

List of Exercises for Communication Skills Enhancement

Listening Exercises

1. Speech Sounds Practice

Listen to **phonetic pronunciation** of common English sounds.

Focus on **differentiating similar sounds** (/θ/ vs. /t/, /v/ vs. /w/).

Use **minimal pairs** for practice:

- Ship vs. Sheep
- Bit vs. Beat
- Pin vs. Bin

Exercise: Listen to audio clips and identify the correct pronunciation.

2. Interview Videos Analysis

Watch **interviews** of public speakers, CEOs, or professionals.

Observe:

- Pronunciation and articulation.
- Voice modulation and intonation.
- Confidence and clarity in answering.

Exercise: Take notes and summarize key points.

Example Interview Videos:

- TEDx Talks on Effective Communication
 - Job Interview Mock Sessions (YouTube)
 - Celebrity/Public Figure Interviews (BBC, CNN)
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Speaking Exercises

1. Debate Practice

Select a **topic** and argue for or against it.

Focus on **logical arguments, clear structure, and confident delivery.**

Example Topics:

- Online Learning vs. Classroom Learning
- Social Media: Useful or Harmful?
- AI Replacing Human Jobs

2. Structured Group Discussion (GD)

Rules for GD Practice:

- Introduce the topic briefly.
- Allow each participant to present views.
- Summarize key points at the end.

Exercise: Choose a topic and discuss in a group setting.

Example GD Topics:

- Climate Change and Its Impact
- Future of Remote Work
- Role of Women in Leadership

3. Conversational Practice

Simulate daily conversations (formal & informal).

Practice greeting, asking questions, and responding appropriately.

Example Scenarios:

- Ordering food at a restaurant
 - Talking to a stranger at an event
 - Customer service interactions
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Reading Exercises

1. Commonly Confused Words Practice

Identify words that sound alike but have different meanings.

Examples:

- Affect vs. Effect
- Their vs. There vs. They're
- Compliment vs. Complement
- Principal vs. Principle

Exercise: Read sentences and choose the correct word.

Example:

- **Incorrect:** The new law will have a positive **effect** on citizens.
 - **Correct:** The new law will have a positive **affect** on citizens.
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Writing Exercises

1. Transcription Practice

Listen to a short audio clip and write down what you hear.

Focus on spelling, punctuation, and correct sentence structure.

Exercise:

- **Beginner:** Transcribe a simple conversation.
- **Advanced:** Transcribe a speech or an interview.

Tools for Practice:

- **BBC Learning English Audio Transcripts**
 - **TED Talk Transcripts**
 - **YouTube Auto-Generated Subtitles** (Edit mistakes)
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This **Exercise List** covers **Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing** skills with **practical activities** to improve pronunciation, comprehension, and fluency. Let me know if you need more details or sample worksheets!