

# ESL Radio Show – Episode\_4

**De'ja:** Hello Everyone. I am De'ja, an ESL professor from International College.

**Shabnam:** Hi. I am Shabnam, an ESL professor from International College as well.

Welcome back to **ESL Radio Show Episode\_4**. The Radio show focuses on English communication among non-native students. Today, what we have in our baggage to talk.

- First Lecture Week in “**English at University**”
- American song from 1960.

Can't wait to start “First lecture Week” with the Radio show. How are you De'ja? Do you enjoy Festival week in The University of Suwon's campus?

**De'ja:** Yeah..! It was fun. We played darts, enjoyed the food at the stall, songs, music, performances by students, information booth about International College and had a great time with our colleagues.

Today, Sujin is going to attend First Lecture of Prof NOT.

**Shabnam:** So, here we go with our series on **English at University**.

English at University - the series that teaches some English phrases to help you through your first year of study abroad.

## First Lecture Week

**Narrator**

Hello and welcome to English at University - the series that teaches some English phrases to help you through your first year of study abroad. Sujin's a new student who has just arrived at the University of Studies and now after settling in with Roommate, her studying can finally begin. Sujin, it's time for your first lecture - but you look like a **bundle of nerves...**

**Sujin:**... well, I am a bit **nervous**, I couldn't sleep last night.

**Narrator:** Don't worry, you're not alone - everyone's in the same position. Everything will be fine – good luck!

**Sujin:**OK, well, it's time to go in...

**Prof. Not:** Ah Sujin - we meet again. How's your head today?

**Sujin:** Better thanks - I see you managed to err... clean your shoes.

**Prof. Not:** Yes, I did - they still smell a bit, but I'll survive. Shall we get down to business - Business Studies – now that *most* of us are here?

**Sujin:** Yes, of course.

**Daniel:** Oh... err... sorry I'm late. I went to the .....wrong room – wrong room. Yeah.

**Prof. Not:** Hmm... The first rule of business is punctuality. As T.C. Haliburton once said "Punctuality is the soul of business." Now, what is business and why do we study it? Business is an economic system... A company transacts business activities...

**Sujin:** Daniel, what's he talking about?

**Daniel:** Haven't a clue... have you got a spare pen by the way? Look, you're going to have to ask him to explain.

**Sujin:** Me!?

**Prof. Not:** What was that Sujin?

**Sujin:** Oh, nothing. Sorry.

**Narrator**

I think Daniel's a nervous wreck - he's not going to help you so I will! If something doesn't make sense, put your hand up and say

*'excuse me, could you say that again please?' or  
'I don't understand, can you explain that again please?' - or  
maybe 'could you explain that in a different way please?'*

Sujin: OK.

Prof. Not: Errr, yes Sujin, what is it?

Sujin: Prof. Not... it's all very interesting but could you say that again please? Sorry, I don't understand what you mean...

Prof. Not: Oh!

Sujin: I'd appreciate it if you could explain it in a different way... please?

Daniel: I think what Professor Not means is you have to have a soul to be in business.

Prof. Not: No... Daniel isn't it? What I mean is...

**Narrator**

Daniel's **got a nerve**, pretending he knows it all - perhaps it's just **nervous energy** that makes him such an idiot! Anyway, well done Sujin - you spoke up and asked for clarification. It's a good idea to ask if you don't understand something. Don't pretend you know something when you don't - like Daniel did!

Here's a reminder of the questions Sujin asked...

*Could you say that again please?  
Sorry, I don't understand what you mean.  
Could you explain that in a different way please?*

You can practise these phrases, pick up a few more plus learn some top tips for studying in abroad on our website at [ic.suwon.ac.kr/extra-programs/esl-radio-podcast](http://ic.suwon.ac.kr/extra-programs/esl-radio-podcast). Now, the lecture is over, I wonder if things are a bit clearer for Sujin?

**Sujin:** Thanks Professor. Everything's much clearer now.

**Prof. Not:** Well I recommend you get my book from the library - 'Mind Your Own Business' - oh and Sujin... I hold a seminar every Monday at the local pub should you wish to join us sometime?

**Sujin:** Yes Professor... thanks, I will.

**Prof. Not:** You can call me Robert.

**Daniel:** Ok Robert! It's a date!

**Prof. Not:** Oh, it's you. Well, don't forget to bring your notes.

**Daniel:** Oh no, my notes! I left them in the classroom.

### **More**

If you're struggling to understand what is being said in a lecture, these programs are available on <http://ic.suwon.ac.kr/extra-programs/esl-radio-podcast> as a manuscript about Episode\_4, listening which might help you. Please write us at [eslradio.usw@gmail.com](mailto:eslradio.usw@gmail.com) about your views and new ideas, what you want to listen to on the ESL Radio Program. Now, listen interesting song after the boring lecture notes.

### **Next**

In the next episode, Sujin goes to Professor Not's evening seminar to discuss what she's learnt so far. But the problem is there's always a chatterbox – you know, someone who likes to do all the talking and you can probably guess who that is!

### **Language focus**

**Learn phrases about saying you don't understand and need something explained**

Could you say that again please?

Sorry, I don't understand what you mean.

Could you explain that in a different way please?

Would you mind going over that again please?

I'm not sure what you mean, could you explain it again please?

You've lost me - could you start again please?

### **Vocabulary**

**Words and phrases to do with being nervous**

a bundle of nerves

feeling a bit nervous

(somebody is) a nervous wreck

he's got a nerve

nervous energy

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*English at University*

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# Dance to the Music

By Sly & The Family Stone Lyrics.

[Cynthia Robinson]

Get up and dance to the music  
Get on up and dance to the music

[All]

Dance to the Music  
Dance to the Music  
Dance to the Music  
Dance to the Music

[Freddie Stone]

Hey Greg

[Greg Errico]

What?

[Freddie]

All we need is a drummer  
For people who only need a beat, yeah

[Drum added]

[Freddie]

I'm gonna add a little guitar  
And make it easy to move your feet

[Guitar added]

[Larry Graham]

I'm gonna add some bottom  
So that the dancers just won't hide

[Bass added]

[Sylvester "Sly" Stone]

You might like to hear my organ  
I said 'Ride, Sally, ride'

[Organ added]

[Freddie]

Cynthia, Jerry  
If I could hear the horns blowin'  
Cynthia on the throne, yeah

[Trumpet: Cynthia]

[Freddie]

Listen to me  
Cynthia & Jerry got a message they're sayin':

[Cynthia]

All the squares, go home  
Aaaaah, yeah

[Saxophone: Jerry Martini]

[Greg]  
Listen to the basses

[All]  
Dance to the Music  
Dance to the Music  
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*American Song from 1960*

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