# English Speaking Class 1

### Introduction



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## Agenda

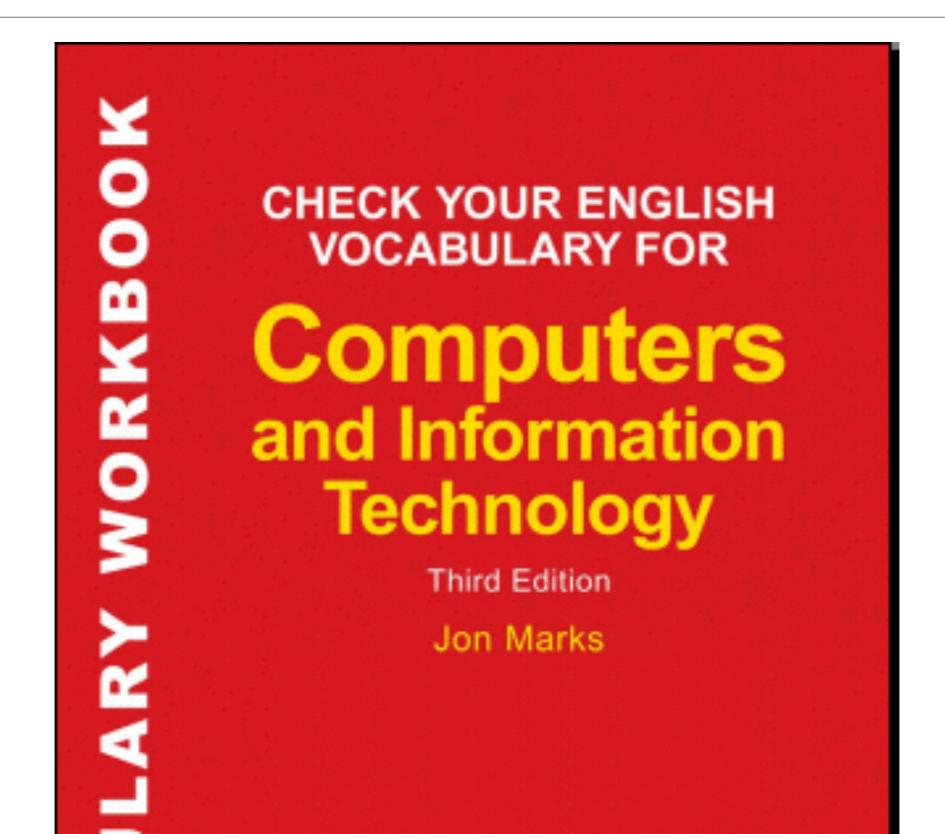
- Introduction
- Making Introductions
- Discussion Questions

#### Class Rules

- Please try to come to class on time
- Put your cellphones on vibrate or silent
- Take you calls in the hall
- Please don't talk during lectures
- Please do all homework, reading, and assignments
- You must come to all classes! Attendance will be taken every day

#### Goals

- Improve your knowledge of technology vocabulary and phrases
- Improve fluency through lively role plays, group discussions, and 1 on 1 exercises
- Improve your pronunciation and articulation
- Build confidence!



## Tech Companies

 How many technology companies can you name? What do they do?

## Role Play - Job Fair

- Imagine we are at an "Job Fair", where recent graduates meet with potential employers and network with other professionals
- Practice Networking
  - Introduce yourself
  - Where are from?
  - What do you want to do when you graduate?

#### Phrases for Introductions

- Introduce yourself:
  - I just wanted to introduce myself. I'm... [your name]
  - I don't think we've met before. My name's... [your name]
- Introduce others:
  - This is...
  - I'd like you to meet...
- Polite response:
  - · Nice to meet you.
  - · It's a pleasure to meet you.

## Short Dialogue

A: So, how do you and Jack know each other? Are you colleagues?

B: No, we've known each other since we were kids, actually. We went to school together.

A: Really? Where are you from?

B: Oh, a small town in Suffolk county. Not many people have heard of it!

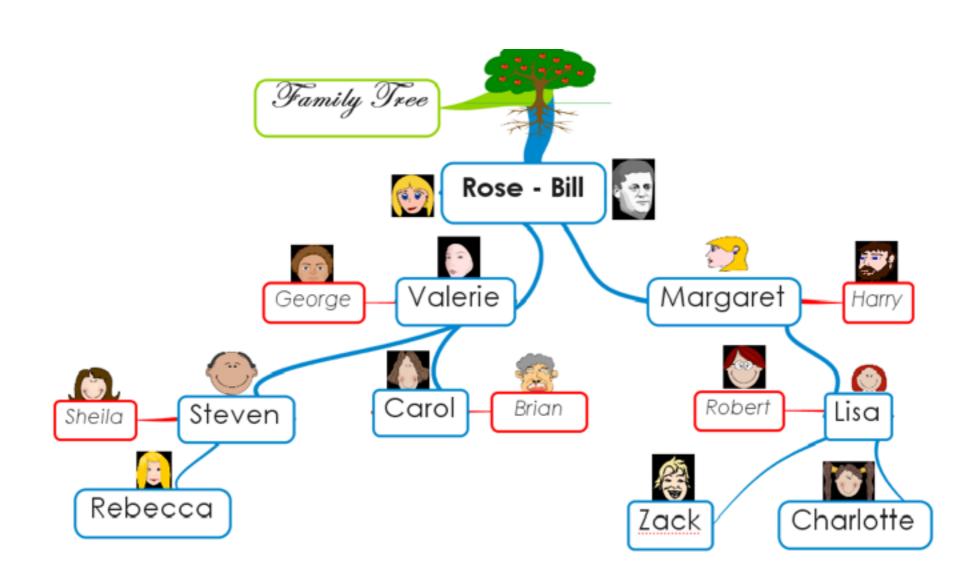
A: What's it called? I'm from that part of the world, too.

## Weekly Schedule

For each day last week, write down one thing you did:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Attend class			
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		Play Basketball	

## Family Tree



## Family Questions

Write at least 6 questions to ask your partner about their family

What?	Where?	How?
What is your father like?		

#### Friends

- Write the names of three people you know on a piece of paper
- Exchange the list with your partner
- Ask 3 questions about each of the people on your partner's list

#### Discussion 1: Education

- What is your favorite class? Why?
- Why is it sometimes very difficult to speak another language?
- Would you consider studying abroad? List 3 advantages and disadvantages.

## Listening

- What is MVC?
- What does the "M" stand for? "V"? "C"?
- Give me an example of an Action? Outlet?

#### Homework

- Do exercises 1.1-4 in "Check Your English for Vocabulary for Computers and Information Technology"
- Watch an episode of a TV show, and write a summary (100+ words)

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