

Oral English/Pronunciation – Goals and Expectations Fall 2021 Syllabus

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Purpose of Oral English:

- Build speaking and listening skills, particularly in accuracy and fluency.
- Increase students' cultural awareness.
- Increase confidence in using English in public and conversational settings!
- Organize ideas and opinions on discussion topics related to each unit.

Purpose of Pronunciation:

- Be more intelligible and understood, NOT to eliminate an accent!
- Increase confidence in using English in public and conversational settings.
- Teach strategies to help improve listening and speaking abilities.

Class Textbook:

- Pronunciation: Ship or Sheep? (New Edition)

Grading Procedures:

Effort (Includes: Attendance, Participation, Homework, Quizzes): 40%

Midterm Exam: 30%

Final Exam: 30%

Course Policies regarding Participation:

- Cheating ...copying someone else's work will not be tolerated.
- Attendance...all classes are mandatory. If you know you will miss a class, please let me know so we can make a time for you to make up the class.
- Tardiness...be ready to begin at the bell.
- Cell Phones...Can not use in class unless the teacher instructs you to do so.
- Respect your classmates and treat them as fellow teachers, encouraging each other and helping each other. Do not distract others.

English Only:

This is an English only class. Therefore, I expect you to speak only in English during the class period. Speaking in Chinese could result in losing participation points.

Practice:

- Students need to expand their language learning outside of class, including free talk times, eating meals, and **talking to other students in English**.
- You will only improve in your English skills if you use them regularly.