



TAITRA
International Trade Institute

English for Speaking Situations (April - June 2022)

Frequency and duration: 10 x two-hour classes

Course Aim:

The aim of the *English for Speaking Situations* course is to encourage students to improve their English-speaking skills through communicative tasks using collocations and commonly used phrases, focusing on common situational and other interesting topics and stories.

Course Description:

Are you ready to commit to practicing your speaking skills? The more you practice the more confidently you'll be able to speak with your clients and friends?

Through active participation in this course, you will gain much greater fluency. This course is ideal for anyone who needs to improve their speaking skills. If you are serious about using English to travel, make friends, or do business, then this course is for you.

We will read about and listen to interesting topics, watch videos, and use fun speaking activities and games. Some lessons are flipped which means that students have to do some activities (read an article, watch a short video, complete a worksheet) at home, a day or two before class (20 minutes max).

Students are also required to do a short talk (3 minutes) once every 3 to 4 weeks about any topic of their choice.

Don't wait. Sign up today and join a group of like-minded learners who want to become more fluent.

Course Materials:

The materials for the class are all picked by the teacher. These mostly come from ESL subscription websites. This means that worksheets are well designed, and the class can be adapted to the specific needs of the students

in terms of content and difficulty. After materials are presented and used in class, all of the answers will be made available to the students.

Students will need to download *MS Teams* on their computers to attend the online sessions with their teacher.

Student level:

Materials would be most suited for students of the following level:

TOEIC

- 275-395 Listening
- 275-380 Reading

B1 (Intermediate)

TOEFL 57-86

IELTS 4-5.

Syllabus

Week	Subject
Week 1	Me, my work and I A lesson specifically designed for a first class.
Week 2	Have you ever attended a silent meeting? In this lesson, students learn how to use Present Perfect for experiences and practice new vocabulary related to workplace meetings.
Week 3	What would happen if you quit texting for a week? This lesson about texting includes a variety of tasks for students to discover and practice the second conditional . They also learn some vocabulary related to mobile phone communication and discuss the role of texting in their lives.
Week 4	It's kind of my favorite stuff In this lesson, students watch a video and learn how to use some vague language in English while talking about their favorite things in life.
Week 5	Would you like to work a four-day week? In this lesson students will watch a video on a four-day work week , improve their listening for details skills and reflect on the positive and negative aspects of working four days a week.

Week 6	Printed books vs e-books – making comparisons This flipped lesson plan deals with a never-ending debate about e-books and printed books. It is prepared for B1 students and consists of various grammar as well as vocabulary exercises focused on making comparisons . The video it's based on is a short animation showing advantages and disadvantages of both formats.
Week 7	Plogging - make yourself and the planet better This lesson plan on saving the planet deals with plogging , i.e. the idea of picking up litter while jogging. The worksheet consists of a few vocab exercises and includes a lot of words used for talking about waste and littering .
Week 8	How to buy happiness The lesson is based on the TED talk by Michael Norton titled "How to buy happiness". This ESL worksheet is for B1+ students as the speech is not very difficult to understand, but rather fast.
Week 9	5 dangerous things you should let your kids do This TED Talk worksheet is based on a video by Gever Tulley titled "5 dangerous things you should let your kids do". The focus of the lesson is discussion and it looks into such topics as childhood and parenting . Therefore, students will have plenty of opportunities for speaking .
Week 10	The other side of fame This lesson plan about fame includes some related vocabulary as well as adjectives + prepositions that B1 students will learn and use in speaking.