

English Listening and Conversation 1

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Classroom Rules

- **Be punctual**
- **Be prepared**
- **Be active and creative.** Mistakes are part of Learning.
- Any problems? **Ask me at once.** Chances are someone else would have the same problem.
- **Enjoy!**

Scoring

- 40% = Class
- 30% = Mid-term exam (Oral + Listening)
- 30% = Final Exam (Oral + Listening)

Why should I come to class?

- How else can you learn a language?
- For fun!
- We shall do Exercises and Quizzes, on which the exams will be based.

How to find me

- Email
- Office hours: 10am-2pm, Monday, E105
- Class webpage (notes and comments):
<http://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/user:YauKwanKi>
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- Facebook??????

What are we going to do?

1. Listening
2. Conversation

Useful Resources

- The Textbook!
- National Public Radio (<http://npr.org>)
- BBC Radio and TV channels (<http://bbc.co.uk/iplayer>)
- <http://dictionary.reference.com> (online dictionary, with audio)
- Oxford English Dictionary (<http://oed.com>)

The Syllabus

1. Text: Tanka and Baker (Chapters 1-5)
2. In each Chapter:
 - Listening
 - Speaking
 - Critical Thinking
 - Vocabulary
 - Pronunciation
 - Language skills

Chapters 1-5

- Chapter 1: Education and Student Life
- Chapter 2: City Life
- Chapter 3: Business and Money
- Chapter 4: Jobs and Professions
- Chapter 5: Lifestyles Around the World

Questions?

Chapter 1 : Education and Student Life

Some Concepts:

- Pronunciation: stress and reductions (pp.6-)
- Effective Note-taking! (pp.10-)
- Venn diagram (pp.15-)
- Getting meaning from context (pp.17-)
- Giving and asking for directions (pp.21-)

Questions?

Homework

1. What do you want to achieve in the Listening and Conversation class? Discuss it with the student next to you. Send it to my via email. Please include in the subject “English Listening and Conversation Homework”.
(100-150 words)
2. Prepare for what is coming next