

Freshman English Conversation BEN10103 (Class A, Section C)

Class Time Tuesdays 34 10:10-12:00, Room H208

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Texts: *Talking for Real: Book 2*, by David Wright

Class Objectives,

The purpose of this class is to help students become comfortable speaking in English and gain fluency. Students should be able to listen, share information, and converse in an English only environment. Students should become comfortable expressing and supporting personal ideas related to class topics.

1. Improve fluency in English conversation (thinking in English, pronunciation, intonation)
2. Increase conversational skills & ability (confidence, vocabulary, strategies).

After completing this course, students should be able to

1. Hold lengthy conversations using only English.
2. Be able and willing to ask questions in English for clarification and further information.
3. Feel comfortable when speaking English before a small audience.
4. Express information, opinions, and ideas, about various topics with adequate support and be able to answer follow-up questions.

The Practice and Feature of Class (Changes for Spring semester)

1. The textbook, *Talking for Real, Book 2*, will be used for some classes. Prepare for these classes by completing the survey part in each and by previewing each exercise
2. Other classes will be based on a particular topic and the homework students prepare. It is vital that you do the required preparation to make the class interesting for yourself and others
3. Exams
 - o The midterm will be done with your group in the format of an entertaining “talk show” performed in front of the class.
 - o The final exam will be an individual interview held in my office.

Grading

- 25% Participation (punctuality and using English)
- 25% Written homework (8)
- 20% Midterm
- 30% Final Interview

- Missing more than two classes will lower semester grade by 10 points.
- Missing four or more classes is grounds for a failing grade.
- Perfect attendance will raise your grade by 3 points.

Schedule

| Class | Date | Topic |
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| 1 | 2/23 | Class introductions. Talk about your semester break. |
| 2 | 3/1 | Chapter 5: E-Life |
| 3 | 3/8 | Truth and lies, crime. Practice your lying skills |
| 4 | 3/15 | Crime (no textbook) |
| 5 | 3/22 | Chapter 6: His and Hers |
| 6 | 3/29 | Communication & Talking on the phone. |
| 7 | 4/5 | Spring break |
| 8 | 4/12 | Education: High school and college |
| 9 & 10 | 4/19 & 26 | Midterm Talk Show: 25-30 min per group |
| 11 | 5/3 | Chapter 7: Master of Arts |
| 12 | 5/10 | Famous art. Mini-presentations |
| 13 | 5/17 | Chapter 8: Generations' Relations |
| 14 | 5/24 | Traveling: Plan 6 day trips and visit “travel agencies. |
| 15 | 5/31 | Taiwan History. |
| 16 | 6/7 | Opinion polls: Create your own opinion poll and use it in class |
| 17 & 18 | 6/14& 21 | English Speaking Final. |