

CONVERSATION BASED LEARNING

The goal is fluency

The method is 30 hours of conversations

Speaking improves 60%, and your transcripts prove it

Write what you will say

Write what you will say
Writing before speaking improves accuracy

Ask ONE question. Take a note. AFTER they answer, you can ask a second follow-up question.

1. What did you do last Saturday? What did you do on Sunday? What did you do last winter? Last summer? How do you spend your spare time? How do you spend your money? Last Saturday I went to my Auntie's house and met my high school friends.
2. Do you belong to Facebook? Twitter? Instagram? Do you have your own website? Being on Facebook. That kind of becomes my social network. I can message people from there. I belong to Facebook, mostly because that's my major student's communication.
3. What kind of phone do you have? How much memory? How big is your storage? I have an iPhone 12 Pro Max. 256 like a mini computer. I love it.
4. How many texts do you send and get per day? What tech programs do you use? I guess I'd about average, about 100 from outside. I use iMessage a lot. It's free and it's convenient.
5. Did you ever use your phone as an emergency? I don't do, but once you have your car accident and you're the police and ambulance.
6. How many apps are on your phone? How do you get them? I have about 200 apps. I get them from the store. I would delete any that I don't use.
7. What computer programs do you use? Are you an expert at any? I use the basic Word, Excel and PowerPoint. I want to learn Photoshop and Premiere.
8. Do you have a desktop computer and printer in your bedroom? My wife has a desktop and I have a desktop computer. My wife has a printer and I have an air.

Key: Answer Why? When? Where? What? How often? Answer Whatever Kind of How and how? It depends!

2 Tech & Texting

Talk about what you wrote
Speaking to many partners improves fluency

Ask questions in order, or at random. Or even numbers today, odd numbers next class.

9. Do you ever watch YouTube videos? How much time do you spend there per week? Oh, I love watching YouTube. I like to see music clips and all kinds of videos for sports, David Byrne.
10. What's your favorite computer game? On a scale of 1 to 10, how good are you? I would love to play a lot of strategy like Star Wars and Halo but on the weekend, I would play.
11. What will be your next tech purchase? Do you prefer to shop online or in store? I want to get some wireless earbuds. I think Bose are good. I would like like a laptop, but a small one.
12. Do you have any group chats on Kakao? What is it in the group? How often do you chat? I have a group chat with my high school friends, we message a lot, but not daily.
13. How many photos have you had in your life? How many have you lost? I don't know how many photos. All that I can think of is whenever my father got a new phone, I get to get all his.
14. How often do you legally download a movie? Music? Should you ever download it? I have downloaded some music before, but I don't think I would ever want to download music.
15. Do you ever do any homework research online? Are you a better student? I would like to do research on Google Scholar. I would like to do research on Google Scholar.
16. What will you do after school? What will you do this weekend? This weekend I'm going to go to my phone. I want to see if I can get my phone to be happy.

For example? What about you?

2 Tech & Texting

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Transcribe what you said



Correct what you said



More speaking = more self-correcting = more improvement

This is the Class

Speed Dating pair conversations.

Many partners improve **fluency**. Better partners improve **accuracy**.
Everybody's speaking half the time, and half the time your partner's a better speaker.



This is the Test

Three students have a real-world conversation.

Record it with your phone, transcribe just what you said.
While transcribing, you **hear, type, read** and **correct** every mistake you made.



The test was not added to the class. The test enables the class.
Real-world conversation tests result in real-world conversation classes.



The Short Version: Write it, Say it

1 Write what you will say

All homework is writing what you will say. There's no read and guess.
Without writing beforehand, beginning speakers cannot speak for 2 hours.

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2 Talk about what you wrote

With many partners. The bigger the class the better.
More partners = more repetition = more fluency.



Transcribe it, Correct it

3 Transcribe what you said

The test is a 17-minute real-world conversation.
Record, and transcribe your part of the conversation.



4 Self-correct

While transcribing, you will **hear, type and read** every mistake you made. Your transcript shows:

- 1 How many words you spoke
- 2 How many times you spoke
- 3 Average words per turn
- 4 Vocabulary underlined and listed
- 5 Mistakes are highlighted
- 6 Top 5 Mistakes are corrected

1 **2** **3**

I spoke 400 words ÷ 36 times = 11.1 words per turn

VOCABULARY		
PERSONALITY	EDUCATION	TECHNOLOGY
party animal	idea person	tech savvy
couch potato	brainiac	nerd
early bird	slacker	
suffer in silence	procrastinate	
	early bird	

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The top 5 mistakes I will fix are:

- 1** I have four families.
There are four in my family.
- 2** I'm live in Seoul.
I live in Seoul.
- 3** Have you ever been to abroad?
Have you ever traveled abroad?
- 4** After class I go to home.
After class I'll go home.
- 5** My father she works out of town a lot.
My father works out of town a lot

1. I'm like you. I have four families. Where do you live?
2. I'm live in Seoul. Where is your hometown?
3. My hometown is Yeosu. My grandfather was a fisherman. Father's father. Funny. On my mother's side of family they are allergic to fish.
4. Yes, I'm a freshman.
5. Yes, I joined a club. But, I don't know the name in English. Something like "Loner's Club."
6. In the club just what I like doing what I like is OK.
7. Yes, I'm a morning person.
8. Yes I just went OT and registration OT.
9. That's all I went.
10. I'm couch potato too.
11. When I don't go to school, when I'm not in a school, I'm usually at home.

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12. So, when I'm in home, I just resting. Usually I don't drink too much.
13. What's what?
14. Oh. Wow. Have you ever been to abroad?
15. I went to Osaka Universal Studios last winter vacation. It was awesome. I went with my family and we also visit my aunt who lives in Japan. I love take a trip.
16. My parents are half and half. My mother is strict and my mother is lenient. What about you?
17. Oh. I recently registered a gym. Before I jogging. I'm kind of lamer.
18. So I go to gym to lose my weight. Maybe a little.
19. Are you good at running?
20. What about you?
21. I'm not outdoor person.
22. No, that's not that hard exercising.
23. I'm not good at exercising. I just very like watching baseball.
24. I don't know.
25. After class I go to home.
26. In economics, there are two soccer clubs. Ah, in business department, there are two soccer clubs.
27. But I think they are more drinking club than sports club.
28. One is not that good at soccer just enjoying soccer.
29. And another is very good at soccer.
30. I want to be party animal, but I have no money. What about you?
31. I usually hang out near Hongdae on the weekends.
32. These days I need to catch up on my studies because I fall behind.
33. I'm expecting this weekend. I will get some quality time with my parents. My father she works out of town a lot.
34. Were you happy with your presentation?
35. I did a lot of presentations last semester, so I pretty much knew how to do it. I made many bloopers. I spent hours fixing bloopers. What about you?
36. What will your next presentation be on?

I did all this in 2 hours ←

While transcribing, you will also hear your partner's mistakes, and how your better partners did it better. Because you wrote what you will say, when you correct your speaking, you're also correcting your writing.

Overview

1 Placement Test

Gives your ability and first test partners

Placement Test Score	First Test Partners
99	1
92	
90	
89	2
88	
87	
85	3
83	
80	
79	4
78	
76	
73	5
72	
68	
67	6
64	
58	
57	7
57	
54	



2 Homework

Write what you will say
30 minutes a week

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- What did you do last Saturday?** *What did you do on Sunday? What did you do last night? Last Saturday I slept late and then played computer games for 10 hours. I stopped when I got hungry. Last Saturday I went to my hometown, Kwangju and met my high school friends.*
- Do you belong to Facebook? Twitter? Instagram?** *Do you have your own website? I belong to Facebook. That's kind of the center of my social universe. I contact everyone from there. I belong to Facebook, mainly because that's my major students communicate.*
- What kind of phone do you have?** *How much memory? How big is your display? I have an iPhone 12, the big one. Gold. It has 13GB. The data plan is unlimited. I surf a lot. I have an iPhone 16 Pro Max. It's like a mini computer. I love it.*
- How many texts do you send and get per day?** *What texting program do you use? I guess I do about average, about 100 texts out and in. I use iMessage. It's free and has great emojis.*
- Did you ever use your phone in an emergency?** *Never did, but once my father saw a car accident, and he called the police and ambulance.*
- How many songs are on your phone?** *Where do you get them from? I have about 200 songs, I get them from iTunes. Once a week I listen and transcribe a song.*
- What computer programs do you know?** *Are you serious about it? I know the basics: Word, Excel and PowerPoint. I want to learn Photoshop and Keynote.*
- Do you have a desktop computer and printer in your bedroom?** *My older brother and I share a desktop computer. We have a printer. The text is clear but photos are so-so.*

Really? So too? Why? When? Where? Who? What? How often?
Anyway? Whatever? Kind of? Half and half? It depends.

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3 Conversation Class

Talk about what you wrote
With many partners

1	2	→	24	23
	↑		↓	
3	4		22	21
	↑		↓	
5	6		20	19
	↑		↓	
7	8		18	17
	↑		↓	
9	10		16	15
	↑		↓	
11	12	←	14	13

A new partner every 7 minutes



6 Second Test Partners

Your total words gives your 2nd test partners

	Total Words Spoken	Second Test Partners
A	662	1
	649	
	621	
B	582	2
	569	
	552	
C	549	3
	523	
	518	
D	451	4
	427	
	423	
D-	360	5
	341	
	314	
D	291	6
	254	
	225	
D-	172	7
	140	
	129	



5 Transcribe

Hear, type and read
every mistake you made

C16 Kim, Choi-lee

I spoke 180 words + 25 times = 7.2 words per utterance

- So they also good at English?
- Yes
- you love to listen music?
- I tried that class twice but all fail.
- Is that class very popular to student? Is it hard to listen that class?
- Yes very popular, yes
- Why? the test is difficult?
- I failed to enter the class.
- I heard that class is really expensive.
- Yes, it's really expensive to me.
- Can you swim?
- Do you join any club or study club?
- Oh, my friend also join that club. She says it's very interested.
- Oh, yes. But I didn't go.
- I heard they went China and... What they did in China?
- I think they go there to teaching....
- Teaching Chinese?
- No. They just exchange culture things.
- They went China and met China university students?
- Um. High school.
- Oh, then gave Chinese students about Korea cultures and they introduced Chinese students.
- Yes. And then I failed off and that when I went hospital.
- Why you didn't go there?
- Because I think it is really long span.
- About 10 days? What about you?



After midterm, do it again.

When you compare first and final test data, you'll see an average improvement of 50%



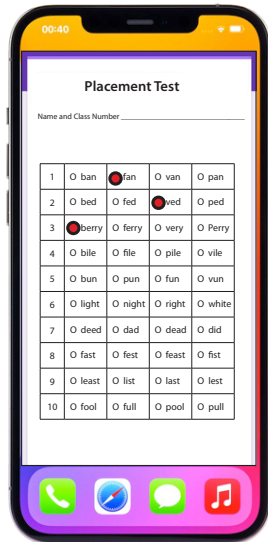
	Average words per turn	Total word I spoke
Practice Test	10.2	400
Midterm Test	14.5	450
Final Test	18.4	480
Improvement	80%	20%

Speaking Improves, and the Transcripts Prove it

1 First Day Placement Test

This Test Changes Everything

It changes the mindset, which changes the class from grammar based to ability based. 12 minutes to give, 2 minutes to grade. And more accurate than the 3-hour American SAT test.



It's so easy

1. Students aim their phone at the QR code.
2. Teachers push PLAY.
3. Students enter their answers
4. Google grades hundreds in minutes.

How can you improve their ability if you don't know their ability?

The university entrance exam measures intelligence and attention span for cramming.

This test measures their ABILITY.

This is also a levels test for the first conversation test. Partners are grouped by similar ability. This makes the test fair, and accurate.

Knowing their ability on the first day **POWERFULLY** changes your mindset.

It's like you're a superhero with magic psychic powers. You know their ability, and you have not even spoken to them yet.

On the first day of class you'll know their:

1. Speaking ability
2. Pronunciation problems
3. Prepositions problems
4. First conversation test partners

That's a pretty good use of 20 minutes.

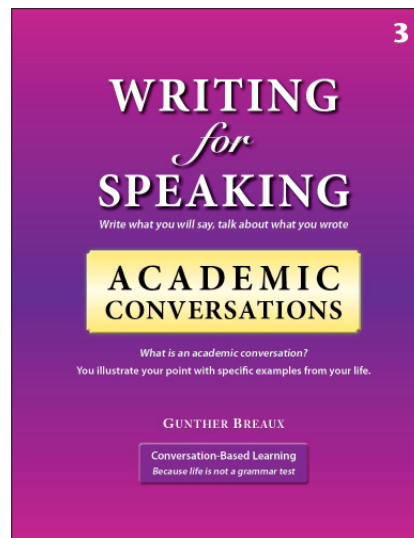
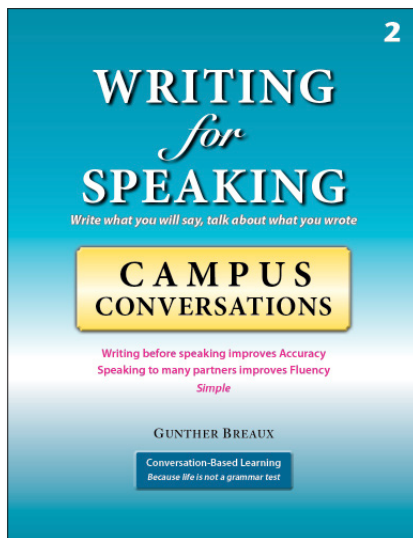
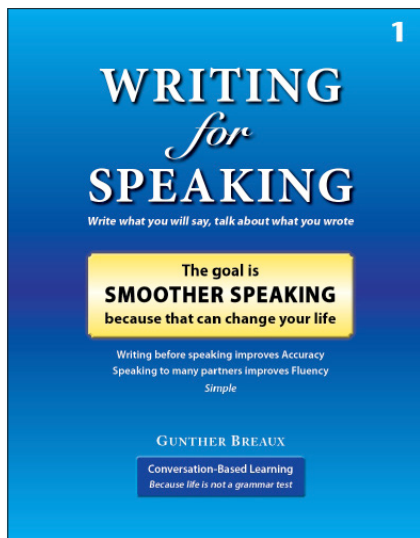
Pronunciation	Prepositions	Score	1st conversation test partners				
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69	21	90			3		
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2 The Book

Writing for Speaking

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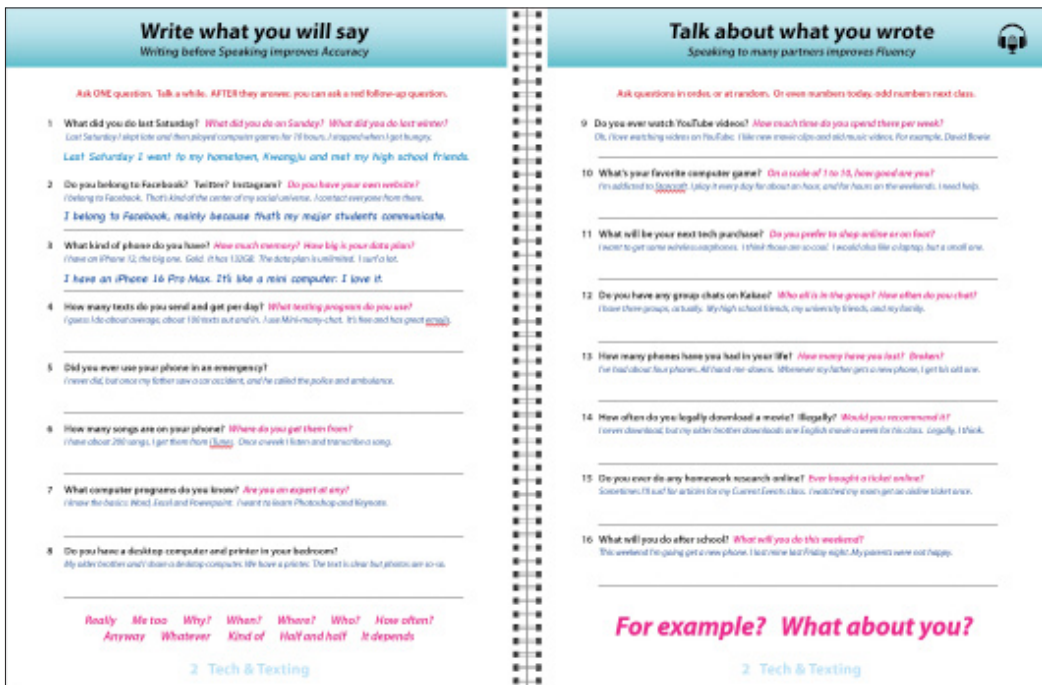
All homework is writing what you will say. There's no read and guess.

You know the answer to every question, because every question's about you.

30 minutes of homework generates 3 hours of conversations. Just add partners

Why does this book have a wire spine?

It's made for pair conversations.



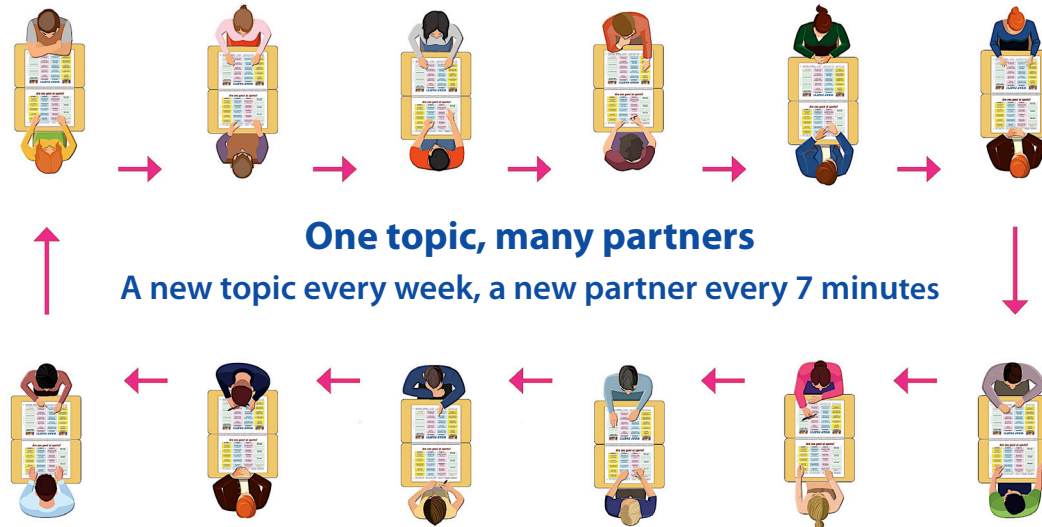
Writing before speaking enables students to speak, and motivates them to speak.

They wrote it, they want to use it. There's no pulling teeth to get them to speak.

3 The Class

Speed Dating Pair Conversations

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The bigger the class the better.

More partners = more repetition = more fluency = more improvement

Students find their seat and their partner on the big board, and sit.
When classmates meet for the first time, they introduce themselves and exchange basic information, and then transition to the assigned topic.



Many partners improve **fluency**, better partners improve **accuracy**.
Every partner brings new **pronunciation, vocabulary, questions, and answers**.

This is not goofing off. This is systematic improvement.

How do you get better at something? *You do it more than once.*

4 First Conversation Test

It's easy as 1, 2, 3

3 students of similar ability have a 17-minute conversation

Record it with your phone, and transcribe just what you said.



Download the example **MS Word** transcript template, and type just what you said. **MS Word** gives: **How many words** you spoke, **how many times** you spoke, which gives your **average words per turn**.

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- What will your next presentation be on?

This took 2 hours ←

Total Words
695
668
643
582
564
544
521
509
453
446
420
398
367
345
321
288
267
245
180
167
149

And! How many words you speak on the first test determines your partners for the second test. The 3 best speakers will test together, and the 3 least speakers. This make the test fair and accurate.

This is extensive, personal feedback and self-correction. In 2 hours.
More speaking = more mistakes = more self-correction = more improvement

Second Test

The second test gives your Improvement.



You have proof you improved

B20 Kim, Me-lee

This took me 90 minutes

	How many times I spoke	Average words per turn	Total words I spoke
Midterm test	46	8.6	400
Final test	54	16.4	480
	Improvement	100%	20%

Thus, my speaking improved 60% this semester. ←

VOCABULARY

ROMANCE	PART-TIME JOB	FREE TIME
love at first sight	workaholic	weekend warrior
high maintenance	cash poor	couch potato
ghost	flunky	spontaneous
pretty boy	materialistic	social butterfly
henpecked		

The top 5 mistakes and how to fix them.

1. **No, I didn't heard about that.**
No, I didn't hear about that.
2. **I have never been gone to there.**
I've never been there.
3. **I am interesting in that.**
I am interested in that major.
4. **What is your best favorite movie?**
What is your favorite movie?
5. **Will you go to a festival or them park on this winter vacation?**
Will you go to any festivals or theme park this winter vacation?

1. Usually I'm weekend warriors, but last weekend I stayed at home because this week is midterm exam, so I was staying at home and studying for midterm exam. What did you do last weekend?
2. **No, I didn't heard about that.**
3. Last weekend I was couch potato. What about you?
4. I don't like gory films. I like superhero movies, like the Avengers and Ironman.

When you compare your first and second test data, you'll see your speaking improvement.

AVERAGE WORDS increased 80%

Longer speaking is smoother speaking.

TOTAL WORDS increased 20%

In the same amount of time, 20% more words.

This means shorter pauses and fewer pauses.

Does speaking really improve 50%?

ABSOLUTELY. All students have had grammar for 10 years, but most are beginning speakers.

For most students, saying two English sentences in a row is 100% improvement.

What about mistakes?

When you transcribe, you HEAR, TYPE and READ every mistake you made.

AND!

Transcribing the second test usually takes less time. You speak more, but you're better at transcribing.

Recap

1 The Book. Write what you will say.

Write what you will say Writing before speaking improves Accuracy	Talk about what you wrote Speaking to many partners improves Fluency
<p><small>Ask ONE question. Talk a while. AFTER they answer, you can ask a real follow up question.</small></p> <p>1 What did you do last Saturday? What did you do on Sunday? What did you do last night? <small>Last Saturday after five and then played computer games for 10 hours. I stopped when I got hungry.</small></p> <p>2 Do you belong to Karate club? Taekwondo? Judo? Do you have your own vehicles? <small>Nothing but the car. I don't have any of those vehicles. I don't have any of those.</small></p> <p>3 What kind of phone do you have? How much memory? How big is your data plan? <small>I have an iPhone 11 Pro Max. It has 128GB. It's 6.5 inches. I use T-Mobile.</small></p> <p>4 How many texts do you send and get per day? What texting program do you use? <small>I guess I talk about average, about 100 texts and use iMessage. I use iMessage.</small></p> <p>5 Did you ever use your phone in an emergency? <small>I never call, but once my father was in a car accident, and he called the police and ambulance.</small></p> <p>6 How many songs are on your phone? Where do you get them from? <small>I have about 200 songs. I get them from Spotify. Once a week I listen and download a song.</small></p> <p>7 What computer programs do you know? Are you an expert at any? <small>I know the basics Word, Excel and PowerPoint. I want to learn Photoshop and Animate.</small></p> <p>8 Do you have a desktop computer and printer in your facilities? <small>My father has one. I have a desktop computer. He has a printer. He has a color laser printer.</small></p> <p><i>Really Me too Why? When? Where? What? How often? Anyway Whatever Kind of Half and half It depends</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Tech & Texting</p>	<p><small>Ask questions in order, or at random. On every weekend today, add numbers next class.</small></p> <p>9 Do you ever watch YouTube videos? How much time do you spend there per week? <small>Oh, I love watching videos on YouTube. I like new movie clips and old movie clips. For example, Grand Bore.</small></p> <p>10 What's your favorite computer game? On a scale of 1 to 10, how good are you? <small>I'm not too good. I play it every day for about an hour, used to be an expert on the weekends. I used to play.</small></p> <p>11 What will be your next tech purchase? Do you prefer to shop online or in store? <small>I want to get some wireless earbuds. I don't have any. I want to get some wireless earbuds, but I don't use.</small></p> <p>12 Do you have any group chats on Kakao? Who's in the group? How often do you chat? <small>I have some group chats. I have some friends, my university friends, and my family.</small></p> <p>13 How many phones have you had in your life? How many have you lost? Broken? <small>I've had about four phones. All brand and others. Whenever my father gets a new phone, I get his old one.</small></p> <p>14 How often do you legally download a movie? Illegally? What do you recommend? <small>I never download, but my older brother downloads a English movie a week for his class. Legally I think.</small></p> <p>15 Do you ever do any homework research online? Ever bought a ticket online? <small>Sometimes I do for projects for my Current Contents class. I searched my own great website for one.</small></p> <p>16 What will you do after school? What will you do this weekend? <small>The weekend I'm going get a new phone. I had mine last Friday night. My parents were not happy.</small></p> <p style="color: #00a651; font-weight: bold;">For example? What about you?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Tech & Texting</p>

2 The Class. Talk about what you wrote.

3 The Test. Transcribe and self-correct.



The Result

	Average words per utterance	Total words I spoke
4 week test	11.1	400
8 week test	16.4	450
14 week test	22.2	480
Improvement	100%	20%

Therefore, my speaking improved 60% this semester.

Questions?

THE CLASS

- 1 **What if students are low-level speakers? Can they handle this?**
Yes. Absolutely. They write what they will say, *My father is a teacher* and then say it in class. Speaking ability is not improved by listening to a teacher talk about the English language.
- 2 **What if they don't do the homework?**
They make an **F**. This is a required course. Homework takes 30 minutes, and they are writing about themselves. Simple. They do homework in other classes. *What's the problem?*
- 3 **What about instructions?**
Pre-class instructions and post-class feedback are sent by email or uploaded on the website. If students can read and hear it at home, teachers shouldn't say it in class.
- 4 **What does the teacher do in class?**
As little as possible. If the teacher is talking, students are not. Students improve when *students* are talking. This is a new world with new technology. Input at home, output in class. Simple.
- 5 **Are big classes really better?**
Absolutely. More partners = more variety = more repetition = more improvement. Big classes have more partners of similar ability. Big classes have more energy.

THE TEST

- 1 **Is transcribing difficult?**
No. Low-level speakers speak at a low level. They're transcribing what THEY said. *I'm born in Seoul*. They're not transcribing the **BBC News**.
- 2 **How long does it take to transcribe?**
It takes everybody about two hours. There is a YIN and YANG. The better speakers speak more and have more transcribing ability. The lesser speakers speak less, and have less to transcribe.
- 3 **What if students aren't good at MS Word?**
They soon will be. MS Word is an academic, and real-world skill. They will not get a job without it. If they have to learn it in my class, they will. Besides, they're given a template, they just type. *Simple*.
- 4 **What about feedback and error correction?**
Students hear and read their own mistakes when they transcribe, and then fix their top 5 mistakes. If they can tie their own shoes, they can find their own mistakes.
- 5 **Does speaking really improve 60%?**
Yes. That's what happens when beginning speakers have 30 hours of conversations. In fact, for most freshmen, saying two sentences in a row is 100% improvement.