



TAITRA  
International Trade Institute

## **English for Speaking Situations 2 (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	<b>Online vs traditional shopping (e-commerce vocabulary)</b> This new B1 lesson focuses on shopping but instead of looking at the typical “at a shop” language it will teach your students the online shopping vocabulary. There are two lexical tasks, followed by speaking task to reinforce new language items. The video part is about Singles’ Day, the biggest online shopping day in the world, and encourages students to debate about the difference between online and traditional shopping as well as the future of commerce.
Week 2	<b>Flying business class (conjunctions and prepositions)</b> In this video-based lesson about <b>flying economy, business and first class</b> with Emirates, students will be practicing <b>conjunctions and prepositions</b> . They will also discover some luxurious cabin features while discussing business trips.
Week 3	<b>Narrative tenses – using Past Simple/Continuous/Perfect for storytelling</b> This lesson plan focuses on narrative tenses: Past Simple, Past Continuous, and Past Perfect. It can serve as a great revision of these three tenses and a good start before our next lesson on storytelling <b>“Be a better storyteller.”</b> Students will have a variety of exercises to revise and practice using past tenses.
Week 4	<b>Be a better storyteller</b> This lesson plan is all about telling stories in English. Students learn some vocabulary as well as various time markers which are useful when doing speaking activities. It also includes a short, animated video for students to retell.
Week 5	<b>Can you find hidden messages in these logos?</b> This logos lesson plan deals with various logos that we are bombarded with every day. It is based on a video about eight iconic

	logos and their hidden meanings. The worksheet consists of different vocabulary activities and creates a lot of opportunities for students to speak a lot.
<b>Week 6</b>	<p><b>Why are Brits so obsessed with tea?</b></p> <p>This lesson plan is totally British – literally. It focuses on symbols of England such as tea which the video “Why Are Brits So Obsessed with Tea?” by Anglophenia concerns. Thanks to it, you will have an opportunity to learn more about England as a tea drinking nation and get familiar with idioms and common phrases based on words that refer to some British objects, phenomena, and people.</p>
<b>Week 7</b>	<p><b>There’s no business without challenges</b></p> <p>This Business English worksheet for B1 students gives them opportunity to speak about different businesses and challenges they might face as well as analyze case studies of companies experiencing some problems.</p>
<b>Week 8</b>	<p><b>Are you up for some dessert?</b></p> <p>This lesson plan is based on a video explaining why we always seem to have room for dessert and introduces dinner table phrases for B1 students.</p>
<b>Week 9</b>	<p><b>Questions no one knows the answers to</b></p> <p>This TED talk lesson plan is based on a short video by Chris Anderson titled “Questions no one knows the answers to”. This time students get a lot of grammar exercises on asking questions (direct and indirect ones) and discuss some hard ones.</p>
<b>Week 10</b>	<p><b>How is bubble gum made (passive voice)</b></p> <p>This new worksheet is based on TV series from Science Channel called <i>How It’s Made</i>. The lesson focuses on Present Simple Passive Voice and lets students learn how to use the passive voice to describe processes.</p>