

Exercise 3.0 Topic of conversation – key topic and word clues

Speaker Copy

This exercise consists of sentences that are common to one topic but not directly related to a given situation.

Instructions for the Speaker

- 1 Explain to the listener that the task is to use the topic clue to help them repeat the sentence.
- 2 Present the topic with visual cues, or let the listener read the topic clue.
- 3 Present the sentence slowly with normal intonation but without visual cues, and ask the listener to repeat it.
- 4 Encourage the listener to use strategies to confirm or clarify the sentence, such as:
 - 'Repeat.'
 - 'Did you say?'
 - 'Are you talking about?'
 - 'Can you say it a different way?'
- 5 Confirm any words correctly repeated after each presentation.
- 6 If, after three presentations, the sentence was not understood, provide a **key word** from the sentence. (Examples are underlined in the exercises.)
- 7 If the listener cannot recognize the clue words, the following are examples of prompts that may provide additional clues (these relate to clue topic C):
 - 'It's not a blue color, it's red.'
 - 'In winter, you need a thick pair of socks.'
 - 'Don't take it away, bring it to me.'
 - 'You put gloves on your hands in the winter.'
 - 'Shoes are worn on your feet.'
 - 'It's not a shirt, it's a jacket.'
 - 'You wear clothes on your body.'
 - 'When you have clothes on, you are wearing them.'
 - 'The opposite of earliest is latest.'
 - 'Looking through the shops is called shopping.'
 - 'Women wear skirts or dresses.'
 - 'A sash around your neck is a scarf.'
 - 'People wear clothes.'
- 8 Allow the listener to listen to the sentence three times in the auditory-only condition before adding visual cues.
- 9 If visual presentation is required, always provide an opportunity for the listener to hear the sentence again without visual cues.

Clue topic A: Television

- 1 What are you watching?
- 2 Turn on the news.
- 3 I'm sick of all these commercials.
- 4 There's a good movie on tonight.
- 5 I like watching sports on TV.
- 6 Who was the leading actor in that movie?
- 7 Do you have a video recorder?
- 8 Turn off the TV before you go to bed.
- 9 I stayed up late to watch a movie.

Clue topic B: Books

- 1 Have you read any good books lately?
- 2 I've nearly finished reading it.
- 3 Who was the author of that book?
- 4 I always buy paperbacks.
- 5 I am reading a novel at the moment.
- 6 I can't remember that story.

Clue topic C: Clothing

- 1 Where is my red shirt?
- 2 I bought a new pair of socks yesterday.
- 3 It's very cold so bring a jacket.
- 4 I took off my hat and gloves.
- 5 I have some new shoes.
- 6 There is a hole in my jacket because it's so old.
- 7 I like old clothes.
- 8 Did you see what she was wearing?
- 9 Have you seen the latest fashion?
- 10 I'm going shopping to buy some jeans.
- 11 Do you think my shoes match my dress?
- 12 I bought some wool to knit a scarf.
- 13 What are you wearing to the party?