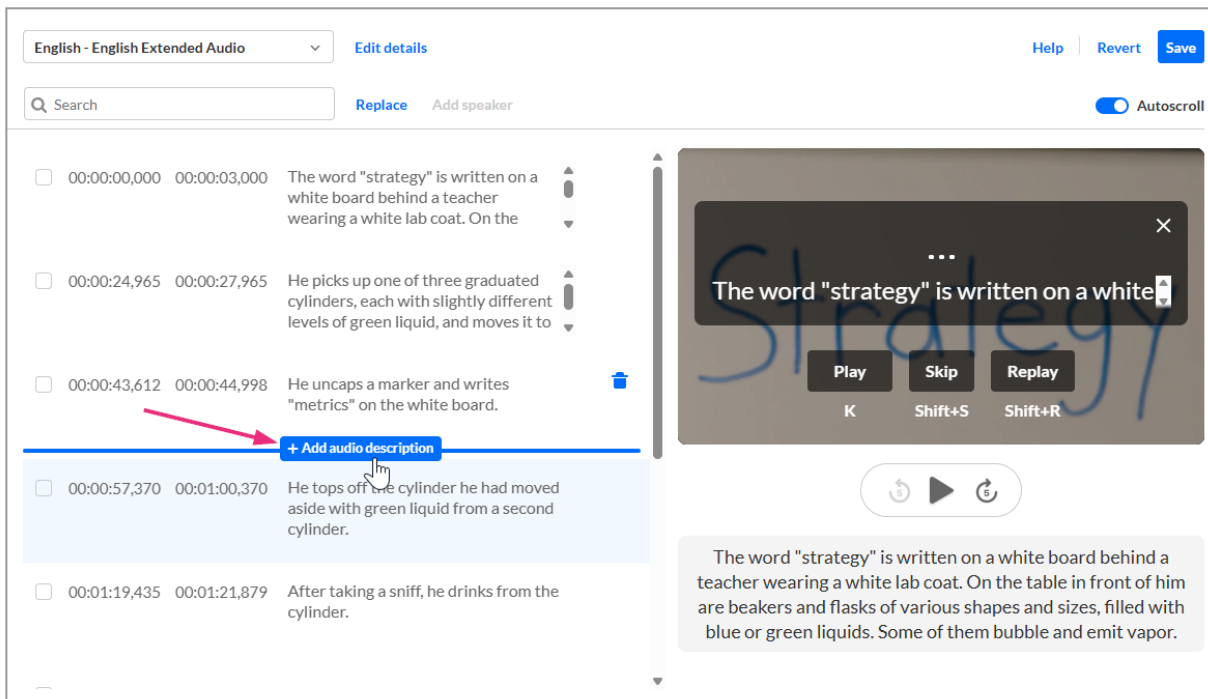

5. Move the slider accordingly.

> ✅ This step indicates that you've reviewed your edits and believe the audio descriptions are correct. It also marks the file as edited for compliance and workflow tracking.

6. Click **Save**. The search term is replaced immediately.

Add an audio description

1. Hover over the row until you see **+ Add audio description** and then click on it.

A new audio description cue is added.

2. Click inside the text field to edit the content as needed.

⚠ When adjusting timing, make sure cues don't overlap. The editor highlights timing issues in red to help you correct them.

3. Click **Save**.

   A popup displays asking you to confirm audio description accuracy.

   ## Confirm audio description accuracy

   You've edited the audio descriptions. Please update the accuracy rating to the best of your knowledge. Human-reviewed descriptions are typically 96–99% accurate.

   Accuracy %   ——————————● 100%

   Check that:
   - Key visuals, actions, and emotions are described
   - Timing is aligned with natural pauses
   - Narration is clear, concise, and non-redundant

   Cancel   Save

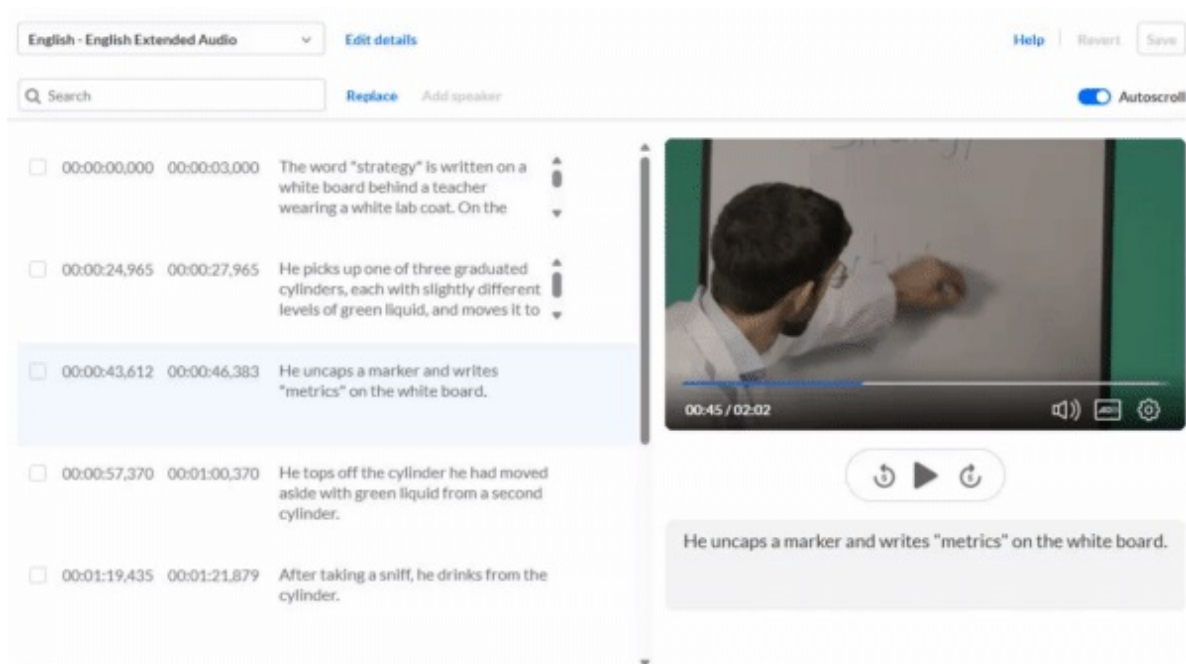4. Move the slider accordingly.

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Edit an audio description

1. Click the text of the audio description to activate the text field.

2. Edit the text as needed.

3. Click **Save**.

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