



Activity

What could you say in the following situations?

1. You disagree with something the tutor has said.

2. The lecturer has asked you a question, but you don't know the answer.

3. You have something to say in a tutorial discussion, but no one seems to stop talking long enough for you to say it.

4. Your tutor explains an important concept to the class, but you still don't understand the concept very well.

5. The person you are talking to in the tutorial has a very strong accent, and you can't understand what they are saying.



Useful tips for improving your English

Immerse yourself! Use English as much as you can in your daily life.

- Change the language on your devices to English.
- Watch English television and movies, or use English subtitles.
- Speak English with your friends and at home. If you find this hard to do all the time, start small—try an ‘English only’ hour, then extend it.

Talk to English speakers regularly. An important skill in Australia is knowing how to chat informally, or ‘small talk’. Good small talk topics include:

- the weather
- movies and television
- travel
- food
- your home country
- sports and hobbies

Are you having trouble understanding in class? Don’t be afraid to ask for help. For extra assistance, use your lecturer’s or tutor’s office hour.

Join (or start!) a conversation group with friends. Meet regularly and talk about anything, as long as it is in English. Join ANUSA clubs and societies. Come to the ANU Let’s Speak English groups!

Remember: Practice makes perfect!

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