

Complexity of Speaking English For Indians – A Survey

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Abstract

This paper aims to prove that having consistent practice on speaking the language can achieve the fluency and also the confident speaking in English language. With regular practice, we can become a confident English speaking person. Billions of people study English around the world, making it the third most widespread native language and many are enrolled in an English speaking course as an adult or from a young age. The English language considers among the most challenging languages to learn. It has been called one of the most difficult languages to learn. Good English is not only classy but a possibility to continue studies and specializations in the best universities in the world, which are in fact, in countries where they speak English. All too often people spend all of their time studying grammar and memorizing lists of words instead of actually going out there and putting what they've learned into practice. Anyone who's taken the plunge and moved away from home to study English, or moved abroad to work or travel, will tell you just how quickly their English skills improve. When you're surrounded by people who don't speak your native language, you have no choice but to overcome your fears – your fear of making mistakes, of being shy, of sounding foolish – all things that stand in the way of your language learning. Being forced to speak the language helps you to overcome those fears, to realize that English speakers don't care if you make mistakes, and to reach out and build your language skills in a very real way.

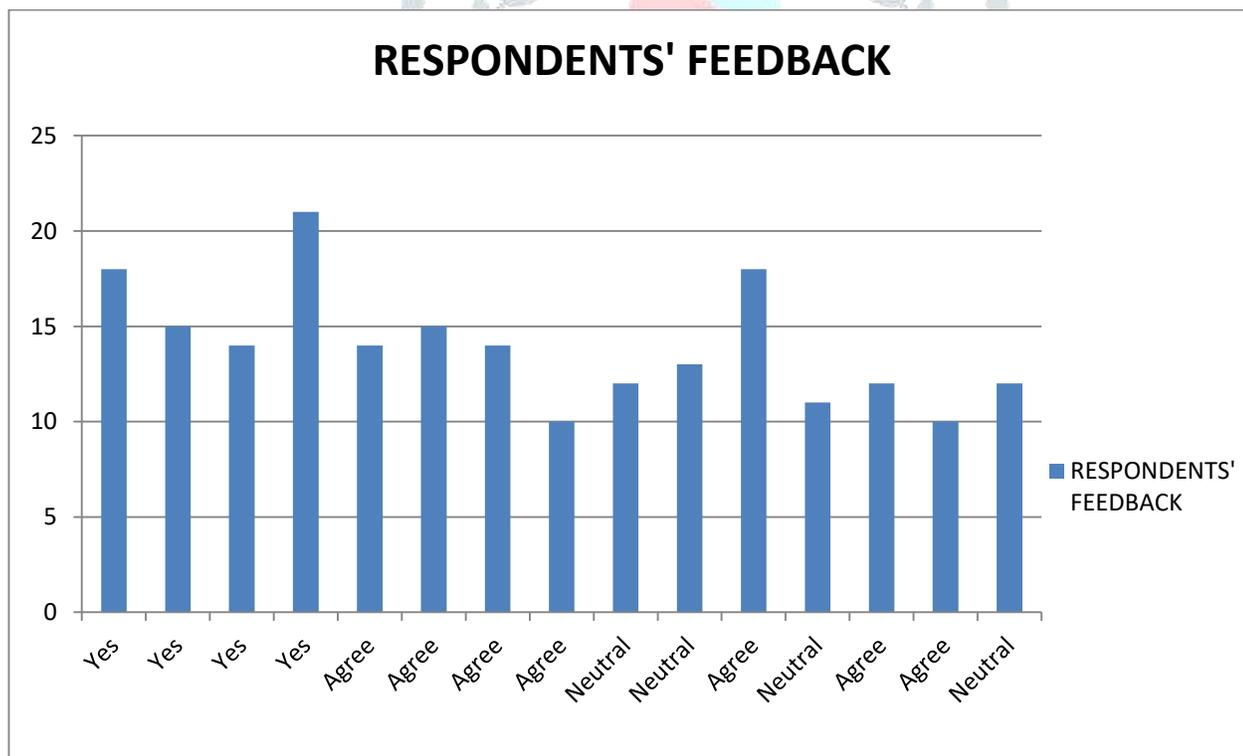
Introduction

English, being the global language, has importance all over the world. It's probably the only language with which you will be able to communicate with others, wherever you are and in whichever part of the world you are. Speaking English allows you to actually broaden your world, from job opportunities to the ability to relate to people from every country. Knowing the language makes it much more interesting every trip. The statistics reveal that more than a quarter of the world's population speaks English that means that about 1.6 billion people understand and relate with the help of the language of Shakespeare. To not mention that most of the films are in English, the largest film industry, Hollywood, is produced in English. To justify the concept, a survey was taken among the students. Based on the questionnaire and survey the following table and graph was crafted. The result of the survey clearly mentions that we are not fluency in English due to the lack of practice and fear.

Table

Q. No	Agree	Strongly Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5	14	4	7	3	-
6	15	5	2	1	5
7	14	4	6	-	4
8	10	5	5	3	5
9	3	4	12	5	4
10	7	4	13	4	-
11	18	-	6	-	4
12	4	8	11	5	-
13	12	2	9	3	2
14	10	4	6	8	-
15	1	7	12	5	3

Graph



Analysis of questionnaire

1. Majority of the respondents (%) have responded that they speak English on a regular basis.
2. Majority of the respondents (5%) have responded that they are afraid of making mistakes while speaking.

3. Majority of the respondents (57%) have responded that they face criticism while speaking in front of people.
4. Majority of the respondents (73%) have responded that they have done English Tongue Twisters.
5. Majority of the respondents (50%) has given a neutral response that they often avoid speaking English because they are afraid of making mistakes.
6. Majority of the respondents (53.5%) have agreed that whenever we Indians try to speak English in front of people, our mind automatically gets empty.
7. Majority of the respondents (50%) have agreed that while speaking, we often get nervous and forget the words.
8. Majority of the respondents (35.7%) have agreed that criticizing decreases the confidence in speaking.
9. Majority of the respondents (42.8%) has given a neutral response that Native English speakers language is frustrating to understand.
10. Majority of the respondents (46.4%) has given a neutral response that English words have multiple meanings which causes people to end up using a word in completely the wrong way.
11. Majority of the respondents (64.2%) have agreed that Pronunciation causes confusion for those learning English.
12. Majority of the respondents (39.2%) has given a neutral response that Idioms in English are tricky for non-native speakers to grasp.
13. Majority of the respondents (42.8%) have agreed that English has a perplexing spelling scheme like some of the words have exact spelling but are pronounced differently.
14. Majority of the respondents (35.7%) have agreed that In English it's difficult to use the correct tenses.
15. Majority of the respondents (42.8%) has given a neutral response that Indian accents are criticized all over the world.

Conclusion

The present research is an attempt to study the level of Indian people's English speaking skill. Many of the responses have answered that they have undergone the Nervousness while speaking in front of the people. They also lost confidence in speaking because of the people's criticism. Hence, the consistent practice in speaking gives the confidence and the fluency in English. And the practice of tongue muscles like doing the Tongue twisters helps in the improvement. Learning a new language is difficult in any case since so much depends on your original language and its similarity to your target language. The study finds out that the constant effort in speaking and practice of tongue muscles can improve our Indians English Speaking Skill.

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