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## How to Speak Better English from Your Own Home

Dear 1<sup>st</sup> year students, online course have many pros and cons and during this academic year we are, all, obliged to teach/ study from our phones/computers at home. So, here are some **tips** and tricks that will improve your speaking/listening skills at home and independently:

- **Practice speaking English in front of a mirror (or with a friend):**

Speaking fluently isn't just about saying the right words. It's also about body language, tone and confidence. So practice speaking in front of a mirror, paying close attention to your gestures, expressions or posture. You can even have a friend or family member give you feedback.

- **Use a pronunciation app and a voice recorder:**

The best way to know the right pronunciation of a word is to check the dictionary. There are also apps that use voice-recognition software [such as: [ELSA Speak: English Accent Coach](#) & <https://pronuncian.com>]. Using these apps will help you to check if you're pronouncing the right way or not. You can also record your own voice and play it back to check your progress.

- **Use apps to find native speakers:**

Services like [HelloTalk](#) and [Tandem](#) help you find native speakers with whom you can practice your English and get authentic feedback.

- **Watch English media content:**

Watching **English movies or TV shows**, especially on *Netflix* or *YouTube* is a good way to immerse yourself in English culture and learn about the aspects of the language that you might miss out when using grammar books.

- **Discover audiobooks online**

Reading books is a very good way of enriching your vocabulary and ultimately improve your speaking. If you find it difficult to read full books in English, then an audiobook could be right for you! This way you will improve your listening too. Do a Google search for “free audiobooks online” to find downloadable ebooks and audio versions. If possible, get a printed version of the book so you can use it to follow the audio and make notes with a pencil. [ [ESL-bits.net](http://ESL-bits.net) has a collection of free read-on-screen audiobooks with two reading speed options. Click on the title of interest, select “Go to book index”, and then choose the chapter number to start reading. The audio is at the top of the page.]

- **Start your own “English club”!**

Find some friends or colleagues who are also studying English and who have access to the internet. Agree to meet ONLINE (using free IM apps) once a week to practise your speaking and listening skills. **If possible**, invite a native speaker. You can organise a regular weekly discussion club with occasional social events, or book reading activities.



**Remark:**

These tips are recommended for you, not only during this academic year, but for a lifelong process of learning English.

## ASSIGNMENT

(This assignment will be graded and added to your CC mark)

You have 15 days (starting from now) to apply **SOME** of the above mentioned tips, and then send me a short report, [on my professional email], about applying the above lesson.

Your report must include

- What methods have you applied (i.e.: the tips you have chosen) - Why have you chosen them.
- Which one have you found the easiest or more beneficial? WHY?
- What did you learn from applying those tips?
- What difficulties have you met when: trying to apply those tips and when learning English by yourself at home.[focus on speaking & listening skills]
- What have you liked about trying to learn English speaking and Listening independently.
- What skills have you developed from using the tips.
- Extra Remarks {or information} that you might want to share with me as an English Teacher.

