



SOME WAYS TO DEVELOP SPEAKING SKILL OF EFL LEARNERS

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INTRODUCTION. The ability to speak confidently and fluently is something which children will develop during their time at school, and something that will help them throughout their life. Speaking skills are defined as the skills which allow us to communicate effectively. They give us the ability to convey information verbally and in a way that the listener can understand. Children will learn English speaking skills as well as speaking skills in other languages, in primary and secondary school. Learning how to develop English speaking skills is so important for ESL students and EAL students too. It's one of the most important parts of language learning as speaking is how we tend to communicate in everyday life. Speaking is an interactive process where information is shared, and if necessary, acted upon by the listener. So, it's important to develop both speaking and listening skills in order to communicate effectively.

Studying individually or working in peers can help to increase the speaking ability and enlarge word-stock. In order to reach the goals there are several tips and advices that will dramatically change learners' speaking skills.

MATERIALS AND DISCUSSION. Here are some ways to help you to become a good speaker: 1. Stay in your zone of genius (only talk about what you know). Try not to speak about unfamiliar topics. It may cause you to seem inconfident. Eloquent speakers are usually not afraid to say, "I don't know." Similarly, a public speaker won't add random facts or opinions that they can't back up with authentic knowledge on the topic.

2. Read books or articles out loud. Reading is one of the most underrated tools for becoming a great speaker. It can make you sound more articulate and smooth in your speech. Plus, you learn new vocabulary and better comprehend the book in the process. Unlike conversations or spoken speeches, written text tends to

have a better structure for learning, as authors and editors have worked together to keep the text free of grammatical errors or awkward sentences. Reading books aloud helps you learn to speak more smoothly in day-to-day conversations. Repeat this exercise at least once per week (or every night before bed if you're determined):

3. Use tongue twisters to practice enunciation. Mumbling speech can make it challenging to understand what you're saying. When people mumble, it sends the message that they don't want to be heard or feel embarrassed by their speech. On the other hand, people who enunciate their words are seen as more intelligent. Eloquent speaking is undoubtedly an art, but it starts with the simple act of training your mouth to move in a certain way. Those silly tongue twisters from your childhood can be surprisingly useful.

How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood? You know New York, you need New York, you know you need unique New York. I saw a kitten eating chicken in the kitchen. Use tongue twisters regularly and as a vocal warm-up before you do a lot of talking.

4. Talk to yourself. One of the easiest ways to step into your power as a speaker is to start talking to yourself. People often dismiss those who talk to themselves as crazy when, in reality, talking to yourself is entirely normal. Scientists have found that talking to yourself is beneficial for enhancing your performance in sports, finding things you lost, and solving problems. Speaking positive things to your reflection is a form of positive affirmation.

5. Learn from the best (& mimic them). Humans are psychologically programmed to mimic each other. Mirror neurons are primal "monkey see, monkey do" parts of our brain that imitate the actions we see in other people.



6. Always remember your MVP. An MVP isn't just the star of a sports team. It's the Most Valuable Point you need to make in any communication setting. If everything else you say was forgotten, what is one sentence that gets your point across? Before you go into a meeting with your team, give a speech, or check in with your boss, think about your MVP.

7. Sound more confident by speaking louder and lower. Speaking isn't only about what you say but how you say it. A 2017 Yale study found that the sound of your voice is what makes people: trust you, like you, believe what you're saying, feel certain emotions. There are three keys to sounding more confident when you talk:

Speak louder (but don't yell): When you feel nervous, you may naturally talk more softly. But this can create a negative feedback loop that makes you sound (and feel) less confident. Instead, make your voice sound stronger by speaking at a moderate volume that you adjust based on the room and audience size.

Speak lower: Research shows that people who speak louder and lower are perceived as more dominant and authoritative. This is particularly important for women who talk in soft, high tones. You don't need to change your natural voice completely; instead, practice speaking in the lower end of your range.

Talk at a moderately fast pace: If you speak too slowly, you could sound boring. People who drone on in a monotone don't tend to keep our attention for long. On the other hand, if you speak too fast, you could sound annoying or difficult to understand. Studies have found that people who talk at a moderately fast pace (about 195 words per minute) seem more intelligent, persuasive, and attractive.

8. Prepare your voice. Have you noticed your voice sounds groggy in the morning or strained after singing too loud on the drive to work? It's not the best vocal state for negotiating a business deal or asking for a raise.

9. Start and end with the best points. The serial-position effect explains why people remember the first and last things you say the most clearly. Whether talking to your coworkers about a project or giving a big pitch to a client, you should emphasize the best points at the beginning and the end.

10. Master the art of presentations with 4 quick tips. From job interviews to congratulatory speeches to workplace meeting presentations, speaking in front of a group of people is a life skill that we all must practice at some point. It's how you sell yourself, your ideas, or your products and services.

11. Use meaningful hand gestures. People who "talk with their hands" are naturally more magnetic.

Studies show that gestures increase the value of spoken words by up to 60%! But you don't just want to flail your hands around without purpose. Our analysis of the top TED Talks of all time found that there are specific movements that portray confidence.

12. Learn to decode body language (and use it to your advantage). Have you ever wished you could tell what people are thinking? Decoding body language is an underrated social superpower. If you understand how to tell if your boss is being confrontational or your colleague is withholding information from you, you can have a major communication advantage.

13. Work on pronunciation with this app. Whether you are a native English speaker or learning the English language, countless words in the dictionary aren't pronounced the way they are spelled. But proper pronunciation can make you sound more knowledgeable and well-spoken.

14. Improve your listening skills. Paradoxically, the best speakers tend to be the best listeners. After all, communication is a two-way street. Listening is one of the most valuable social skills because it helps you: Understand other people, Make deeper connections, Demonstrate that you're interested in what others have to say, Avoid dominating a conversation, Learn how to speak better. Listening is particularly important if you feel shy or socially awkward.

CONCLUSION. Nobody is born a masterful speaker, but the most charismatic people have cracked some communication code. Fortunately, the secrets to their verbal success are accessible to everyone. Start speaking better with these simple practices: Talk louder, lower, and at a moderate pace: If you find yourself speaking soft and slow, it can help to increase the volume, lower the tone, and speed up the rate of your words. This will help you sound and feel more confident while talking.

Mimic speakers you admire: Find people you want to sound like and listen to them regularly. Identify the characteristics you want to mimic, like their cheeriness, articulation, or authority. Learn lines from their videos and recite them as you watch.

Whether you're talking to an audience of 2 or 2,000, public speaking can catapult you to higher levels of self-development and professional success. To take your speaking skills to the next level, learn these 15 Science-Based Public Speaking Tips to Be a Master Speaker

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