VAN WEST COLLEGE



Speak Up

Speak with confidence and fluency, express opinions, and engage in meaningful conversations independently.

VANCOUVER | **8 WEEKS** (MINIMUM 2 WKS) | **20 LESSONS PER WEEK** | **LEVELS 5 - 7**

STARTING DATES: EVERY MONDAY *IF MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY, TUESDAY IS THE START DATE.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- **Daily Speaking Practice:** Discussions, interviews, presentations, role-plays and collaborative speaking activities.
- **Independent Communication:** xpressing ideas, researching information and responding to unexpected questions without prepared scripts.
- **Weekly Speaking Assessments:** Individual and group assessments focusing on fluency, pronunciation, grammatical accuracy and communication skills.
- **Listening & Dictation Practice:** Listening exercises to improve comprehension and recognition of natural spoken English.
- **Real-Life Communication:** Develop speaking skills through social interactions, negotiations, conflict resolution, travel scenarios, discussions, debates and opinion sharing, while strengthening critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- **Feedback & Improvement:** Receive ongoing teacher feedback to improve language accuracy, pronunciation, fluency and communication effectiveness.

TIMETABLE

TIME	MONDAY - FRIDAY
08:30 - 12:00	**SPEAK UP**
13:00 - 14:45	**AFTERNOON ELECTIVE SUGGESTIONS (25 OR 30 LESSONS ONLY):** IELTS Preparation • Business Communication High School Preparation • English for Baristas English for Multimedia • English for Flight Attendants Canadian English & Culture • English & Volunteer Experience Communication • Speaking • Listening • Writing Grammar • Pronunciation *and more!*

WEEKLY THEMES

- **WEEK 1: BEYOND HELLO** – Sharing Stories and First Impressions
- **WEEK 2: SMALL TALK MASTERY** – Navigating Social Conventions
- **WEEK 3: EVERYDAY CHALLENGES** – Discussing Real-Life Scenarios
- **WEEK 4: MARKETPLACE NEGOTIATIONS** – Haggling and Bargaining
- **WEEK 5: CITY CHRONICLES** – Exploring Complex Urban Interactions
- **WEEK 6: VOYAGE DIALOGUES** – Adapting to Unexpected Travel Situations
- **WEEK 7: PASSIONS EXPLORED** – Delving Deeper into Hobbies
- **WEEK 8: CULTURAL CONNECTIONS** – Tackling Sensitive Social Topics

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Speak Up FOUNDATION

Build confidence in everyday English communication through guided speaking practice and essential conversation skills.

VANCOUVER | **8 WEEKS** (MINIMUM 2 WKS) | **20 LESSONS PER WEEK** | **LEVELS 2 - 4**

PROGRAM BEGINS MARCH 1, 2027

STARTING DATES: EVERY MONDAY *IF MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY, TUESDAY IS THE START DATE.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- **Daily Speaking Practice:** Spend significant class time communicating in English, building confidence through practical and meaningful verbal communication.
- **Real-Life Projects:** Complete weekly project-based activities, including community exploration, interviews, observations, information gathering and real-world communication challenges.
- **Weekly Presentations:** Complete individual presentation-style speaking assessments based on weekly projects or themes, exploring a different speaking mode each week.
- **Grammar & Practical English:** Learn grammar in context and apply practical English skills to social, academic and everyday situations in Canada.
- **Listening & Dictation Practice:** Improve listening accuracy, pronunciation and the ability to reproduce natural spoken English through short weekly dictations.
- **Feedback & Speaking Development:** Receive structured language support and ongoing teacher feedback to improve accuracy, pronunciation, fluency and communication skills, gradually developing independent speaking confidence.

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13:00 - 14:45	**AFTERNOON ELECTIVE SUGGESTIONS (25 OR 30 LESSONS ONLY):** English for Flight Attendants • Communication Speaking • Listening • Writing Grammar • Pronunciation *and more!*

WEEKLY THEMES

- **WEEK 1: ONE QUESTION, MANY VOICES** – Exploring Different Perspectives
- **WEEK 2: HIDDEN VANCOUVER** – Discovering the City Around Us
- **WEEK 3: THE COMMUNICATION CHALLENGE** – Getting Things Done in English
- **WEEK 4: CONVINCE ME** – Ideas, Opinions and Persuasion
- **WEEK 5: PEOPLE & PLACES** – Observing the World Around Us
- **WEEK 6: SOLVE IT** – Everyday Problems and Smart Solutions
- **WEEK 7: THE REPORTER PROJECT** – Finding and Sharing A Story
- **WEEK 8: TAKE THE LEAD** – Hosting, Explaining and Engaging Others

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