01 Speaking Gym: All you need to do is…

ESL Materials: Speaking Skills

Practise and change the sentence, "All you need to do is press the button."

① Repeat

Repeat your teacher reading the following sentence for 20 seconds.

> "**All you need to do is** press the button."

② Question

What do I need to do?

Repeat your teacher reading the sentence and the question for 20 seconds.

> "**All you need to do is** press the button. **What do I need to do?**"

③ Substitute

Next, practise the sentence, changing "press" with the following words. Say the sentence three times for each word. *Don't forget the question!*

> "**All you need to do is _____** the button. **What do I need to do?**"

- push
- tap
- punch
- kick

④ Practice

Change "press the button" to these phrases. Say each one three times. *Don't forget the question!*

> "**All you need to do is _____**. **What do I need to do?**"

1. turn left and go straight.
2. add water and stir it.
3. write your name here.
4. wait for five minutes.
5. follow the signs to Terminal 1.
6. change to the train on platform 2.

⑤ Challenge

Finally, try to make your own sentences!

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02 Speaking Gym: It’s not that I…, it’s just that…

ESL Materials: Speaking Skills

Practise and change the sentence, "It's not that I don't like cats, it's just that I'm allergic."

① Repeat

Repeat your teacher reading the following sentence for 20 seconds.

> "**It’s not that I** don’t like cats, **it’s just that** I’m allergic."

② Question

What do I need to do?

Repeat your teacher reading the sentence and the question for 20 seconds.

> “**It’s not that I** don’t like cats, **it’s just that** I’m allergic. **What’s the problem?**"

③ Substitute

Next, practise the sentence, changing "cats" with the following words. Say the sentence three times for each word. *Don't forget the question!*

> “**It’s not that I** don’t like _____, **it’s just that** I’m allergic. **What’s the problem?**"

- peanuts
- seafood
- flowers
- you

④ Practice

Change "don't like cats" and "I'm allergic" to these phrases. Say each one three times. *Don't forget the question!*

> “**It’s not that I _____, it’s just that _____. What’s the problem?**"

1. don't want to go out / I'm busy.
2. don't like cake / I'm on a diet.
3. don't want it / I can't afford it.
4. don't like running / I'm tired.
5. don't want to do it / I don't have time.
6. can't / I don't want to.

⑤ Challenge

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03 Speaking Gym: I can’t help…

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Practise and change the sentence, "I can't help thinking about tomorrow's game.”

① Repeat

Repeat your teacher reading the following sentence for 20 seconds.

> "**I can’t help** thinking about tomorrow’s game."

② Question

What’s the matter?

Repeat your teacher reading the sentence and the question for 20 seconds.

> “**I can’t help** thinking about tomorrow’s game. **What’s the matter?**"

③ Substitute

Next, practise the sentence, changing "tomorrow’s game" with the following words. Say the sentence three times for each one. *Don't forget the question!*

> “**I can’t help** thinking about _____. **What’s the matter?**"

- my driving test
- our trip next week
- that news story
- what you said earlier

④ Practice

Change "thinking about tomorrow’s game" to these phrases. Say each one three times. *Don't forget the question!*

> “**I can’t help _____**. **What’s the matter?**"

1. worrying about my job interview.
2. feeling nervous around my boss.
3. noticing you’ve changed your hair.
4. laughing when he does that dance.
5. wondering why she didn’t come.
6. scratching my head. It’s so itchy!

⑤ Challenge

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04 Speaking Gym: I've got a bit of… I better…

ESL Materials: Speaking Skills

Practise and change the sentence, "I've got a bit of a headache. I better go to the doctor's."

① Repeat

Repeat your teacher reading the following sentence for 20 seconds.

> **"I've got a bit of** a headache. I better go to the doctor's." *(I better = I had better)*

② Question

What's on your mind?

Repeat your teacher reading the sentence and the question for 20 seconds.

> **"I've got a bit of** a headache. I better go to the doctor's. **What's on your mind?"**

③ Substitute

Next, practise the sentence, changing "a headache" with the following words. Say the sentence three times for each one. *Don't forget the question!*

> "**I've got a bit of _____** I better go to the doctor's. **What's on your mind?"**

- a cold
- a sore throat
- a stomachache
- a crush on you

④ Practice

Change "a headache. I better go to the doctor's" to these phrases. Say each one three times. *Don't forget the question!*

> "**I've got a bit of _____. What's on your mind?"**

1. homework to finish. I better hurry.
2. a problem at work. I better talk to my boss.
3. a drive ahead of me. I better leave now.
4. gardening to do. I better get started.
5. dirt in my eye. I better wash it out.
6. time off tomorrow. I better not waste it.

⑤ Challenge

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05 Speaking Gym: I'm having trouble...

ESL Materials: Speaking Skills

Practise and change the sentence, "I’m having trouble with my home Wi-Fi.”

① Repeat

Repeat your teacher reading the following sentence for 20 seconds.

> "**I’m having trouble** with my home Wi-Fi."

② Question

Can you help?

Repeat your teacher reading the sentence and the question for 20 seconds.

> "**I’m having trouble** with my home Wi-Fi. **Can you help?**"

③ Substitute

Next, practise the sentence, changing "home Wi-Fi" with the following words. Say the sentence three times for each one. *Don't forget the question!*

> "**I’m having trouble** with my _____. **Can you help?**"

- new laptop
- car’s sat nav
- YouTube channel
- English homework

④ Practice

Change "with my home Wi-Fi" to these phrases. Say each one three times. *Don't forget the question!*

> "**I’m having trouble _____ Can you help?**"

1. making new friends at school.
2. learning this song on the guitar.
3. following this recipe for ratatouille.
4. finishing this book. It’s so boring!
5. renewing my driving licence.
6. understanding his Scottish accent.

⑤ Challenge

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06 Speaking Gym: Could you tell me...?

ESL Materials: Speaking Skills

Practise and change the sentence, "Could you tell me where the bus stop is?”

① Repeat

Repeat your teacher reading the following sentence for 20 seconds.

> "**Could you tell me** where the bus stop is?"

② Get Attention

Excuse me.

Repeat your teacher reading the sentence with “Excuse me” for 20 seconds.

> "**Excuse me. Could you tell me** where the bus stop is?"

③ Substitute

Next, practise the sentence, changing "bus stop" with the following words. Say the sentence three times for each one.

> "**Excuse me. Could you tell me** where the _____ is?"

- nearest ATM
- IT department
- fire extinguisher
- “Like” button

④ Practice

Change "where the bus stop is" to these phrases. Say each one three times.

> "**Excuse me. Could you tell me** _____?"

1. when dinner’s ready
2. what time the match starts
3. how to get to the M25
4. where I can find a post box
5. why I have to fill in this form
6. what this word means

⑤ Challenge

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07 Speaking Gym: He must be…

ESL Materials: Speaking Skills

Practise and change the sentence, "He must be at work; his car isn't here."

① Repeat

Repeat your teacher reading the following sentence for 20 seconds.

> "He **must be** at work; his car isn't here."

② Question

What do you think?

Repeat your teacher reading the sentence and the question for 20 seconds.

> "He **must be** at work; his car isn't here. **What do you think?**"

③ Substitute

Next, practise the sentence, changing "work" and "car" with the following words. Say the sentence three times for each one. Be careful with **isn't** and **aren't**.

> "He **must be** at _____; his _____ *isn't / aren't* here. **What do you think?**"

- the gym / trainers
- the office / briefcase
- school / uniform
- the concert / glow sticks

④ Practice

Use "must be" in the following sentences. Say each one three times. *Don't forget the question!*

> "____ **must be** _____ **What do you think?**"

1. She … tired; she's been working all day.
2. He … in a meeting; his phone is off.
3. She … asleep; the lights are off.
4. He … stuck in traffic; he's not usually late.
5. They … on holiday; there's no one home.
6. It … time to go; we're the last ones here!

⑤ Challenge

Finally, try to make your own sentences!

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