**English For Developers:**

**Why Language Skills Are Essential for a Career in Tech**

### **Speaking & Discussion**

#### **7. Role-Play: The Interview**

Role-play the scenario of **Malik** and **Robin**.

In pairs (Interviewer and Candidate), students conduct two short, identical mock interviews for a Junior Developer role, but with different levels of English proficiency.

* **Candidate A (Malik):** Speaks clearly, uses correct technical terms, and elaborates confidently.
* **Candidate B (Robin):** Hesitates, uses very simple vocabulary, struggles to explain technical concepts, and has awkward silences.

**Discussion:** After the role-play, discuss the difference: Was the interview easier with Malik? Did Robin’s limited English affect the interviewer's perception of their *technical skill*?

#### **8. Developer Debate**

#### ***"Formal English training is more critical for a developer's career than learning a second programming language."***

* **Group A (Pro-English):** Focus on the text's arguments: documentation, meetings, job market, global collaboration.
* **Group B (Pro-Second-Language):** Argue that deep technical skill (in Python/JavaScript/etc.) is the *core* function, and basic English is enough.

O debate acima pode ser em português para que todos possam participar e expor suas opiniões!

### **Writing**

#### **9. Documentation Deconstruction**

#### *Focus on the section about* ***reading documentation****. Technical writing needs to be clear, concise, and professional.*

Rewrite one of the author's informal paragraphs into a more formal, instructional style (like a manual).

**Original Text Example:** *"First, your team leads would tell you to (1) read the documentation. All those guides and manuals that explain how to use tools and write code? They're mostly in English. You need to understand these to do your job right and not have a panic attack."*

**Formal Rewrite Example:** *"It is essential to consult the project documentation immediately. Technical guides and manuals, which are predominantly in English, provide the necessary instructions for tool utilization and code development. A comprehensive understanding of this material is critical for successful task execution."*

#### **10. Email**

#### *Imagine they are the author of the text and are pitching the importance of English to a potential student. They must write a concise, professional email (100-150 words) to the subject line:* ***"Your Essential First Coding Language."***

* **Requirements:** Must include at least **three bolded keywords** from the text and use a professional closing (e.g., *Sincerely, Best regards*).

#### **11. Language Barrier Solutions Activity**

#### *Write a short paragraph for each scenario, suggesting a polite and professional way to deal with the situation:*

1. **Problem:** A colleague in a meeting speaks too fast.
   1. *Solution:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. **Problem:** You don't understand a complex technical phrase in an email from your team leader.
   1. *Solution:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. **Problem:** You need to present an idea, but you’re nervous about your grammar.
   1. *Solution:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### **12. Future Focus**

**Questions for Discussion:**

* Based on this text, what specific English skill (reading, writing, listening, speaking) do you think is your biggest priority to improve *right now*?
* Do you agree that English is the "official language of software development?" Why or why not?
* What is one concrete thing you can do this week to improve your English for your developer career?