

I. Choose one of these topics and talk to your group for two to three minutes. Ask if they understood you. Ask if they have questions about what you said. Ask them how you can improve your speaking ability.

1. How do you feel about talking to people on the phone in English?
2. What do you usually talk about with your friends? your family?
3. Have you ever had a conversation with a complete stranger? Does this happen more often in the U.S. than in your homeland?
4. Who flirts more, men or women? How do you respond to someone who is flirting with you? Do you feel flirting is flattering or annoying?
5. Describe a really awkward conversation you have had with someone. (Awkward means uncomfortable or odd.)

II. Conjunctions:

One use of a conjunction is to connect words that have the same grammatical function in a sentence. This use of conjunctions is called parallel structure. The conjunctions used in this pattern are AND, BUT, OR.

In parallel structure, the two parts of speech joined must be the same, and if verbs, the same tense.

EX: Mary is opening the door and greeted her guests. This sentence is incorrect. It should say Mary is opening the door and greeting her guests.

EX: Mary is a student and kind. This sentence is incorrect because it is linking a noun and an adjective. It should say Mary is a student and an employee of the university. OR Mary is kind and caring.

III. Identify the errors in these sentences and correct them.

1. I washed and drying the apples.
2. Do you think bats are scary or fighting.
3. On my vacation I lost my luggage and broken glasses.
4. In the winter Iceland is cold and a pretty country.
5. Mr. Joseph has worked in the field of business communications and intelligent.

IV. Finish these sentences correctly.

1. I have met his father, but not _____.
2. Judge Holmes served his country with ability and _____.
3. The pioneers labored to clear the forest and _____.
4. All plants need light and _____.
5. I resolve to be compassionate and _____.
6. Our family enjoys camping and _____.
7. In the morning I eat a light breakfast and _____.
8. Dan opened the door and _____.
9. Many visitors to Los Angeles enjoy visiting Disneyland and _____.
10. Abraham Lincoln was a lawyer and _____.

V. Tell the difference in part of speech, meaning and pronunciation in the underlined words in these sentence pairs.

1-Dr. Glenn is the only doctor in the county, so he alternates between the two villages.
An alternate explanation for his behavior is that he was on drugs.

2-Long, thin legs and a nice smile are the best attributes for a model.
I attribute his chronic cough to his chain smoking.

3-She laid the dishes out on the buffet and asked us to serve ourselves.
The winds buffeted the small airplane as it tried to land.

4-She was consoled by the fact that he didn't suffer long.
I keep maps in the center console of my car.

5-In the story, the girl marries a Muslim and converts to Islam.
You can convert your money at a bank near the airport.
As a recent convert to Christianity, she was unsure about the church doctrine.

6-We were incensed that the politician lied to his constituents about his affair.
My masseuse burns incense while he is giving me a massage.

7-I'm sorry but your credit card is invalid. It expired last month.
The feeble old invalid quietly crept into his room.

8-The soldier deserted his post when the car caught on fire in the desert.
He finally got his just deserts when the court sentenced him to ten years in prison.