

Mastering Oral English for Academic and Professional Success

Over the course of the last two modules, I have gained valuable insights into the fundamentals of English communication. These modules have reinforced the idea that even native speakers need grammar education—not because they lack it, but because they need to refine it. This is equally important for non-native speakers like me, who aim to communicate clearly and professionally.

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One of the most impactful lessons was the role of "chunks" or fixed expressions in natural English. Phrases like "off the top of my head" and "once in a while" are not only common but also signal fluency. Learning such expressions helps me sound more native and confident. Equally important were collocations, such as "make a decision" or "take a break," which, when used correctly, make my speech more natural.

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Going forward, my plan is structured and long-term. For the remainder of this specialization, I will focus on mastering commonly used chunks, recording myself speaking, and seeking feedback. I will also shadow native speakers in TED Talks, YouTube educational content, and English podcasts to internalize natural speech patterns.

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Over the next five years, my strategy includes three core pillars: consistent practice, feedback, and exposure. I plan to join English-speaking clubs and online speaking platforms like Toastmasters or SpeakUp. I will also set a goal to give at least one presentation every six months, whether in class, during internships, or in professional settings. Regular feedback from peers, mentors, or online tools will help me monitor progress. Additionally, I will read and summarize professional content in English to enhance vocabulary and confidence in my writing.

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By treating English fluency as a journey, not just a goal, I am confident that I will not only succeed in this course but also in my future professional and academic endeavors.

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