

Speaking 2



Being able to speak English can open doors and start new friendships.

You can talk to foreigners from all over the world when you are on holiday and maybe even in your future job. Or maybe you would like to work abroad before starting college? Or take part in an international exchange programme? In all these situations you can also learn about a lot of different cultures, isn't that great?

All of this includes speaking to people in English, and that's exactly what you are going to practise in this unit. Good luck and have fun!

This Is What You Will Do

You will practise all kinds of situations that you might be tested on during an oral exam at school. These exercises do not just come in handy for tests though, they are meant to improve your speaking overall. Whether it's ordering food at a restaurant or making small talk to friends abroad.

This Is What You Will Need

To practise your pronunciation and speaking skills, you will need:

- information on how to speak English properly;
- situations in which you describe what you see in a picture;
- situations in which you talk about your friends;
- situations in which you have to answer questions.

This Is What You Will Learn

You will learn:

- how to say words properly;
- how to improve your speaking skills;
- how to respond to certain questions;
- how to present information effectively and understandably.

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Gesprekken voeren

Je kunt:

- in een vertrouwde situatie een voorstel doen (A2);
- deelnemen aan gesprekken waarvan het onderwerp jou ook aangaat (A2+);
- eenvoudige aankopen doen (A2);
- een maaltijd bestellen (A2);
- een gesprek aan een balie voeren om zo aan informatie te komen (B1);
- informatie van persoonlijke aard geven en vragen (A2);
- overweg met situaties die je zoal tegenkomt bij het reizen in het buitenland (B1).

Spreken

Je kunt:

- uitleggen wat je wel of niet leuk vindt aan iets (A2+);
- een korte, eenvoudige omschrijving geven van een gebeurtenis of activiteit (A2+);
- op een eenvoudige manier vertrouwde zaken of gebeurtenissen beschrijven (B1);
- een verhaal vertellen (B1).

A Vocabulary and Pronunciation



1 Oy! Listen!

Watch **Tomato - Tomato**. What differences do you hear in pronunciation? You can answer in Dutch.

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2 On Behalf of the People

Team up with a classmate. Read **How to Speak British or American English**. You can find this text and other text on pronunciation at the back of the book, from page 50 on.

Listen to **Did You Know? - 1 in British English**, then listen to **Did You Know? - 2 in American English** and read along. Finally read out the text yourself.

Write down the feedback your classmate gives you.



1 Which way of pronouncing do you find easier?

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2 Feedback:

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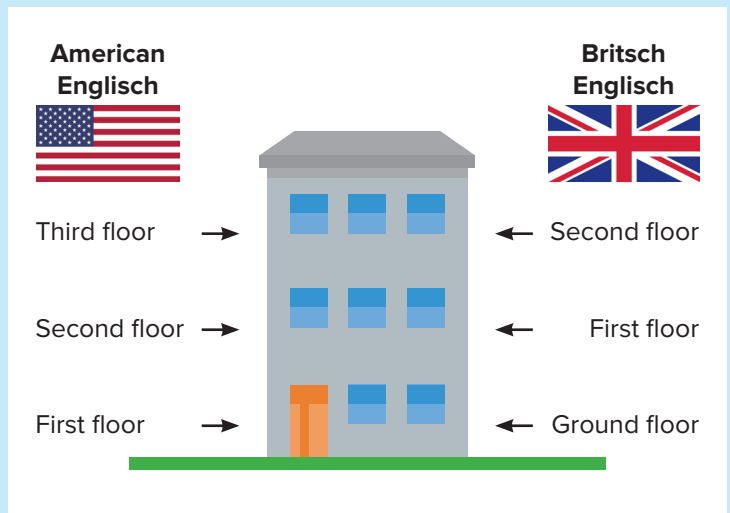
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Did You Know?

Did you know that Americans sometimes use different words than British people? A good example probably is that Americans say 'store' when the British say 'shop'. Other examples are 'cookies' and 'candy' in American English but 'biscuits' and 'sweets' in British English. Normally, Americans and the British can understand each other pretty well, but sometimes the differences can be very confusing.

When an American tells you they live on the second floor, you only need to go one level higher than the one you enter upon. But in Britain it means you have to go up two levels! For doing that, you can either take the 'lift' in British English or the 'elevator' in American English. Or, if you don't mind a bit of exercise: the stairs, which luckily is the same word in both languages.

Did you know that some words in British English mean a completely different thing in American English? For example, in the USA a trainer is an instructor working in a gym, but in Britain trainers is the name given to gym shoes. Or: in the USA, a coach is someone who manages a sports team, but in Britain a coach is a bus!





3 A Good-Looking Cook

Read **How to Say 'oo' and 'u'** on page 51.

Practise the first English sound that sounds like [hut] in Dutch.

Listen to **How to Say 'oo' and 'u' - 1** twice.

The first time you repeat the English word out loud in the pause after each word. The second time you read out the words yourself before you play the recording.

Practise as often as you need to, to get it right.

- 1 good - could - bully - cook - serious - grateful - pull - bullet - push cart - put - sugar - full - bushes - stood - look - wood - woollen - good-looking - booked - foot - woman - Worcester



4 Just Jump

Practise the second English sound that sounds like [hand] in Dutch.

Listen to **How to Say 'oo' and 'u' - 2** twice.

The first time you repeat the English word out loud in the pause after each word. The second time you read out the words yourself before you play the recording.

Practise as often as you need to, to get it right.

- 2 us - one - bus - son - much - blood - someone - does - touch - publish - unbelievable - Sunday - flush - just - ugly - uncle - jump - drum



5 Fruit Juice on a Cruise

Practise the third English sound that sounds like [goed] in Dutch.

Listen to **How to Say 'oo' and 'u' - 3** twice.

The first time you repeat the English word out loud in the pause after each word. The second time you read out the words yourself before you play the recording.

Practise as often as you need to, to get it right.

- 3 stupid - YouTube - fruit - blue - flew - group - rude - shoes - chew - true - cruise - spoon - zoo - flu - cool - music - intuition - canoe

6 Perfect Pronunciation

Read out the sentences below, paying special attention to the words containing the sounds you practised.

- 1 My son likes to listen to country music.
- 2 Could you please help me putting the groceries away?
- 3 The floods destroyed our house but not our neighbours' house.
- 4 Please put on a woollen jumper, it's so cold outside!
- 5 A good cook doesn't need a cookery book.
- 6 I don't believe blue is the right colour for you.
- 7 I would like you to tell me the truth.
- 8 This restaurant only serves raw and cold food.
- 9 I should go with the crew but I came down with the flu.
- 10 I don't think it's cool to upload videos to YouTube.



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This Is Me

You meet a new person and would like to tell more about yourself. Listen to **Mary's Questions** and answer them the best you can. Use **Phrases You Can Use**. You may write down some notes for each question.

- 1 My name
- 2 My
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

Phrases You Can Use

I was born in ...

I live in Apeldoorn.

I have lived in ... all my life / for 4 years now.

I have one sister and two brothers.

I don't have any siblings.

My parents divorced when I was ...

I live in a terraced house.

I live in a semi-detached house.

I live in a detached house.

I go to the ... college.

I like listening to pop music.

I have a dog and a goldfish as a pet.

I don't practise any sports.

I play tennis / football / basketball.

In my pastime I like to read / listen to music /
meet up with friends.

I work at ... during the weekends.

I am going to study at a nursing school next year.

I would like to become a ...

- Ik ben geboren in ...

- Ik woon in Apeldoorn.

- Ik woon al mijn hele leven / 4 jaar in ...

- Ik heb een zus en twee broers.

- Ik heb geen broertjes of zusjes.

- Mijn ouders zijn gescheiden toen ik ... was.

- Ik woon in een rijtjeshuis.

- Ik woon in een twee-onder-een-kapwoning.

- Ik woon in een vrijstaand huis.

- Ik ga naar het ... college.

- Ik luister graag naar popmuziek.

- Ik heb een hond en goudvis als huisdier.

- Ik doe niet aan sport.

- Ik speel tennis / voetbal / basketbal.

- In mijn vrije tijd lees ik graag / luister ik graag muziek /
spreek ik graag met vrienden af..

- Ik werk in de weekenden bij ...

- Ik ga volgend jaar de opleiding verpleegkunde doen.

- Ik wil graag ... worden.



8 The Best Red Bed

Read **How to Say 'a', 'e' and 'ei'** on page 51.

Practise the first English sound that sounds like [pet] in Dutch.

Listen to **How to Say 'a', 'e' and 'ei' - 1** twice.

The first time you repeat the English word out loud in the pause after each word. The second time you read out the words yourself before you play the recording.

Practise as often as you need to, to get it right.

- 1 bed - went - trumpet - twenty-seven - ten - better - red - clever - fell - yet
breakfast - head - read - healthier - spread - ahead - instead - wealth
anything - many - she said - he says - friends - burial - Leicester



9 A Fat Black Cat

Practise the second English sound that sounds like [erg] but with your mouth opened wider in Dutch.

Listen to **How to Say 'a', 'e' and 'ei' - 2** twice.

The first time you repeat the English word (out loud) in the pause after each word. The second time you read out the words yourself before you play the recording.

Practise as often as you need to, to get it right.

- 2 bad - Carol - cash-and-carry - Alice - accident - happened - apparently - plaid - cat - flat -
sad - grand - apple - blank canvas - have



10 Eighty Tasty Cakes

Practise the third English sound that sounds like [eet] in Dutch.

Listen to **How to Say 'a', 'e' and 'ei' - 3** twice.

The first time you repeat the English word out loud in the pause after each word. The second time you read out the words yourself before you play the recording.

Practise as often as you need to, to get it right.

- 3 eighty-eight - ages - ace
deflate - rate - taste - interface - to faint - to wait - train - to complain - always - steak - great
pay - delay - Monday - they



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It Makes a Difference!

Practise the English sounds and their differences.

Each time you will hear three similar words but with a difference.

Listen to **How to Say 'a', 'e' and 'ei' - 4** twice.

The first time you repeat the English word out loud in the pause after each word. The second time you read out the words yourself before you play the recording.

Practise as often as you need to, to get it right.

- 4
- bet - bat - bait
 - let - lad - late
 - pet - pad - paid
 - pen - pan - pain
 - head - hat - hate

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Ask Away

Read out the sentences below, paying special attention to the words containing the sounds you practised.

- 1 Did you have any breakfast before you went back to bed again?
- 2 She yelled at her friends to bring back her cat.
- 3 Dan and Alice have been in a very bad car crash.
- 4 Have you read about it in Saturday's paper yet?
- 5 I was so sad because I had to bury my pet last May.
- 6 The taste of the toothpaste was not that great.
- 7 Anything can happen anywhere, Grandad.
- 8 That apple pie tastes heavenly, Marion!
- 9 My best friend's birthday is Sunday the twenty-eighth.
- 10 I can pay for my own breakfast, OK?





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Who's This?

Look at **People and Things - 1**. Describe your friend Samantha using all the pictures. Prepare by writing down any Dutch words you don't know in English and looking them up in a dictionary. Use **Phrases You Can Use** on page 5. Your classmate will listen to you.

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People and Things - 1



Samantha



House



Family



Hobby



Pets



Future job



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Who Are They?

Look at **People and Things - 2**. Describe your cousins Martha and Sophie using all the pictures.
 Prepare by writing down any Dutch words you don't know in English and looking them up in a dictionary. Use the **Phrases You Can Use** on page 5. Your classmate will listen to you.

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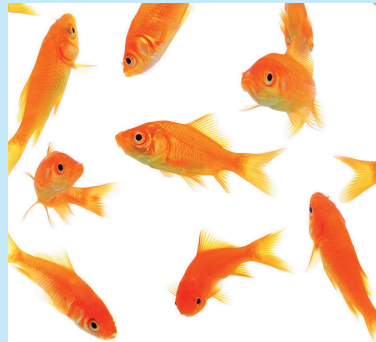
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People and Things - 2





15 Thirty-Three Thick Thumbs

Read **How to Say 'th'** on page 53. Practise the first sound.

Listen to **How to Say 'th' - 1** twice.

The first time you repeat the English word out loud in the pause after each word. The

second time you read out the words yourself before you play the recording.

Practise as often as you need to, to get it right.

- 1 thumb - three - thirty - thousand - through - theatre - thank you - Thursday
author - bathtub - birthday - athletic - marathon - cathedral - toothpaste
with - both - math - teeth - ninth - south - booth - health - growth



16 This Is It

Listen to **How to Say 'th' - 2** twice.

The first time you repeat the English word out loud in the pause after each word. The

second time you read out the words yourself before you play the recording.

Practise as often as you need to, to get it right.

- 2 their - this - that - these - those - then - though - therefore - themselves
father - mother - weather - southern
smooth - bathe - breathe - loathe - clothe - teethe



17 Say It Right

Practise the sounds and their differences.

Listen to **How to Say 'th' - 3** twice.

The first time you repeat the English word out loud in the pause after each word.

The second time you read out the words yourself before you play the recording.

Practise as often as you need to, to get it right.

- 3 breath - breathe
bath - bathe
cloth - clothe
teeth - teethe
south - southern
north - northern