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SOME EFFECTIVE WAYS TO STRENGTHEN ENGLISH SPEAKING SKILLS

Speaking is one of the four macro skills necessary for effective communication in any language, particularly when speakers are not using their mother tongue. As English is universally used as a means of communication, especially in the internet world, English speaking skills should be developed along with the other skills so that these integrated skills will improve communication achievement both with native and non-native speakers of English.

While reading and listening are considered to be the receptive skills in language learning and use, writing and speaking are the productive skills necessary to be integrated in the development of effective communication. Of all macro skills, speaking seems to be the most important skill required for communication and usually creates a number of benefits for both speakers and business organizations.

Speaking for special communication usually occurs in contexts where speaking performance is conducted for an audience in different circumstances. When a speech involving an audience is taken into consideration, the act of speaking is more complicated than general everyday conversation and a number of other skills are therefore included in the speaking delivery process.

There are a number of factors relating to speaking skills to be considered for effective English speaking performance. Pronunciation, vocabulary, and collocations are important factors to be emphasized in building fluency for EFL speakers. Providing students with a variety of situations and frequent speaking tasks plays a significant role in the improvement of students' fluency.

Confidence and competence also improve English speaking skills.

Building up confidence in speaking to an audience is considered as a factor that strengthens speaking performance. The tasks based on speaking for special communication in a variety of situations designed into a studying course also help students to prepare for speaking and once each speaking task is well-prepared, this preparation helps to minimize anxiety, and thus maximizes speaking confidence.

When speaking English in an EFL context is taken into consideration, it is not surprising that studies reveal that confidence plays an important role. Promoting speaking confidence, together with appropriate task design, is recommended for the English skills development of EFL/ESL learners. Other out-of-class factors that enhance students' speaking include frequent listening to English materials, such as listening to music, watching movies, listening to the radio, watching television programs, and accessing multimedia websites. Studies show that speaking and listening skills are usually intertwined in terms of language learning and development. In addition, suggestions for EFL learners' speaking improvement include a variety of course activities, encouragement for more

exposure to listening through media, and seeking opportunities to speak in real situations. Moreover, practice and exposure to both listening and speaking activities in real world situations appear to be a practical method to promote speaking confidence.