

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR **SPEAKING** SKILLS

What you could do	Practical examples
Practise speaking as much as possible	Sign up for an online conversation exchange, or ask in the Language Lounge.
Focus on the ways in which native speakers talk	During conversation exchanges, take note of idiomatic words or phrases and try repeating them.
Listen actively	Ask your partner about new words or expressions, or do some research on your own.
Repeat and imitate what you've just heard	Repeat phrases or whole sentences from a recorded listening such as TED talks, aiming to imitate pronunciation, intonation, and speed.
Pronounce words correctly	Record yourself so that you can listen back and try again if necessary. Use voice recognition on your phone.
Adopt the accent of the foreign language	Practise pronouncing basic sounds, especially vowels. Pay attention to intonation and emphasis.
Speak clearly and understandably	Avoid speaking in a low voice, muttering, etc. Try to speak directly to the other person.

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