Chapter Thirty Eight

Speaking rules you need to know!

Most people think that fluently means perfectly but this is not true. If you think about it, you will realize that even most native English speakers don't speak perfect English; most people make mistakes with their grammar, their choice of words, or even their pronunciation.

If you want to speak English well, you have to practice. The most important thing you can do to improve your fluency is to practice. The more you practice, the more comfortable you will be. It is observed that student while speaking English, feel "nervous," "scared" or something similar.

The second most important piece of advice here is to relax. Don't worry about making mistakes. If you can't think of the right word or tense to use, don't worry about it. Just say anything that communicates the point you want to make. Speaking English fluently isn't just about practicing your speaking. It is also important to listen English as much as possible. This is easy with access to the web, movies, TV and radio. If you listen, even if you are not concentrating on what you are listening to, you will start to absorb the language and will start using phrases and sentence constructions without thinking about them.

Use new vocabulary as soon as you can.

prosperous knowledge of vocabulary is a very important part of improving your speaking.

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Don't shy!

One of the major reasons why students don't improve their spoken English is because they too shy/hesitate to speak. Maybe they are worried about making mistakes. Don't worry. People will know you are not a native English speaker, so they will not expect you to get everything 100% right.

It is better to try and to make mistakes, than not to try at all.

Don't study grammar too much

This rule might sound strange, but it is one of the most important rules.

If you want to pass examinations, then study grammar. However, if you want to become fluent in English, then you should try to learn English without studying the grammar.

Studying grammar will only slow you down and confuse you. You will think about the rules when creating sentences instead of naturally saying a sentence like a native. Remember that only a small fraction of English speakers know more than 20% of all the grammar rules. Many students know more grammar than native speakers. We can confidently say this with experience.

Try English in different situations.

For example, when you are shopping, asking for directions, general conversations, on the telephone etc.

Don't try to be perfect.

Even English speakers make mistakes sometimes!

Don't worry about having a 'perfect' accent.

As long as your pronunciation is good enough for people to understand you, don't worry if you can't pronounce all the sounds correctly.

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Submerge yourself

Being able to speak a language is not related to how smart you are. Anyone can learn how to speak any language. This is a proven fact by everyone in the world. Everyone can speak at least one language. Whether you are intelligent or lacking some brainpower, you are able to speak one language.

In your country, you hear and speak your language constantly. You will notice that many people who are good English speakers are the ones who studied in an English speaking school.

They can speak English not because they went to an English speaking school, but because they had an environment where they can be around English speaking people constantly.

There are also some people who study abroad and learn very little. That is because they went to an English speaking school, but found friends from their own country and didn't practice English.

You haven't to go anywhere to become a fluent English speaker. You only need to surround yourself with English. You can do this by making rules with your existing friends that you will only speak English. You can also carry around an iPod and constantly listen to English sentences. As you can see, you can achieve results by changing what your surroundings are. Submerge yourself in English and you will learn several times faster.