

# **Communication Strategies (TOEIC Speaking)**

**<u>Time:</u>** Monday, 9:30-12:20 ONLINE CLASS FOR SPRING 2021. ZOOM ID~7506095501. PASSWORD~282016 Should in person classes somehow resume, MiRae Building, 104. Professor: Todd Arthur Wolf (toddarthurwolf@gail.com)

# **Office hours:**

Monday:12:30pm - 1:20pm.Tuesday:9:30am - 12:20pm.Wednesday:12:30pm - 1:20pm.Thursday:9:30am - 12:20am.

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## Textbook: Tactics for TOEIC (ISBN 978-89-17-19696-2)

## I. Introduction

This class is in part a preparation for the TOEIC Speaking test, and a very useful, practical class to improve your conversational speaking abilities. In this class, we will practice the following aspects of English: pronunciation, intonation, grammar, vocabulary, cohesion, relevance and completeness (special emphasis will be given to **pronunciation**, **intonation**, **grammar** and **vocabulary**). This will be accomplished through pronunciation/intonation exercises, vocabulary quizzes and grammar drills. The first half of the semester will focus on improving basic speaking skills. The second half of the semester will focus on test preparation. There will be a speaking midterm. The final exam will be a 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 improve comprehensibility through pronunciation improvement
- To strengthen students' abilities to monitor and evaluate their own English language progress, initiate selfimprovement, and develop compensatory language skills as required
- To provide students with a realistic assessment of academic language demands

## III. Grades

Midterm Exam20%Final Exam20%Participation30%Homework30%

# \*As of 2016, this class will be graded on a PASS/FAIL basis. Anybody who has a final score below 70% or is absent 4 times will receive a FAIL.

## **IV. Vocabulary Quizzes**

The vocabulary for your quizzes will come from the pdf file "TOP 100 TOEIC Vocabulary Words," or from vocabulary provided in class by the instructor. Some weeks there will be a quiz on 10 words <u>AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS</u>. These quizzes will count for 10% of your final grade. Any missed quiz is an automatic ZERO. These quizzes account for over 50% of the homework score.

## VI. Participation

Your participation score is based on how often you speak in class and how often you come to class. This is a subjective assessment on my part. <u>You are allowed four absences</u>. Five absences is an automatic F. Three times late = one time absent. Class begins at 1:30. 1:31 is late. 1:45 is absent. No exceptions.

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.

## VII. Policies

## \*There are no excused absences

\*Tardiness

- a) Late for more than the first 5 minutes of class = unexcused absence
- b) 3 times late = 1 unexcused absence.

\*Missed Exam

\*\*The course has 2 exams – (Midterm Exam and Final Exam).

- a) Missing any exams results in an automatic F for the class.
- b) Makeup exams may be allowed but will have a lower score because they are late.

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

14th	Unit 6 – TOEIC Speaking #11	Express an Opinion	
15th	Final Exam		