

Speaking and Listening Rubric (Holistic)

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Rubric is worth 10% of every English course. Teacher will consult and gather feedback from all other teachers before giving one final, holistic grade.

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Student raises the level of speaking and listening for all participants in all situations, by actively engaging and encouraging others to improve around them. Demonstrates understanding and enthusiasm for lifelong learning of vocabulary and grammatical skills.

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Student enthusiastically attempts to improve their speaking and listening in all circumstances, and encourages others to do so as well. Vocabulary and grammatical skills improve through consistent research and experimentation.

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Student regularly interacts in English with peers, only translating in rare circumstances. Makes an effort to improve vocabulary and grammatical skills.

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Student often does not interact in English with peers, and does so reluctantly. Makes little effort to improve vocabulary or grammatical skills.

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Student rarely interacts in English with peers, except for with teachers. Makes no effort to improve vocabulary or grammatical skills.

Tips to Improve your English

- First and foremost: accept that this is difficult and frustrating, but that it is worth the effort. English is like a muscle: you won't get fit if you don't go to the gym.
 - Aim to get a 5/5 on the Speaking and Listening Rubric.
- No matter where you are, always encourage others around you to speak English.
 - Switch the automatic language on your cell phones and computers to English.
- Play video games, and watch television and movies in English - without subtitles.
 - Never use a translator for an entire English sentence.
- Keep a journal or a blog, and write your thoughts in it every day, in English.
 - Write down words that are new, and use them as soon as you can.
- Ask your teacher about the mistakes you're making, and work to limit them.
 - Read the news every day, and talk to teachers about your opinion
- Always have a book you're reading, no matter how fast or slow, easy or hard.
- Listen to podcasts or the radio, on topics you care about (sports, fashion, etc).