

## Class 5, August 15, 2024. Specifying your perspective

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### New words

**vague** /veɪɡ/ (**about something**) not having or giving enough information or details about something

- *She's a little vague about her plans for next year.*
- *The politicians made vague promises about tax cuts.*
- *He was accused of being deliberately vague.*
- *We had only a vague description of the attacker.*
- *He outlined the policy in vague terms.*

**flawed** /flɔːd/ having a **flaw**; not perfect or correct

- **seriously/fundamentally/fatally flawed**
- *a flawed argument*
- *the book's flawed heroine*
- *The study was methodologically flawed.*
- *a series of fatally flawed judgements*



Great examples from **Oleh**, **Valerii** and **Abril** in Task 6 (demonstrating the activity)

**From a manager's standpoint**, stand-up meetings are useful. **In terms of** wasting time, we need to spend no more than 10 minutes conducting stand-up meetings. (Ivan)

**From a planning standpoint**, it's a good idea to use poker for estimation. But **simplicity-wise**, I see it as a very complicated activity. (Valerii)

For learning it's a good option **in the sense that** you have new practice and experience. (Natalia)

**In that sense**, planning poker for estimation is a great tool to provide... (Akop)

**Timewise**, the 'fail fast' approach is pretty good because ... But **in terms of** effort people will spend on this ... (Oleh)

**With respect to** the project timeline, that might be useful. (Dmitrii)

Pair programming is useful when learning **in terms of** having a more senior colleague. It could be wasteful **with respect to** the company resources. (Abril)

Pomodoro technique: From the standpoint of time management, it's good because you can control your breaks. **But energy-wise**, it's demanding (Abril)

So, **in terms of** choosing the best solution I need to list the pros and cons for each option. I need to investigate each option in detail **in that regard**. (Ivan)

...if my solution works as expected **in that regard**. (Ivan)

**From a prioritizing standpoint**, I usually use some techniques like planning poker. (Natalia)

...**In that regard**, this technology becomes popular in all kinds of areas. (Oleh)

I can manage all my tasks **priority-wise** very effectively. (Valerii)

**pro**gramming /'prəʊgræmɪŋ/

pair /peə(r)/ vs peer /piə(r)/

#### **Class 4, August 13, 2024. Ensuring others' understanding**

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#### **New words**

**savvy** (adj) /'sæv.i/ having practical knowledge and understanding of something;  
having common sense

- *savvy shoppers*
- *Most of his clients were financially savvy enough to know a good deal when they saw one.*

see also **media-savvy**, **tech-savvy**

to communicate = to convey: to convey the meaning = to communicate the meaning



- **I think I get it.** But **do you mean by** 'quickly loading' that all the browsers should support this timing? (Ivan)

Valerii & Abril

- ...and by that I mean the customer ... Does that make sense?
- Yes, I get it.
- To elaborate on that... Do you see what I mean? (Abril)
- I think I get it. (Nadezhda)
- I'm not sure I fully understand you. Can we conduct ...? (Natalia)

By 'input' I mean what the user puts in his account. Does it make sense? (Nadezhda)

Yes, I think I get it, but I'd like to clarify something. ... Yeah, that makes sense. (Akop)

*Co-pilot.* Do you see what I mean? Does it make sense? (Ivan)

Yes, I quite understand apart from the Co-pilot. Is it a product of our own or is it...? (Abril)

Don't you think that if we use the links from other apps or other services, it might be very useful? (Ala)

#### **Things to improve:**

1. How is your day going? How has your day been (going)?
2. hierarchy /-k-/

3. Maybe we should think what we should do **for achieving** the goal?

### **Class 3, August 8, 2024. Verifying your understanding**

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And by 'easy to navigate' you mean that the app is easy to use? (Dima) – Not really. I mean that it's accessible. (Ivan)

Do I get that right? (Ivan) – Yeah, that's close enough. (Dima)

So, this basically means that we should support all operational systems? (Dmitry) – Yes, exactly. (Nadezhda)

And by ... you mean that... Do I get it right? (Oleh) – Yes, exactly. (Akop)

By 'handle' you mean maybe a thousand users at the same time. Is that correct? (Abril) – Yeah, that's close enough. (Valerii)

Ivan, Oleh, Dmitry:

*Nice intro from Ivan*

- By 'transferring money' from one account to another do you mean it's... or ... (Oleh)
- The second option is close enough. (Ivan)

By 'successful competition' you mean that... Is that right? (Natalia)

It's both. ... (Abril)

This basically means that... (Natalia)

- Yeah, we should send an email to... (Abril)

By 'transaction details' you mean only date and amount? (Valerii) – Yes, exactly. (Akop)

Do I have that right? (Valerii) - Yes, that's close enough. ... Does that make sense? (Akop)

Things to improve:

1. It could affect ~~on~~ the smoothness of communication.
2. Basically, you mean ~~is~~ that application should work on iOS?
3. The first acceptance **criterion** is ...
4. error /'erə(r)/

### **Class 2, August 6, 2024. Introduction**

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*Amazing ideas from everyone based on your experience.*

I can't remember such a situation **off the top of my head**. (Dima)

*There's always **a trade-off between** speed and quality.*

criterion (sing) / criteria (pl)

phenomenon (sing) / phenomena (pl)

Things to improve:

1. expertise /ˌɛkspɜːrˈtiːz/
2. As far as I **understood**, he suggested implementing...
3. I **caught** /kɔːt/ that...
4. The first idea that ~~came up~~ **came to/popped in** my mind is...
5. overwhelming /ˌəʊvəˈwelmiŋ/

**Class 1, August 1, 2024. Kick-off**

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I have the perception of the meaning it has in Spanish: Immaculate Conception (Abril)  
asynchronous communication (Dmitrii Esin)

**Imagine** a user trying to use our app... (Oleh)

*A nice clarifying question from Ala* – It's a pretty good point. (Oleh)

Let me jump in. I don't understand how it will be different for men and for women. (Valerii)

What do you think, Dmitrii? (Abril)

Do we have any mock-ups...? (Dmitrii)

What do you think, guys? (Valerii)

Could you elaborate...? (Ala)

All the implementations should be **in-house**. (Akop)

Let me think. Could you rephrase...? It could affect our reputation. (Akop)

Things to improve:

1. What concerns me is... = What worries me... / As for me... = As far as I'm concerned...
2. it depends **on** the person...
3. a search by some criteria [pl] / sing: criterion
4. Could you elaborate **on** your point about the food plan?