# When speaking a new language, what matters most is your attitude — not your accuracy

Watch the first part (0.00-2.00) of the edited TED Talk Complete the sentences using one word in each space.

1. Mariana has discovered that how well somebody communicates in English actually has very little to do with their English_____ but it has a lot to do with their _____towards English.
2. She recalls one specific student named Faisal, who was a _____
3. This guy could just sit and listen to anybody very_____, clearly, and then he could _____ [and] absolutely _____beautifully.
4. Marians started to notice two really strong _____ between her daughter's attitude or thinking _____ playing the piano and a lot of Malaysians' thinking or attitude _____ English.

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Watch the second part (2.00-4.16) of the talk. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

1. **The first similarity had to do with the fear of_____.** Mariana says "To both my daughter and her teacher, her success in piano was measured by how_____.
2. **The second similarity had to do_____.** Pascal says, "My daughter, she knew what good piano sounded like, right? Because we've all heard good piano, and she knew what her level was, and she knew how long she'd have to play for, to play like that."

3. Watch the third part (4.16-9.15) of the edited talk. Complete the summary with these adjectives/participles.

remarkable judged lousy significant focused

high cyber ineffective effective focused

Then she went to a _____ cafe. The person sitting next to her was playing a shoot-'em-up game while his friends watched, and he just wasn't a very good player. But at the same time, she saw something _____: "Even though this guy was terrible, even though his friends were watching him, there was no embarrassment. There was no feeling of being _____. There was no shyness." Instead, he was focused completely on the task at hand: shooting his opponents.

Pascal says, "I suddenly realized, this is it. This is the same attitude that people like Faisal have when they speak English." Just like the _____player, when Faisal enters an English conversation, she explains, "he doesn't feel judged. He's entirely focused on the person that he's speaking to and the result he wants to get. He's got no self-awareness, no thoughts about his own mistakes."

There's a _____difference between someone who speaks a new language like they're playing piano and someone who speaks it like they are playing a video

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game. It has to do with where they're putting their focus. On one hand, Pascal says, "We've got the one who's got a _____ level — but totally _____on herself and getting it right and therefore very_____. We've got another one low-level, but totally _____on the person she's talking to and getting a result —_____."

4. Read the quotations. Then watch the fourth part (9.15 to the end) of the talk and choose the correct options to complete the quotations.

1. 96% of all the English conversations involved _____
2. At school English is taught as _____.
3. In real world what would matter is _____.
4. When you speak English focus on _____.
5. Language is _____.

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