

Day 6

Listen to the experts

I often use TED talks when teaching English. They are a great way to learn something new, while listening to different accents and learning new vocabulary.

It also helps to hear how vocabulary is used in speech. TED talks are full of metaphors, phrasal verbs and a good mixture of formal and informal language.

Listen to a TED talk. Use the transcript and subtitles to help. Listen again, and again.

Try to listen to how the person uses their voice to make the presentation interesting. Speaking really fast is not how we make spoken English sound good. Pay attention to how the person pauses, slows down and takes time to make their point clearly.

Alternative - For a simpler video, try watching NewsRound and learn something new today

Optional Extra - Learn more about Discourse Markers and practice using them in your speech

Expert English - Find examples of phrasal verbs in the video. Write them down and record yourself using them in sentences.

Useful Resources

TED Talks

BBC Newsround

Why we hesitate when we speak TED Talk

How to speak so that people want to listen TED Talk

Ten ways to have better conversations TED Talk

Discourse Markers

Expert Notes

Talk Title

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