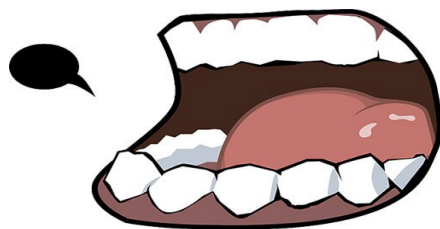


## Speak English Group's Introduction to Speaking Lesson 1 & 2

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### Pronunciation Facts

- ✓ To be clearly understood, verbal communication requires good pronunciation.
- ✓ Bad grammar is easier for the listener to understand than bad pronunciation.
- ✓ Bad English pronunciation will affect your speaking more than bad grammar.
  - ✓ Pronunciation is a common problem for most English students
  - ✓ Pronunciation can be difficult to learn if it is taught incorrectly.
- ✓ Physical action is required when speaking and memorizing rules is not enough.
- ✓ English doesn't have only one sound per letter. The vowels have over 20 sounds.
  - ✓ Exceptions can be a problem when using English pronunciation rules.
- ✓ Native English speakers will combine, merge, and delete sounds in an accent.
- ✓ It is best to learn to speak without any accent before trying a native accent.
  - ✓ Speaking clear English is more important than speaking fast.



## Phonemic Chart

**IMPORTANT:** It is good to be familiar with the phonemic chart.  
Knowing the voiced and unvoiced consonants will be very helpful.

VOWELS				ɪə hear	eɪ play	e bed	ə but
ɜ: bird	ɔ: door	eə air	ɔɪ boy	aɪ my	əʊ go	ʊə tour	aʊ cow
ɑ: car	ɒ not	ʌ up	æ hat	i: sheep	ɪ trip	ʊ good	u: boot

CONSONANTS (u) unvoiced / (v) voiced				p (u) puppy	t (u) tea	k (u) cat
ʃ (u) she	h (u) hat	f (u) foot	s (u) see	θ (u) think	tʃ (u) China	j (v) yes
b (v) boy	d (v) dog	dʒ (v) June	g (v) get	v (v) video	ð (v) this	z (v) zoo
ʒ (v) visual	m (v) me	n (v) no	ŋ (v) sing	l (v) love	r (v) red	w (v) with

VOICED				UNVOICED			
b	d	j	g	f	k	p	s
n	m	l	ŋ	t	ch	sh	th
r	th	sz	v				
w	y	z					

## **SPEAK LOUD!**

### **Speaking louder can easily solve many speaking problems!**

- A. Surprisingly, the difference in being understood and misunderstood is often the volume. It is a common problem for ESL levels from beginner to advanced levels.**
- B. Speaking loud can solve pronunciation problems. If you speak loudly, your tongue, jaw and mouth muscles exercise with more movement.**
- C. Speaking loud also shows confidence. Whether speaking for business, a test, or just a conversation, you will show confidence to the listener.**



**Why do we normally speak louder when we are angry?**

Because we want to be sure that the listener hears and understands us.

## **K.I.S.S.**

**Keep It Short and Simple.**



When having conversations, it is common for native speakers to also use short and simple sentences with basic grammar.

### **EXERCISE # 2-1**

Record yourself speaking about any topic. Speak loud and keep it simple. Then, play it and listen to yourself.



# Relax



**Focus on communication, NOT perfect grammar!**



**If you KISS, Turn Up the Volume, and Relax, your English will improve.**

## Be Confident & Don't Be Afraid of Mistakes

To be more confident, you should ...

1. not be afraid to make mistakes.
2. speak loud and clear.
3. focus on communication.
4. keep it simple
5. relax
6. PRACTICE!

"Would you like me to give you a formula for success?  
It's quite simple, really. Double your rate of failure."

Thomas J Watson  
founder of IBM

# Exercises

## Steps to watching TV & movies in English

Step 1: Watch a television show or movie with English subtitles or slower speed.

Step 2: Write down all idioms and vocabulary you don't understand and study them.

Step 3: Watch it again without subtitles and concentrate on how people speak.

Step 4: Keep watching it over again until you understand all the English.

Note: Watch and listen to native speakers having normal conversations. You want to listen and learn common conversational English.

### EXERCISE # 2-3

Watch a television show or movie using the 4 steps and dividing it into 10-15 minute sections. Choose something with conversations, not the news, learning videos, or documentaries.

### EXERCISE # 2-4

Record yourself and practice everything discussed in this unit. The recording should be 2-3 minutes. Choose any topic, then listen to the recording.

For additional resources and updated information:

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