

Reedley College
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Intermediate Pronunciation and Oral Communication Skills Course Outline

Class Times/Locations:

Monday – Thursday 8:00-8:50 a.m.

Monday	Business 42
Tuesday	INC 4
Wednesday	Language Arts Lab (LAL)
Thursday	INC 4

Objectives:

In this class, we will work on improving skill and confidence in pronunciation of spoken English. We will work to improve listening and comprehension skills and speaking skills, such as statements and questions in conversational English. We will also work on detecting and self-correcting errors made in spoken English.

Course Activities:

In class, we will work in large and small groups to improve basic pronunciation skills through short phrases and dialogues, games, and use of computer programs. We will focus on:

- ⇒ consonant and vowel sounds
- ⇒ stress and intonation patterns
- ⇒ minimal pairs
- ⇒ reductions

Required Materials:

- ⇒ textbook: Talk It Up (by Joann Kozyrev)
- ⇒ one folder with brads
- ⇒ lined, looseleaf paper for homework assignments (NOT spiral paper)
- ⇒ a dictionary with (good) pronunciation symbols
- ⇒ two blank cassette tapes (at least 60 minutes long each)
- ⇒ access to a tape recorder for making occasional recordings on your cassette tape.

Grading:

Your grade for this class will be based primarily on attendance, participation and improvement. You should not compare yourself to other students in this class for the purpose of grading because each student may progress at different rates. **If you attend regularly, fully participate in class activities, pay attention, and work to improve, you will be able to improve your pronunciation!**

Your grade will be based on the following breakdown:

Attendance and Participation:	40%
Lab Work:	20%
Homework/Projects:	20%
Midterm/Final Exam:	20%

Grading Scale:

This class will be graded on a credit/no-credit basis. Grades of A, B, or C will be considered passing and will receive a report of "credit" and grades of D or F will not be considered passing and will receive a report of "no-credit."

✓+	90-100% = A
✓	80-89% = B
✓-	70-79% = C
N	60-69% = D
U	< 50% = F

Important Dates:

January 10, Monday	First Day of Class
January 17, Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No Class
February 21, Monday	Washington Day – No Class
March 17-18, Monday – Tuesday	Spring Recess – No Classes
April 17-20, Monday – Thursday	Spring Recess – No Classes
May 11, Thursday	Last Day of Class
May 17, Monday	
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.	