

CLEAR SPEECH STRATEGIES

- 1. Slow down a little.** Pause more often and hold your pauses longer.
- 2. Extend vowels.** Vowels in English tend to have a lot of energy.
- 3. Move your mouth.** Let your voice come out. Allow your lips to move freely.
- 4. Include ending sounds.** All those final sounds are important in English!
Use linking to help you with this.
- 5. Emphasize important words.** Let people know what you think is important.
- 6. Raise your pitch high when stressing words.** English is a heavily stressed language.

What if others don't understand?

- 1. Check for understanding.** Watch facial expressions. Ask:

Are you with me so far?
Do you have any questions?
Is there anything you haven't understood?

- 2. When someone doesn't understand, go through these steps:**

- a. Say it again slowly with more exaggeration in mouth movement.
- b. If it's one word, spell it. If it's a phrase, describe it.
- c. Provide synonym.

Note: On the phone, /s/ and /f/ are hard to distinguish

i vs. ee

i sit, bin, thin, Linda
ee please, three, teeth

words that have multiple syllables

international, Laboratory, educational, experienced, experienced,
orientation, analysis, emergency

'tion' words

registration

Accurate pronunciation requires learning rhythm, stress and
intonation patterns.

Speak in a slow manner making sure the end of your words are
complete.

Words to practice this week:

International, laboratory, educational, experienced, examination
conclusion, organization, Orientation, Priorities, analysis,
development, additional, emergency, university, technology