

# Increasing confidence & effectiveness in speaking English

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## For Teachers

### English teacher conversation club

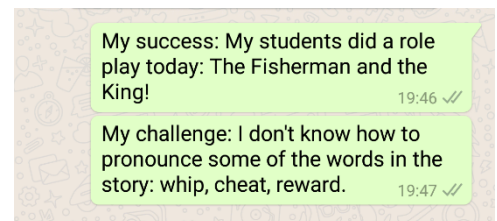
- Teachers from 2, 3 or 4 schools agree to meet one evening a week for 1 hour.
- Each week a different school is chosen.
- The group discuss a different topic each week.
- See <http://iteslj.org/questions/> for topics and example questions.
- No 'teacher', no 'lesson', just conversation

### English lunchtime

- All teachers in a school agree that two days a week they will speak only English during the lunchtime when in the staffroom.
- Tuesday and Thursday are often best.
- Anybody who speaks a different language puts 5 rupees in a piggy bank.
- At the end of the year, the money in the piggy bank is used for an English party!

### 'English only' What's App group

- Small groups of English teachers (3-10) create a What's App group.
- Each week, a different teacher writes about one success and one challenge from their lessons.
- Other teachers respond with praise and suggestions.



## For Students

### A new question every week

- Teach the students the question and possible answers on Monday.
- Repeat on Wednesday.
- On Friday, students combine questions into a dialogue.

Week 1: What is your name?

Week 2: How old are you?

Week 3: What is your favourite food?

Week 4: Where do you live?

Week 5: How many brothers and sisters do you have?

### English songs

- Find videos of English songs online
- Search for 'English songs for primary school / preschool / secondary school'
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmDSPaQUyeg>
- Download them to your computer or play them on your phone.
- Sing them with your students.

### The English Hat

- Find a 'special hat' that you can keep at school.
- One day, put on the hat and pretend to be a different person who speaks only English (not Telugu). Think of a name and an interesting life story for this person.
- Let the students interview you.
- Pretend not to understand when they speak Telugu.
- Be this person once or twice a week for half an hour.

## **For Students and teachers together!**

### **English drama club**

- Create an English drama club that meets once a week.
- Choose a traditional story (e.g., from our textbooks or culture).
- Create a simple play based on it (translate into English from Telegu if necessary).
- The club practises the play, creates costumes and props.
- The club performs the play at the school day each year.

### **School English Facebook Group**

- One of the English teachers sets up the group.
- Students can join it.
- Post links to...
  - online English activities
  - films and YouTube videos
  - homework essay questions
  - etc.