

c Listen again and compare Richard's explanations with the tips in Exercise 14c. Which techniques did he use? Were they successful?

d Complete the following table using the words in the box.

basically (x2) call effectively essentially imagine other picture refer simple simply

Function	Words / Phrases
1 Simplifying the language	in <u>simple</u> terms / put _____ / in _____ words / _____
2 Simplifying the concept	_____ / _____ / _____
3 Focusing on technical terms	what we _____ / what we _____ to as
4 Illustrating with images	if you _____ / if you _____

e In pairs, practise explaining the technical terms in Exercise 15a using the simplified words and phrases in Exercise 15d.

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Read the textbook description of two types of pile foundation. Use the words and phrases in Exercise 15d and the following notes to rephrase it.

Like standing on stilts in water

Imagine a leg and a foot

From a structural perspective, pile foundations can be divided into two categories: end-bearing piles and friction piles.

End-bearing piles are driven or bored through soft ground in order to attain firm substrata below. The pile then transmits load vertically to firm subsoil or bedrock. The soft ground surrounding the sides of the pile is structurally redundant.

Friction piles counteract downward loads from the structure through frictional resistance between the sides of the pile and the surrounding ground, and do not therefore rely on firm substrata. In some cases, the diameter of the concrete at the pile's base is widened by compaction, allowing the increased area to give the friction pile a certain degree of end-bearing resistance.

Imagine water and the seabed

Like a nail in wood

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You are showing a non-specialist visitor around your company and explaining technical concepts using simplified language. In pairs, practise explaining a product or type of technology that you are familiar with.