

### Vocabulary (Language and communication)

**Word list:** broken English, gestures and facial expressions, strong accent, communication breakdown, native speaker, the language barrier, can't make myself understood, body language, dialect, interpret, first language, pronounce, misunderstand, incomprehensible, follow, first language

#### **Communication Challenges**

When I first moved abroad, I quickly realized how difficult it can be to communicate in a place where my (1) \_\_\_\_\_ is different from everyone else's. Even though I had studied the language for years, I often spoke in (2) \_\_\_\_\_, which made conversations awkward.

One of the biggest problems I faced was my (3) \_\_\_\_\_, which made it hard for people to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ what I was trying to say. Sometimes, people would (5) \_\_\_\_\_ my words completely, leading to confusion and frustration on both sides.

In some situations, I felt so stuck that I thought, "I (6) \_\_\_\_\_." This often led to a complete (7) \_\_\_\_\_, especially when discussing more complex topics.

Another challenge was dealing with the local (8) \_\_\_\_\_, which was very different from what I had learned in textbooks. Even when talking to a (9) \_\_\_\_\_, I struggled to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ their speech because it sometimes sounded almost (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to me.

To overcome these issues, I relied heavily on (12) \_\_\_\_\_, using (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to support my words. These non-verbal cues helped reduce (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and made interactions smoother.

Over time, I improved my ability to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ words correctly, and communication became easier, even though my (16) \_\_\_\_\_ still influenced the way I spoke.