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ESSENTIAL

ENGLISH

FLUENCY

PHRASES

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About Clare Whitmell

I'm an English teacher with more than 20 years' experience. I've also lived and worked in different countries, so I understand what it's like to know the grammar – but to be unable to speak the language.

I've combined my experience as a language learner with my expertise as a teacher to show you ways you can speak English fluently and confidently.

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Introduction

Speaking English doesn't have to be difficult.

In fact, when you analyse typical conversations, you'll find that the same words and phrases are used again and again.

We use these "fluency phrases" to show other people our intentions - what we want to say – and then we add the details for the conversation.

So when YOU use these phrases, you can build English conversations easily.

You don't need to translate each word from your language, because you already know the phrases.

This means you can speak English more quickly and more fluently.

Read on for 10 Essential English Fluency Phrases - and start speaking English with more confidence!

#1. “This is...”

Use “This is...” when you introduce someone to another person. (Not “He is...” or “She is...”.) Examples:
“John, this is Sarah.”

You can also use “This is...” with an adjective to refer to something that the other person can see or experience. (Don’t use “It’s...” in this situation.) Examples:

“This is terrible!”
“This is nice!”

#2. “Thanks for...”

This is a very useful phrase. When someone does something for you, or gives you something, say “thank you” or “thanks” - and then add what you’re thanking them for. Examples:

“Thanks for your help.”
“Thank you for your present.”
“Thanks for the information.”
“Thank you for your email.”

We also use it after someone says thank you to us. For example, if someone invites us to an event and we thank them, you can have a conversation like this:

“Thank you so much for inviting me to your party.”
“Thanks for coming!”

If someone has done a lot for you, you can also say “Thanks for everything!”

#3. “A pleasure.”

Say this in reply to “Thank you”. You can also say “It’s a pleasure” or “My pleasure”. You can say it instead of “You’re welcome” in every situation.

(You pronounce it “pleh-zhuh”. It rhymes with “leisure” or “measure”.)

#4. “Excuse me...”

Use this as an introduction before you speak to someone you don’t know. It’s a great phrase to get attention. Examples:

“Excuse me! Is this yours?” (If someone drops something)

“Excuse me! Is this the right road for the station?”

“Excuse me! Do you have this in small?” (in a shop)

#5. “Never mind!”

This is maybe the most common phrase in English! You can say it to show that it’s OK if someone can’t help you – or if they can’t do something.

“Excuse me. Do you know when the bank opens?”

“Sorry, I don’t.”

“Oh never mind!”

“Do you want to go out this evening?”

“I’m afraid I can’t.”

“Oh never mind.”

An alternative phrase is “It doesn’t matter.”

#6. “Can I...”

Say “Can I...” before you ask for something. For example, if you want to ask for permission to do something, or if you want to order food. Here are some examples:

“Can I have a cheese sandwich please?”

“Can I get a coffee to go?”

“Can I sit here?”

“Can I take this paper?”

Remember: You follow “Can I” with the infinitive of the verb without “to”.

#7. “What about ...”

Say “What about...” when you ask another person about their opinion.

“I’d like to go out for dinner. What about you?”

You can also say “How about...” as an alternative. Remember, you follow “what about” with a noun or an -ing form.

“What about Italy for our next holidays?”

“What about going to Italy for our next holidays?”

#8. “I think I’ll ...”

Say this when you have just decided to do something. So you can use this in a shop (when you decide to buy something) or in a restaurant (when you decide what to eat). You can also use it when you “announce” your decision. Examples:

“I think I’ll have the soup.”

“I’m not sure about the jeans. I think I’ll leave them.”

“I think I’ll go for a walk. It’s such a nice day!”

Remember: after “I’ll” use the infinitive of the verb without “to”.

#9. “Have a ...”

“Have a” is a very useful phrase. You can say it any time you want to wish the other person a good time. Here are some examples:

“Have a lovely weekend.”

“Have a great time!”

“Have a nice day!”

“Have a wonderful birthday!”

#10. “You too!”

“You too” is a typical reply to “Have a...” For example:

“Have a lovely weekend!”

“Yes, you too!”

BONUS PHRASE #11.

“By the way...”

We can say “By the way” when we want to add information.

“The meeting’s in Harry’s office. It’s at 3 pm, by the way.”

We can also say it when we want to change the subject.

“By the way, are you going to Steve’s party?”

Do you like these?

As you can see, fluency phrases help you to build a conversation – and you don't need to memorise a lot of English grammar rules or vocabulary.

In my speaking fluency program “How To Speak Real English”, I show you how you can use 300 fluency phrases (also including verb + noun collocations and phrasal verbs) for easy conversations.

10 modules with video, audio, text, PDFs and quizzes help you speak English more fluently and confidently in 10 social situations.

My step-by-step method helps you to remember and use these phrases in everyday situations.

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