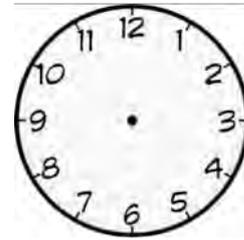


How should I talk to someone with limited English..?



Smile

The friendlier the better.



Be patient

If we don't know the word, give us time to remember.



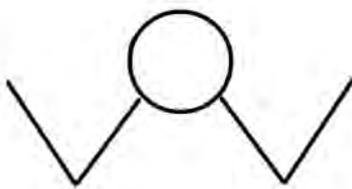
Speak slowly and clearly

Not just for 30 seconds. You don't need to speak louder.



Use simple language

We're more likely to know 'get' than 'receive' and avoid slang words or idioms.



Use visual aids

Use pictures and gestures or offer to write it down so we can look at it again at home.

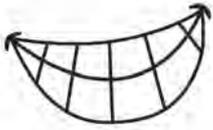


Repeat things or explain things in a different way

Sometimes we don't understand the first time and sometimes we need an easier word.

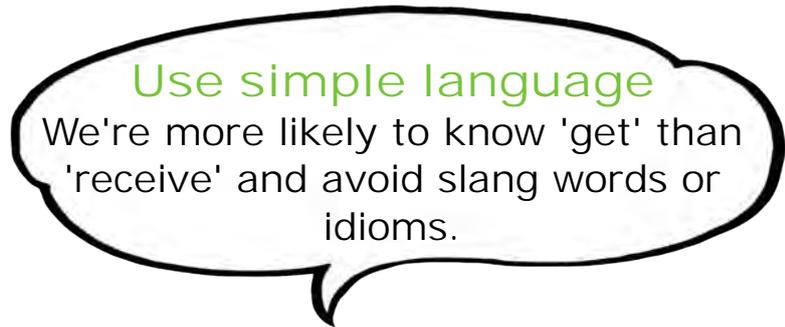
Tips for talking to someone with limited English

We all hate the stereotype of Brits abroad, but what should we be doing when there's a language barrier?



Smile

It can be really scary for us, so the friendlier you can be the better!



Use simple language

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Speak slowly and clearly

(and keep doing it)! People often speak slower for the first 30 seconds and then go back to normal speed.

It can be embarrassing to keep asking. But you **don't need to speak louder**.



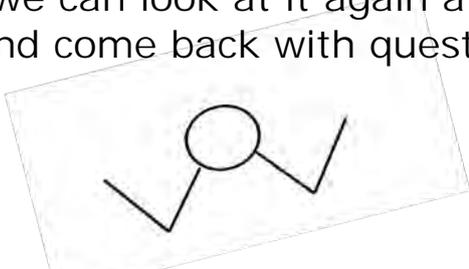
Be patient

When we're stressed remembering the words we want is really difficult.

Don't just jump in with the word if you know it, give us time to think first.

Use visual aids

Pictures and gestures are helpful if we're struggling to understand. If you're not sure we've completely understood, **offer to write it down** so we can look at it again at home and come back with questions.



Repeat things or explain things in a different way

We might not hear a word the first time or maybe we don't know it. For example 'excited' - you could say 'like happy, but more' and act excited to help us understand.



Teacher's note

Students are often **scared to make mistakes**. While you are getting to know them **focus on the meaning** of what they say, rather than how correctly they say it. Once you have built a good rapport, start by making small corrections.