How to practice speaking

This video is a continuation of Basic conversations, so if you haven’t watched that one yet, I strongly recommend going back and watching that first. Anyway to recap, we made a basic script to help us through our first conversation. We’ve recorded ourselves, checked our pronunciation, our sentences, now we need to find someone to talk to.

* May think finding a person who speaks Japanese will be difficult if you don’t have a friend who does, just say you don’t know where to look
* Various places online, I recommend, italki, where you can talk to me
* hellotalk and tandem
* For a actual face-to-face convo
* Can find people to talk to at local community language exchanges, know one in my hometown
* Local tutors
* Or, my preferred choice, language exchange meetups, meetups what? Referring to , a social hangout site, which does

Overcoming shyness

* Personally I’m quite confident
* Not to say I feel anxiety
* I just think once I start its all good
* It becomes easier each time you do it
* People are generally a-ok with having a conversation with a stranger, though wont recommend
* Also don’t believe in the common misconceptions people tend to have
* You need to study more before you can have a conversation
* Native speakers won’t speak to you
* You’ll always have an accent
* Everybody speaks English
* Expose fact that you’re a ‘slow learner’ and can’t keep up with other people’s progress
* Disabilities make it impossible to learn
* What to talk about
  + Script
  + Fashion
  + Travel
  + Food
  + Music and Entertainment
    - Do some cultural research, known as enculturation