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1. Useful English Presentation Phrases

Phrases to make sure the audience is involved in your topic:

Phrase 1: “Raise your hand if ...”

Phrase 2: “I think this proves that there is a strong relationship between X and Y but what are the implications for Z?”

Phrase 3: “Who in this audience thinks... please raise your hand.”

Involving your audience...

can be achieved through a number of methods. For instance, by actively asking for their opinions with a show of hands. Typically, your audience will appreciate to also have a voice that way and they tend to pay closer attention to your topic. Another way is to include rhetorical questions in your speech. A rhetorical question poses a query without expecting an answer. It creates curiosity, anticipation, or even suspense and gets your audience thinking about the question you just asked. This leads to your audience being highly involved in your presentation.

2. Q&As in SUPPORT DESK sessions

Q: My voice sounds monotone and I don't know how to make it sound more engaging. What can I do?

A: Try to listen to skilled native speakers of English such as newscasters or actors.

When listening to a good speech performed by a native speaker try to repeat what you hear sentence by sentence. You can also try shadowing. It is an advanced learning technique where you listen to a text in your target language, and then speak it aloud at the same time as the native speaker. As a next step record your own speech and hear if you have improved.



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