

Strategies for Encouraging Students to Speak Outside of Tutoring Sessions :

1. Plan to visit the café at the Jefferson Center or some other place nearby. Before going, introduce words that the student will need to place an order and role-play ahead of time.
2. Plan a visit to the public library. If the student does not have a library card, he/she can apply. Again, role-play before going so that your student feels confident.
3. Plan a visit to Staples. Before going, think of a question that your student can ask a clerk such as, "Where are the file folders?"
4. Call a business and get their hours of operation.
5. Ask a clerk in the checkout line a friendly question beyond, "How are you?" For example, "How has your day been?" or "Are you almost done with work today?"
6. Ask the student to interview a friendly neighbor/co-worker. Or, arrange for your student to interview a senior at the Mary Williams Community Center. Example questions:
 - How long have you lived in Charlottesville?
 - What do you like about living here?
 - What is your favorite season? Holiday? Food? Why?
 - What do you like to do in your free time?
7. Ask the student to keep a log of every time he/she speaks any English in the community. Record the date, place and what was said and then report back to you. Challenge your student to increase speaking times every week.
8. Watch the local news to listen to the weather. Have the student report to you about the weather for specific days.
9. Brainstorm ideas with your student about how he/she can incorporate English into daily functions.

Helpful Books and Websites for Teaching Pronunciation

Gilbert, Judy. Clear Speech: Pronunciation and Listening Comprehension in North American English: Student's Book. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Rachel's English : <http://www.rachelsenglish.com> - excellent videos demonstrating pronunciation, sounds in American English, and mouth positions. Useful for higher-level students with computer access.

Sounds of English: <https://www.soundsofenglish.org/lessonsactivities> - some ideas here for pronunciation lessons and activities.

Voice of America Let's Learn English:

<https://learningenglish.voanews.com/z/4729/> videos and transcripts showing lives of Americans with instruction in speaking, vocabulary and writing.