



# Communications Strategy: TOEIC Speaking and Conversational English

## Spring 2019

### Professor Dylan Stagg

<b>Class Time:</b>	Tuesday, 2:30-5:20
<b>Location:</b>	미래 B305
<b>Textbook:</b>	Tactics for TOEIC
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<b>Course Format:</b>	Lecture based

#### I. Introduction

This class is both a preparation for the TOEIC Speaking test and an overview of conversational English at the intermediate level. The study of conversational English helps students find the essential tools needed to excel in a TOEIC Speaking Test, that is, the confidence to speak English, proper sentence structure, and the ability to speak at length about a variety of topics. Together, as a class, we will practice the following aspects of English for the TOEIC Test: pronunciation, intonation, grammar, vocabulary, cohesion, relevance and completeness. This will be accomplished through pronunciation/intonation exercises, vocabulary quizzes and grammar exercises.

There are 11 questions in the TOEIC Speaking Test, so each class will focus on learning how to answer a question and also improving basic speaking skills. There will be a speaking midterm. The final exam will include both a speaking test and a take-home TOEIC Speaking test. There will be weekly vocabulary quizzes.

#### II. Objectives

- To equip students with the English language skills required for understanding and achieving a high score on the TOEIC Speaking Exam
- To provide guidance and practice in basic general and classroom conversation and to engage in specific academic speaking activities
- To improve comprehensibility through pronunciation improvement
- To strengthen students' abilities to monitor and evaluate their own English language progress, initiate self-improvement, and develop compensatory language skills as required
- To provide students with a realistic assessment of academic language demands

### III. Competencies

- Communicative, Self-directed learning, and Professional

### IV. Grading

- Homework 30%
- Attendance 20%
  - Participation 10%
  - Quizzes 10%
- Midterm Exam 20%
- Final Exam 30%

### V. Vocabulary Quizzes

The vocabulary for your quizzes will come from the pdf file "TOP 100 TOEIC Vocabulary Words." Every week there will be a quiz on 10 words **AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS**. These quizzes will count for 10% of your final grade. Any missed quiz is an automatic ZERO.

### VI. Homework

Your homework will be done by emailing voice recordings, handouts given in class, or work in the textbook. Each homework assignment is due one week after it is assigned. There will be a 10 percent late penalty for each day an assignment is late.

### VII. Participation

Your participation score is based on how often you speak in class. Your score is determined by the number of Suwon Dollars you accumulate. At the end of the semester, the student with the highest number will receive a 100% for participation, and the rest of the class will follow.

Note: This is a speaking class. You will be required to speak English for most of the class. You will make mistakes. I will correct you in front of the other students. This is not done to embarrass you, but rather to help you learn.

Attendance: You are allowed three absences. Four absences is an automatic F. Three times late = one time absent. If class begins at 11:30. 11:35 is late. 12:30 is absent. No exceptions.

### VIII. Canvas

Each week information will be uploaded onto Canvas. The material posted will be:

- Course syllabus
- PPTs from class lectures
- Vocabulary quizzes
- Mp3s for homework
- Final Exam

### IX. Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson Objective</u>	<u>Lesson Focus</u>	<u>Vocabulary Words</u>
Class 1	Intro, Look at TOEIC Speaking Test		
Class 2	Pronunciation Practice	1) Syllables 2) Haiku 3) Stress 4) Function/Content Words	
Class 3	Pronunciation Practice	1) Focal Stress 2) Schwa 3) Contractions	abreast – dictate
Class 4	Intonation Practice	1) Thought Groups 2) Sure/Unsure 3) Finished/Unfinished 4) Question/Answer	expenditure – exact
Class 5	Intonation Practice Unit 1–TOEIC Speaking #1~2	1) Lists 2) Choices 3) Questions 1 & 2 Practice	disposition – novel
Class 6	Unit 2–TOEIC Speaking #3	Describe a Picture	onus – expatriate
Class 6	REVIEW		facet – cliché
Class 7	<b>Midterm Exam</b>		
Class 8	Unit 3 & 9–TOEIC Speaking # 4~6	Respond to Questions	concert – ado
Class 9	Unit 4 & 10–TOEIC Speaking #7~9	Respond to Information Given	abound – frank
Class 10	Unit 5–TOEIC Speaking #10 (part 1)	Propose a Solution– Customer Demand	influx – tenure
Class 11	Unit 11–TOEIC Speaking #10 (part 2)	Propose a Solution– Customer Request	transcend – proximity
Class 12	Unit 6–TOEIC Speaking #11	Express an Opinion	simulate – conviction
Class 13	Grammar Practice	1) A/An/The 2) Prepositions	
Class 14	REVIEW		
Class 15	<b>Final Exam</b>		