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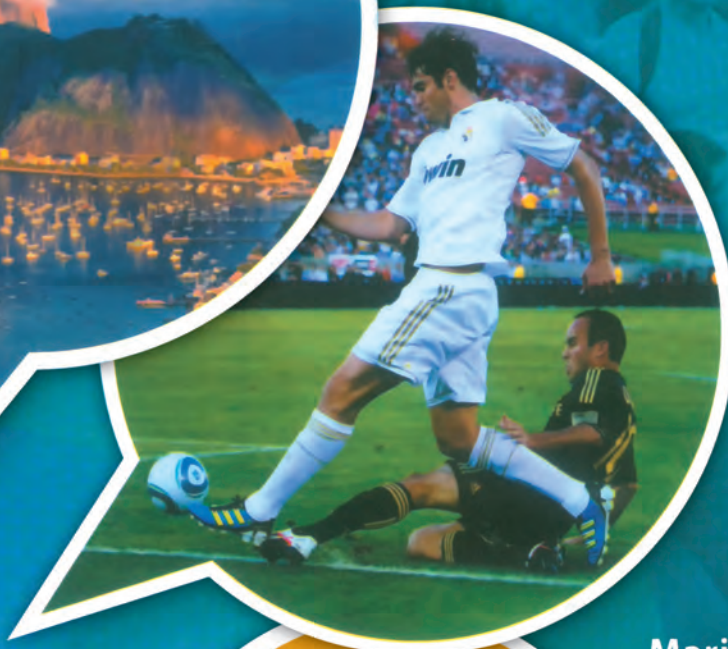
# Speak NOW

COMMUNICATE *with* CONFIDENCE



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# Welcome to **Speak NOW**

## Communicate *with Confidence*

Communicating with confidence means expressing yourself accurately, fluently, and appropriately. **English in Action** lessons throughout the Student Book present video clips which show students how to use target language in real-life settings. The video is available through Online Practice, DVD, and on the iTools Classroom Presentation Software CD-ROM.



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## Maximize Speaking

Every activity in every lesson includes a speaking task to ensure students maximize their opportunity to develop confident conversation skills. In each two-page lesson, students learn key **Vocabulary**, practice these new words and develop structured speaking skills through the **Conversation** activity, study new functional language in the **Language Booster** section, and then develop either **Pronunciation** or **Listening** skills in preparation for a communicative **Speak with Confidence** activity.

### 5 How do you know...?

Getting to know people  
Asking about people's jobs

#### 1| Vocabulary

**A** Imagine that you wanted to invite some people to your home for dinner. Which of these people would you invite? Check (✓) your answers.

1. an acquaintance from school	5. your future sister-in-law
2. an exercise buddy	6. an old friend
3. an ex-boyfriend or -girlfriend	7. an old neighbor
4. a former co-worker	8. a prospective employer

**B PAIR WORK** Who did you choose to invite? Explain your answers to your partner.  
Example:  
A: Would you invite an acquaintance from school to a dinner at your home?  
B: Yes, I would. I have a few acquaintances at school that I would like to get to know better.

#### 2| Conversation

**CD** **A** Listen. How does Sarah know Eva? What is Luisa's job?

Luisa: So, how do you know Eva?  
Sarah: Well, Eva's my old neighbor. I used to live in the apartment across from hers.  
Luisa: Oh, right. I think we've met before.  
Sarah: Yes, you look familiar. You used to come over to visit Eva once in a while.  
Luisa: That's right. Eva is a former classmate of mine. We had a few classes together in college, and we used to study together a lot.  
Sarah: I see. And what do you do now?  
Luisa: I work as an assistant in an advertising firm.  
Sarah: That sounds interesting. Do you enjoy it?  
Luisa: Yes, I do.

**B PAIR WORK** Practice the conversation.

**CD** **C** Listen. Write the three extra sentences you hear in the conversation. Practice the new conversation.

#### 3| Language Booster

**A** Notice the expressions we can use when we're getting to know people and asking them about their jobs.

Getting to know someone	Asking about someone's job
How do you know (Eva)? I think we've met before. Haven't we met? You look familiar.	What do you do? How did you get into that line of business? That sounds interesting. Do you enjoy it? How did you get interested in (advertising)?

**B PAIR WORK** Talk with a partner as though you are meeting each other at a social event.  
Example:  
A: Hi, I'm Erica.  
B: Hi, Erica. I'm Douglas. You look familiar...

#### 4| Pronunciation Noun stress

**CD** **A** Listen to these phrases. Notice that the nouns in these phrases get more stress than the adjectives.

1. former neighbor	3. prospective employer	5. future sister-in-law
2. ex-boyfriend	4. old friend	6. new co-worker

**B PAIR WORK** Take turns asking and answering the question "How do you know...?" Use the cues below to answer. Pay attention to noun stress.

1. Pedro: a new acquaintance	3. Theo: a former neighbor	5. John: your future brother-in-law
2. Ana: an old co-worker	4. Karen: an ex-girlfriend	6. Angie: an old friend

**ONLINE PRACTICE**

### SPEAK with CONFIDENCE

**A** Write down on a piece of paper the names of four people that you know well and how you know them. Be creative. These people can be your close friends or famous celebrities.

**B CLASS ACTIVITY** Walk around the classroom and "meet" your classmates. In each conversation, imagine that you and your classmate are at a party hosted by one of the people above. Ask and answer questions about how you know that person and about what you do for a living.

How do you know Scarlett Johansson?

How did she get into acting?

Really? What do you do?

## Self-Assessment

Through the **Speak Now** lessons, learners evaluate their progress through role-play situations inspired by the Can-Do statements of the Common European Framework (CEFR).

### 5 How do you know...?

**Student A and Student B:** Role-play "meeting" and getting to know each other. Use the professions below and your own ideas.

television executive    lawyer

computer animator    guitar player in a band

I can get to know people.  
☐ Very well    ☐ I need more practice.

I can ask about people's job.  
☐ Very well    ☐ I need more practice.

See Language Booster page 13.

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SOCIALIZE

# Scope and Sequence

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CONVERSATION

Asking about significant experiences  
Talking about important events

Introducing interesting stories  
Asking for details

Describing pet peeves  
Sympathizing

Making suggestions  
Commenting on suggestions

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The New Roommate, page 10

CONFIDENCE BOOSTER  
Talking about problems

SELF-ASSESSMENT

Speak  
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Sharing opinions and  
experiences

ONLINE PRACTICE ➔

Getting to know people  
Asking about people's jobs

Making invitations  
Declining politely

Talking about false assumptions  
Summarizing

Expressing a lack of understanding  
Expressing opinions without offending someone

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Tom and Kate, page 20

CONFIDENCE BOOSTER  
Talking about people

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Getting to know people

ONLINE PRACTICE ➔

Asking for clarification  
Giving clarification

Giving reasons  
Expressing approval

Talking about lifestyles  
Evaluating lifestyles

Persuading  
Disagreeing politely

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Roommate Trouble, page 30

CONFIDENCE BOOSTER  
Talking about lifestyles

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Clarifying, persuading,  
and disagreeing

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Asking about career ambitions  
Talking about career ambitions

Asking interview questions  
Describing strengths and weaknesses

Giving clear instructions  
Restating to show that you understand

Giving presentations  
Asking follow-up questions

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Alex's Presentation, page 40

CONFIDENCE BOOSTER  
Discussing strengths and  
weaknesses

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Interviewing and giving  
presentations

ONLINE PRACTICE ➔

# Scope and Sequence

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REVIEW

CONVERSATION

Asking about fears  
Talking about fears

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Talking about causes of stress  
Giving advice by talking about personal experiences

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Talking about dreams and wishes  
Expressing interest and asking for reasons

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Asking about regrets  
Talking about regrets

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Maria's Big Break, page 50

CONFIDENCE BOOSTER  
Talking about fears

SELF-ASSESSMENT

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Expressing feelings  
and emotions

ONLINE PRACTICE

Relating the plot of movies  
Describing reactions to movies

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Describing music  
Joining discussions

---

Asking about trends  
Describing trends

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Sharing surprising news  
Expressing surprise

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The New Alex, page 60

CONFIDENCE BOOSTER  
Talking about pop culture

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Talking about trends

ONLINE PRACTICE

Checking in at the airport  
Confirming information

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Reporting bad news  
Asking for help or advice

---

Comparing and contrasting alternatives  
Giving reasons for choices

---

Describing cultural differences  
Explaining why something is a problem

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Alex Woos the Clients, page 70

CONFIDENCE BOOSTER  
Taking a travel survey

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Making travel plans

ONLINE PRACTICE

Talking about sporting events  
Changing the subject

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Interrupting to ask for clarification  
Clarifying

---

Giving evidence to support opinions  
Giving examples to support opinions

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Asking for opinions about issues  
Politely giving opinions

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Big News, page 80

CONFIDENCE BOOSTER  
Summarizing the news

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Expressing and  
supporting opinions

ONLINE PRACTICE

## 1 | Vocabulary

**A** Look at the phrases below. Check each thing that has happened to you in the last five years.

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|---|--|
| _____ overcome an obstacle  | _____ face a challenge                                 |
| _____ get into (a new interest)                                     | _____ make a change                                    |
| _____ have a setback  | _____ make the decision to<br>(do something different) |
| _____ have an/the opportunity to<br>(do something you wanted to do) | _____ take a risk                                      |

**B PAIR WORK** Take turns talking about the things that have happened to you. Ask two follow-up questions.

## 2 | Conversation

CD1 02 **A** Listen. What happened to Louis recently? What happened to Kristin?

Kristin: Hi, Louis. I hear you've made a big change recently.

Louis: Yeah, I have. I just got a job as a photographer. \_\_\_\_\_

Kristin: Oh, wow! How did you get into photography? \_\_\_\_\_

Louis: I had the opportunity to work with a photographer friend of mine. I learned a lot from working with him. I also learned that I wanted to be a professional photographer.

Kristin: That's great! Congratulations!

Louis: Thanks! Oh, that reminds me, Ana tells me that you just moved.

Kristin: Yes, I did. I had a setback last month when I lost my job, but it turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to me. I just got a much better job, and I moved to São Paulo. \_\_\_\_\_

Louis: I'm sorry to hear about your setback, but so glad to hear about your new job! \_\_\_\_\_



**B PAIR WORK** Practice the conversation. Then find the best places to add the sentences below to the conversation and practice it again.

1. I didn't realize you were a photographer.

3. I love it!

2. I hope I can visit!

4. I've always wanted to live there.



### 3 | Language Booster

**A** Notice the different ways we ask about significant experiences and talk about important events.

Asking about significant experiences	Talking about important events
<p>I hear that (Ana) tells me that   you just moved.</p> <p>Oh, that reminds me, (Ana tells me that you just moved).</p>	<p>It is one of the most exciting things I've ever done.</p> <p>It turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to me.</p> <p>It's the best decision I've ever made.</p> <p>It was one of the biggest challenges I've ever faced.</p>

**B PAIR WORK** Take turns asking and talking about an important event in your life.

### 4 | Listening

CD1 03 **A** Listen. Write the correct name under each picture.

Clara      Alex      Victor      Larissa



\_\_\_\_\_

CD1 03 **B** Listen again. Mark the statements T (true) or F (false). Then compare your answers with a partner.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Clara wants to be a teacher.      \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Victor is studying to become a baker.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Alex lost his job last month.      \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Larissa got married last year.

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**A PAIR WORK** Complete each story below with your own idea. Think of the most exciting and challenging things you can. Then share and respond to stories with your partner.

1. I faced a challenge. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I overcame an obstacle. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I took a risk. I made the decision to \_\_\_\_\_

**B GROUP WORK** Join another pair and share and respond to stories.

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## 1 | Vocabulary

**A** Complete the paragraph with the correct form of a verb in the box.

injure	pass out	react	respond	report	witness
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Last week, there was a fire at a local school. A lot of people \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> the scene. They were worried because the fire kept growing. Luckily, fire fighters \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> very quickly. No one was \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> from the fire, but a witness was taken to the hospital. The news \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> that a woman \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> hysterically and couldn't take the excitement. She \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> in the middle of the street!

**B PAIR WORK** Tell your partner about something interesting you recently heard about.

## 2 | Conversation

CD1 04 **A** Listen. How did the man fall onto the subway track? What did he do after he woke up?

Adam: Hey, did you hear about the man who fell onto a subway track last week?

Teresa: No, how did that happen?

Adam: He was texting a friend, and he wasn't watching where he was going. He fell, hit his head, and passed out.

Teresa: No way. What happened next?

Adam: Luckily, someone witnessed the whole thing. He jumped onto the track and pulled the guy out.

Teresa: Wow! Did the guy injure himself in the fall?

Adam: Not really. The guy woke up after a few minutes, and he was fine. He got up and finished typing his text message!



**B PAIR WORK** Practice the conversation.

CD1 05 **C** Listen. Write the three extra sentences you hear in the conversation. Practice the new conversation.



### 3 | Language Booster

**A** Notice the ways we introduce interesting stories and ask for details.

#### Introducing interesting stories

Did you hear about (the man who fell onto a subway track last week)?

You'll never believe what happened.

You're not going to believe the story I heard.

#### Asking for details

So what did (he) do?

How did (he) react?

How did that happen?

What happened?

**B PAIR WORK** Tell your partner an interesting story that you know.

*Examples:*

A: You'll never believe what happened. My neighbors and I kept losing things, like keys and shoes.

B: How did that happen?

A: It turned out that the neighbor's new cat was taking things and hiding them in the basement!

### 4 | Pronunciation Linking vowels in phrases

**CD1 06 A** Listen to these phrases. Notice that any word that begins with a vowel inside a phrase links with the word before it.

1. heard about

2. to a friend

3. the story I heard

4. passes out

**B** Complete the conversation below with your own ideas. Then circle the words that begin with vowels.

A: Did you hear about the woman in California who \_\_\_\_\_.

B: What happened?

A: Well, this woman \_\_\_\_\_.

**C PAIR WORK** Practice the conversation with a partner.

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### SPEAK with CONFIDENCE

**A PAIR WORK** Work with a partner to make a list of interesting or unusual stories you've heard about recently.

**B GROUP WORK** Take turns telling the most interesting story to your group members.

Did you hear about the company who held an office chair race?

No way! What happened?

**C CLASS ACTIVITY** Present one story from your group. Choose the most interesting story from the class.





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