English Fluency Drills

“I like coffee”

1.	Repeating	I like coffee, I like coffee, I like coffee...
2.	Quick Responses	I like coffee. Do you like co..? I like coffee.
3.	Rephrasing	I like coffee, I love coffee, I need coffee... Coffee is the best, coffee is my favorite...
4.	Expanding	I like coffee in the morning... I like coffee in the kitchen with my family...
5.	Active Listening	Really? Is that right? Uh-huh, Hmm, I know...
6.	Giving Opinions	I think coffee is the best...
7.	Summarizing	So you think coffee is better than tea?
8.	Confirmation	Yeah, that’s right.
9.	Agreement	Absolutely, I totally agree.
10.	Wrap-up	

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1. Repeating

"I like coffee."

Repeat quickly for 20 seconds.

Repeat for 20 seconds while making eye contact.
Repeat for 20 seconds while drawing a cup of coffee.
Repeat for 20 seconds while drawing a house.
Repeat for 20 seconds while copying your teacher's gestures.

Repeat for about 10 seconds then say a different drink:

"I like coffee, I like coffee, I like coffee, I like coffee, I like coffee, I like coffee, I like coffee, I like coffee, I like coffee, I like ***Coca-Cola****."*

<u>Don't stop, don't pause. Think while speaking.</u>

List five drinks:

"I like coffee, I like coffee, I like coffee, I like ***Coca-Cola****.*
I like Coca-Cola, I like Coca-Cola, I like Coca-Cola, I like ***water****.*
I like water, I like water, I like water, I like water, I like ***milk****.*
I like milk, I like milk, I like milk, I like milk, I like milk, I like ***apple juice****.*
I like apple juice, I like apple juice, I like ***Pepsi****."*

Continue to practice. Try:

1. Countries - *Spain, Japan, Australia...*
2. Cities - *London, Rome, Moscow...*
3. Sports - *football, tennis, cycling...*
4. People - *Pablo, Tom, Keiko, Sanjay...*
5. Shops and restaurants - *McDonald's, Tower Records, Uniqlo...*

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2. Quick Responses

"I like coffee."

Repeat quickly for 20 seconds.

<u>Interrupt your partner</u> - practice for 30 seconds:

A: I like coffee, I like coffee, ... I like coffee.
B: ..... ↑ I like coffee, I like coffee...

Repeat for 10 seconds then ask a question:

"I like coffee, I like coffee ... I like coffee, ***do you like coffee?****"*

Practice with a partner:

A: I like coffee, I like coffee ... I like coffee, do you like coffee?
B: I like coffee, I like coffee ... I like coffee, do you like coffee?

<u>Respond quickly</u>

A: I like coffee ... do you like coffee?
B: ..... ↑ I like coffee, I like coffee...

<u>Think while speaking</u> - change the drink:

A: I like coffee, I like coffee ... I like coffee, do you like **tea**?
B: I like tea, I like tea ... I like tea, do you like **orange juice**?

Practice with countries, cities, sports, people, shops and restaurants.

Remember: Keep repeating, thinking, and respond quickly.

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3. Rephrasing (1)

"I like coffee."

Repeat quickly for 20 seconds.

Change "like":

*"I like coffee, I like coffee ... I like coffee, I **really like** coffee.*
*I really like coffee, I really like coffee ... I **love** coffee.*
*I love coffee, I love coffee ... I **want** coffee.*
*I want coffee, I want coffee ... I **need** coffee.*
*I need coffee, I need coffee ... I**'m crazy about** coffee."*

Practice the above for 30 seconds.

<u>Interrupt your partner</u> - practice for 30 seconds:

A: I like coffee ... (repeat, change) ... I love coffee.
B: ..... ↑ I like coffee, I like coffee...

<u>Add a question</u>:

A: I like coffee, I like coffee ... I'm crazy about coffee, **do you like coffee?**
B: I like coffee, I like coffee ... I love coffee, do you like coffee?

<u>Think while speaking</u> - change the drink:

A: I like coffee, I like coffee ... I need coffee, do you like **tea**?
B: I like tea, I like tea ... I really like tea, do you like **orange juice**?

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3. Rephrasing (2)

"I like coffee ... (repeat, change) ... I love coffee."

Repeat quickly for 20 seconds.

Change "like":

"I like coffee, I like coffee ... I like coffee, ***coffee's the best****.*
Coffee is the best, coffee is the best ... I ***love*** *coffee.*
I love coffee, I love coffee ... ***coffee's fantastic.***
Coffee is fantastic, coffee is fantastic ... I ***need*** *coffee.*
I need coffee, I need coffee ... ***coffee's my favorite****."*

Practice the above for 30 seconds.

<u>Interrupt your partner</u> - practice for 30 seconds:

A: I like coffee ... (repeat, change) ... coffee's fantastic.
B: ..... ↑ I like coffee, I like coffee...

<u>Add a question</u>:

A: I like coffee, I like coffee ... coffee's really nice, **do you like coffee?**
B: I like coffee, I like coffee ... coffee's awesome, do you like coffee?

<u>Think while speaking</u> - change the drink:

A: I like coffee, I like coffee ... coffee's wonderful, do you like **tea**?
B: I like tea, I like tea ... tea's delicious, do you like **orange juice**?

Practice with countries, cities, sports, people, shops and restaurants.

Remember: Keep repeating, thinking, and respond quickly.

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4. Expanding

What?

“I like coffee ... ... I like hot coffee.”

“I like coffee ... ... I like coffee with cream and sugar.”

Where?

“I like coffee ... ... I like coffee at Seaside Café.”

When?

“I like coffee ... ... I like coffee in the morning.”

Who?

“I like coffee ... ... I like coffee with Diane.”

Build - Don’t stop, don’t pause. Keep repeating and thinking.

I like football.
I like Italian football.
I like Italian football on TV.
I like Italian football on TV in the living room.
I like Italian football on TV in the living room on Sundays.
I like Italian football on TV in the living room on Sundays with my family.
Do you like football?

Rephrasing

“I love Barcelona in the summer with my friends ...
Barcelona in the summer with my friends is amazing.”

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5. Active Listening

Show interest in your partner

A:	B:
I like coffee ...	Hmm ...
I want coffee ...	Yeah ...
coffee's my favorite ...	Uh-huh ...
I like coffee at Starbucks after work...	I know ...
:	Me, too ...
:	I think so, too ...
Do you like coffee?	Really?
	Is that right?
	Haha ...
	Wow ...
	Absolutely ...
	Starbucks?

Keep talking: Repeat, Rephrase, Respond quickly.

Continue to practice.

Try using _*ing* verbs with *like* and *love*:

"I like coffee, I like coffee ... I like **drinking** coffee ... drinking coffee in the morning is great! ... Do you like drinking coffee?"

Examples:

watching TV, going to Tokyo, going to the gym, going to my friend's house, shopping, running, cooking, doing puzzles, playing tennis

Expand and use Active Listening

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6. Giving Opinions

"I like coffee ... **I'm sure** coffee is the best ..."

"I like coffee ... **I think** coffee is my favorite ..."

"I like coffee ... **I suppose** coffee is better than tea ..."

"I like coffee ... I **guess** coffee is as good as tea ..."

Put it all together: Don't stop, don't pause. Think while speaking.

Repeat: I like coffee, I like coffee ... I like coffee ...
Rephrase: I love coffee, I love coffee ... coffee's the best ...
Expand: I like coffee in bed ... coffee in bed is the best ...
Opinion: I'm sure coffee in bed is the best ... Do you like tea?

Don't forget *Quick Responses* and *Active Listening*

Other expressions for giving opinions:

In my opinion...
It seems to me (that) ...
The way I see it, ...
From my point of view ...
As far as I'm concerned ...

Be careful with countable nouns:

I like chicken, chicken **is** my favorite = food
I like chicken**s**, chicken**s are** my favorite = animal

Practice giving opinions about *food* and *animals*.

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7. Summarizing

Check you understand your partner by summarizing their opinion:

A: I like coffee ... I think coffee is the best. OPINION
B: **So, you're saying** coffee is your favorite? SUMMARIZE

<u>For practice, try Repeating and Rephrasing:</u>

"**So, you're saying** coffee is your favorite, coffee is your favorite ...
So, you mean coffee is your favorite, coffee is your favorite ...
I heard you say coffee is your favorite, coffee is your favorite ...
So you think coffee is your favorite, coffee is your favorite ...
So what you're saying is coffee is your favorite, coffee is your favorite ..."

"So, you're saying coffee is your favorite ... **you like coffee** ...
So, you mean you like coffee ... **coffee is the best** ...
I heard you say coffee is the best ... **you need coffee** ...
So you think you need coffee ... **you want coffee** ...
So what you're saying is you want coffee ... **you love coffee** ..."

Practice with different drinks. Don't forget to use *Active Listening*.

<u>Practice giving opinions on different topics, and summarize your partner</u>:

A: OPINION
B: SUMMARIZE + NEW OPINION

Example:

A: **I like soccer** ... I think soccer is the best.
B: **I heard you say** you love soccer... **I like baseball** ...

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8. Confirmation

Was your partner's summary correct?

A: I think **coffee** is the best.
B: So, you're saying you like **coffee**? Yes → confirm

A: I think **coffee** is the best.
B: So, you're saying you like **tea**? No → correct

Confirming:	*Correcting:*
Exactly.	No, I said...
Yes, that's right.	Almost, but I said...
Yeah, pretty much.	That's not quite right, I meant to say...

Confirm or correct your partner:

A: OPINION	In my opinion, Barcelona is fantastic.
B: SUMMARIZE	So you think Barcelona is amazing? ← *question*
A: **CONFIRM**	That's right. ← *confirm*

A: OPINION	In my opinion, London is fantastic.
B: SUMMARIZE	So you think Toronto is amazing? ← *question*
A: **CORRECT**	No, I said I like London. ← *correct*

Practice giving opinions and summarizing with *Repeating*, *Rephrasing* and *Active Listening*. Try *Expanding* your opinions, too!

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9. Agreement

Do you agree or disagree with your partner?

Agree:	*Disagree:*
Absolutely	I understand, but...
I think so, too.	True, but...
I totally agree.	Really? ...
Oh, for sure!	I see your point, but...
Of course!	I get what you're saying, but...

Agree or disagree with your partner:

A: OPINION	I think curry is delicious.
B: SUMMARIZE	So you mean curry is the best? ← *question*
A: CONFIRM or CORRECT	Exactly. ← *confirm*
B: AGREE or DISAGREE	I totally agree. ← agree

Try to loop the conversation:

A: OPINION
B: SUMMARIZE
A: CONFIRM or CORRECT
B: AGREE or DISAGREE
B: OPINION
A: SUMMARIZE
... etc.

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10. Wrap-up

Let's put everything together and practice with a partner.

Remember:

Repeat - Keep saying the same thing while thinking what to say next.
Rephrase - Use different ways to express yourself.
Expand - Build on your opinion to give more information.
Active Listening - show an interest in your partner.
Quick Responses - Jump into the conversation. Don't pause.

Talking points: Drinks, food, sport, hobbies, activities, places, people, TV shows, songs, books, celebrities, restaurants, shops, clothes, school subjects, and many more.

Expand with comparisons:
"I like tea *more than* coffee, I like tea *as much as* coffee ..."
"Tea is *better than* coffee, tea is *as good as* coffee ..."

Expand with reasons:
"I like Starbucks, Starbucks has good music ..."
"I like Starbucks 'coz it has good music." *'coz = because*

Talk about dislikes:

"I don't like coffee, I hate coffee, I can't stand coffee ..."
"Coffee is terrible, coffee is the worst"
"Me, neither!"

Speaking English is a skill. The more you practice, the better you get and the easier it becomes.

Congratulations on completing *"I like coffee" !*

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