

Using English in Everyday Life

Mr Choudhury, a secondary English teacher, describes how using new approaches in class has helped his students gain confidence speaking English outside the classroom

“ Although my students can read and write English quite well, they lack confidence in speaking it and would find it difficult to have a real-life conversation outside the classroom. ”

Mr Choudhury, English teacher in a secondary school



When the Block Education Officer directed me to the TESS-India OER on the SCERT website, I selected Secondary English OER, '**Supporting speaking in English: pair and groupwork**' and started to work through it.



It was reassuring to see students engaged in such activities in the videos on **pair work** and **groupwork**.



The first activity I tried out with my students was a simple **pair dictation activity** from the OER.



My students worked in pairs, with one dictating and the other writing. As I listened to their conversations, I noticed some common pronunciation issues. Having noted them down, I drew everyone's attention to them at the end of the activity.



I accessed another Secondary English OER, '**Building your students' confidence to speak English**', and I have been involving my students in choosing some interesting topics for discussion.



I keep a copy of the '**Using pair work**' key resource on my desk, as it is a helpful reminder of the different ways in which I can use this approach with my class.

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