



## The Learning Centre

### **Language Skills**

#### **Improving Your Speaking and Pronunciation Skills**

- ❖ Refer to speaking or pronunciation learning resources available at the OC library. Topics may include conversation management strategies, idiomatic/slang expressions, and how to make small talk. The librarians are able to help you find these resources – just ask!
- ❖ Refer to online pronunciation and speaking resources such as the pronunciation videos and speaking tips found at the following links:  
<http://rachelsenglish.com/> <https://www.englishclub.com/speaking/>
- ❖ Practice speaking every day, wherever you are. Take advantage of opportunities to ask questions or discuss topics in class. Waiting for the bus? Make small talk with the person standing next to you! Shopping for a certain product? Ask as many questions you can about the product and products alike! In these cases, it is important to get out of your comfort zone. 😊 It will be worth it in the long run!
- ❖ Practice new sounds (ex. “th”) as much as possible. Also, listen for examples of how speakers use rhythm, stress and intonation to express what they mean.
- ❖ Join a conversation club! This is a great way to meet people and develop your speaking skills at the same time. Visit International Education in the Centre for Learning for more information on conversation clubs.
- ❖ Ask for help in the Learning Centre! We can provide one-on-one or group speaking opportunities.