

Speaking English with confidence

Mukesh, a primary teacher, describes how he used ideas from the OER to practise his English and make more use of it in the classroom

“ The state government has decided to introduce English from Class I. My own knowledge of English was very limited and I felt uncomfortable speaking it in the classroom as I feared I might make mistakes. ”

Mukesh, Teacher (elementary/primary)



I found the TESS-India Elementary English OER '**Classroom routines**'. This looked very suitable for me, given my lack of confidence in English. Working through the OER, I practised saying short phrases in English. Using my mobile phone, I recorded myself and listened back, as a way of becoming more fluent.



With another teacher, I used the guidance in the OER to prepare a list of everyday classroom instructions. These included 'Sit down now, please' and 'Can you come to the board?'



I started giving instructions in English in the classroom, speaking slowly and using gestures to facilitate my students' understanding. My students are getting used to hearing me use English and I am becoming more confident in doing so.



In addition to instructions, I read the '**Monitoring and giving feedback**' key resource OER and have started to use examples of **praise and positive language** in English. My students seem to really appreciate this.

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