

Title: Conversation
Professor:
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Objectives

The main objective of Conversation is to improve the practical conversation skills of the students.

The following things are needed to have a conversation: Grammar, Vocabulary, Listening Skills, Pronunciation, Fluency, and Prosody. Of these, we will focus on Fluency and Prosody.

Fluency is being able to speak easily, without having to translate from Korean to English in your head.

Prosody is word stress, timing, and intonation.

Grammar, Vocabulary, Listening Skills, and Pronunciation won't be the focus of the course. However, that does not mean that they aren't important. Students should work to improve them outside of class.

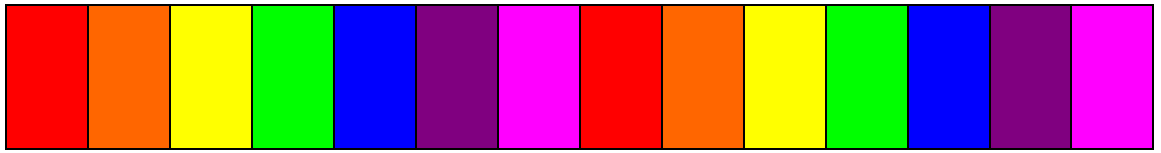
After the course, students will be able to:

- Participate in conversations between people who have met recently.
- Participate in conversations about technology.
- Participate in conversations about music.
- Participate in conversations about lifestyle.
- Participate in conversations about people.
- Participate in conversations about places.
- Participate in conversations about the past.

Method

“Method” means “how”. How will students learn? The best way to improve conversation skills is by talking a lot. Students will receive materials to prepare them to have conversations and then will practice having the conversations. At first, the conversations will be very basic. After some practice, we will try speaking more freely.

In addition, students will practice speaking outside of the classroom.



Grades

Homework: 30% Students will receive twelve assignments and must complete at least eight of them. If you do more than eight, you will receive extra credit on the final exam. Students who complete all twelve assignments will receive an automatic 100% (A+) on the final exam and will not have to take the final exam.

Office Meetings: 20% Each student is required to come to my office for a 30 minute meeting twice during the semester. Up to three students can come at a time. You will just practice speaking with me during this time. (If you come and talk, you will receive 100%.)

Participation: 20%

Exams: 20% There will be a midterm and a final exam. They are each worth 10% of the grade.

TOEIC: 10% Your TOEIC score is worth 10% of your grade.

Attendance

If you miss more than 5 classes you will get an F for the course. If you are late at the beginning of class, you will receive half credit for the day.

Textbook

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Year</u>
American Inspiration 1	Judy Garton-Sprenger	Macmillan	2008

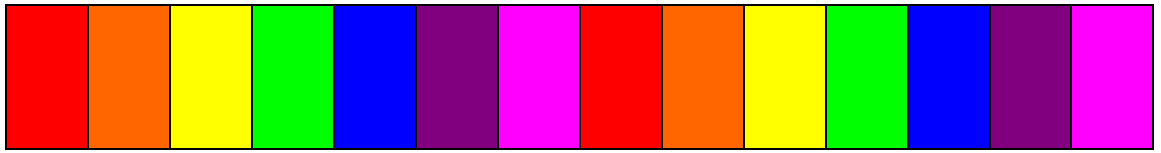
You can buy this book at the university bookstore.

Supplementary Materials

The professor will give the students many supplementary materials to help students learn the material better.

Schedule

Weeks	Objectives	Textbook Units
1-8	Participate in conversations between people who have met recently. Participate in conversations about technology. Participate in conversations about music. Participate in conversations about lifestyle.	1-3
9-16	Participate in conversations about lifestyle (Continued) Participate in conversations about people. Participate in conversations about places. Participate in conversations about the past.	3-6



Units 7 and 8 may be used in class if there is time.