**How to Understand All Native English Speakers [English ...**

hi i'm vanessa from speak english with vanessa calm

would you like to understand all english

speakers let's talk about it when you watch a TV show or movie in english can

you understand the general ideas but not every word it's great to understand

general ideas but if you want to speak

like those english speakers in the TV show you need to understand every word

that they're saying let me give you a

quick example your English speaking friend is telling you about her travel

experiences you understand generally

what she's talking about but then she says what about you where have you

traveled to you want to explain in the

same amount of detail and excitement that she used but you don't have all of

the words and the verb tenses and the expressions to use how can you speak fluently like your friend if you can

understand every detail of an English conversation then you can start to

imitate exactly what they're saying and speak fluently as well so when your

friend was telling you about her travel experiences did you understand every

idiom phrasal verb verb tense sentence

structure probably not

you probably understood general ideas

and maybe a few specific words but

understanding the details of an English

conversation is really important this is the key to fluency so if you need to

understand everything that native

speakers are saying if you want to

imitate it how can you do that how can you understand all English speakers and

understand everything they're saying well I have one tip today you need to

break it down to smaller pieces and analyze it your ears are gonna get used

to hearing expressions and idioms and

verb tenses used in their natural way when you're watching a TV show in

English you don't need to stop at every sentence and analyze it

I recommend taking two to four sentences that's about 30 seconds of material and

stopping it listening to it again and

again and again write down everything that you hear and then compare this with

the real transcript what they're really

saying this is a great way to see what

your ears can hear accurately and what your ears can't hear or what they're

having difficulty hearing maybe there's

some reductions some type of verbs or

idioms that are difficult for you to

hear so this is a great way to test your

listening skills and improve them it's

great for me to tell you this method to analyze a couple of sentences but it's

even better if we practice it together

and that's what I want to do today right now we're gonna listen to a couple

sentences from a clip of a conversation

that I had with another native English

speaker I want you to listen carefully

and tell me what is the topic what are

the general ideas what's the topic of

our conversation let's listen but I have

my friends eventually like I I started

befriending a lot of girls whenever my

parents let me go to like dance classes and things like that so I start

defending girls unlike a little bit more of like a even playing field whenever

you're all dancing and just all looking weird together it just kind of forms his

bond and so what was the general idea of

the conversation did you understand

generally what we were talking about we

were talking about friends and making

friends but now let me ask you a more

challenging question did you hear the

idiom that she used in the conversation

probably not because we were speaking

quickly and you were listening just for

general ideas to speak fluently you need

to first understand exactly what native

speakers are saying listening for

details is key to speaking fluently and understanding as many people as possible

let's listen to that clip again two

times but slowly and I want you to

listen for the idiom that was used but I had my friends

eventually I started befriended a lot of

girls whenever my parents let me go to

dance classes and things like that so I

started by friending girls on a little

bit more of an even playing field

whenever you're all dancing and all looking weird together it just kind of

forms this bond and so so I started by

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idiom it was on an even playing field

on an even playing field if you got this great if not no worries that's why

you're here to learn and improve your

English but this was a slow version what about a fast version could you

understand that expression if you

listened to it quickly let's try let's

listen to that conversation a couple

times quickly and I want you to listen

for the expression on an even playing

field on an even playing field this

means there's no hierarchy one person is

not more important than another you are

on an even playing field let's listen to

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now you know what on an even playing

field sounds like in a natural conversation at a

quick speed so if you hear an actor say

it in a TV show or a movie you'll be more familiar with it

this will also help you to expand your vocabulary because now that you can

understand that expression you're gonna

hear it in a lot of places it's a

commonly used expression so when you

hear it again in another movie or in a

podcast or on a YouTube video it's gonna

be building that repetition because

repetition is really key to speaking

well to understanding vocabulary and

using it yourself do you want to

continue improving your listening skills

so that you can speak fluently and

confidently like a native speaker

well I have some good news on January

1st 2018 you can join the 30-day

listening challenge if you're not sure about making a new year's resolution yet

this is your solution join the 30-day

listening challenge as your challenge

your new year's resolution for English

everyday for 30 days I will email you an audio clip from a conversation just like

we practiced today you can listen to the

fast version the slow version and then

write down exactly what you hear and you

can compare it with the original

transcript that I'll send to you this

will help you to learn and listen for details and use those words yourself

this listening challenge should only

take 5 to 10 minutes every day but you need to commit to doing it every day

each day the conversation clip will

feature important idioms expressions

phrasal verbs verb tenses sentence structures that are important for

improving your English speaking advanced

English speaking fluently and

understanding all English speakers tha is the goal of the 30 day listening

challenge so how can you join click the I at the top of the screen up here for

more information about the challenge or click the link in the description below but you have to join before January 1st because the challenge starts on January

1st you can't miss an day so the challenge starts January

first you have to join before that so

don't let 2017 pass before you join if

you're watching this after January 1st 2018 you might think oh no it's too late

I can't join the 30-day listening

challenge I want to understand native speakers well I have some good news you

can click on the link in the I or in the description and all tell you when the

next listening challenge will start thanks so much for improving your

listening skills with me and working towards becoming a fluent English

speaker you can do it keep up the good work and I'll see you inside the

challenge bye would you like to understand native

English speakers easily would you like to imitate them when you speak click the

picture to join the 30-day listening

challenge start 2018 the right way by improving your English skills thanks so

much and keep up the good work with English

Dictation

hello hello welcome to today's live English lesson here on the speak English

with Vanessa YouTube channel I'm glad you're here to learn English with me and today to improve your listening and writing skills of course when you improve your listening and writing skills you're going to improve your speaking you're going to improve your communication in

general so today we have a special dictation practice to help you really learn the specific things about English that maybe you miss when you're listening so today if you're joining me

live welcome I'm glad you're here hello Edvin I'm glad you're here we have friends from Thailand

Rosario Lynn Brazil welcome Kevin and

Ecuador hello hello I'm glad you're here to join me today before we get started I

want to let you know this is like always an active practice together so you need to have a pen or a pencil and you need to have some paper something to write with if you don't have a pen and paper go now and get some get something to write on even if it's a napkin even if it's your hand we need to be actively practicing today's dictation practice because this is something that you can listen to but you need to interact with you need to do it yourself so take a moment get

something to write with get a piece of paper get a notebook and prepare to listen carefully for details and also to be nice to yourself if you miss some words don't worry about it

thank you for joining me from Oman from Iraq welcome Mauritania welcome I'm glad

that you are all here in Cote d'Ivoire excellent

excellent first let me explain what is a dictation practice I made a video a

couple weeks ago about dictation and how it can help you to improve your

listening skills how it can help you to improve your communication because

you're listening for each detail and of course how it can improve your writing

skills so what is dictation well it means that one person today that's me one person is going to read a sentence and you need to write exactly what I say think about each detail each capital

letter each little piece of punctuation you need to think about the details the spelling the pauses prepare yourself

because this is a great way to make sure that you're understanding everything

maybe you feel like you understand the

general meaning but you need to understand each word if you're gonna

actually communicate in an active way in an accurate way if you miss an important

word your conversation could have some some negative effects so today are you ready do you have those two things something to write with and a piece of

paper mmm well today we're going to be

talking about three dictation sentences

one of them is an easy sentence one of them is a medium sentence and one of them is an advanced sentence and the good news is they each build on the previous sentence so the first easy

sentence is our base idea and then the

medium sentence is going to add a little bit to that and then the advanced sentence is going to add even more so what I'm gonna do is I'm gonna share my

screen with you first of all because I want to share with you a concept that we'regoing to talk about in the dictation so in the dictation there's a word that I

want to explain to you so I'm going to share my screen and you're going to take a look at a picture a picture on this

screen let's see if I can share alright okay so I should be sharing my screen at

the moment here you can see a lovely picture a lovely picture this is a picture from Sunday on Sunday I was in

New York City visiting my sister so you can see my sister here you can see Dan my husband here and you can see her

husband Jorge here and we participated

in a New York event that's pretty pretty typical on Sundays in New York it's called brunch brunch this word mixes breakfast and lunch together brunch and it means on Sunday you don't

go early in the morning and eat breakfast at a restaurant you take your time you go slowly and maybe 12 o'clock

maybe one o'clock maybe two o'clock you go to a restaurant and you eat usually

breakfast food so there's eggs and toast and here there are some some special

drinks at this place they serve what did they serve they serve like mimosas and

special kind of morning morning alcoholic drinks unfortunately I didn't

get to drink them because I'm gonna have

a baby but my family enjoyed it and I just enjoyed being in the Sun outside

enjoying brunch enjoying brunch so today's sentences are about brunch so

I wanted to show you this picture sothatyou can imagine what's going on I'm gonna go back to my to my video here hello hello we're back so I wanted to

show you this picture of brunch and

we'll start with the first easy dictation sentence are you ready for the

first dictation sentence it is all about this picture this picture is our theme

today our theme today so the first sentence is Sunday brunch will be $19

each so what I want you to do on your paper I want you to write this sentence you can write it in the chat box you can

write it in the comments or you can write it on your paper and this will

help you to correct it and to go back our first easy dictation sentence is

Sunday brunch will be $19 each let me say that quickly

Sunday brunch will be $19 each Sunday brunch will be $19 each Sunday brunch

will be $19 each hmm so I would like you to try to write this as accurately as possible in your notebook in the chat box in the comments if you're trying to write it yourself in your notebook maybe

don't look at the chat box or the comments for a moment because you want

to try to improve your own skills first of all Sunday brunch will be $19 each

all right now that you have had a couple moments to write this down let's take a look at the correct answer I have here on my screen the correct sentence so

we're going to share this Sunday brunch will be $19 each so I'm going to share

my screen again and we're going to take

a look at the correct answer for our easy dictation this is just the easy

dictation and we're going to go to the medium and then advanced all right here

we have our easy dictation Sunday brunch will be $19 each typically when we write prices we use this dollar sign here before 1919 and this is true in New York

Sunday brunch was nineteen dollars per person and in the city where I live it's much cheaper you can go to a restaurant

for mmm maybe ten dollars but in New York my sister said $19 each is a really

good price especially if they include breakfast plus three drinks so it was

vacation for us and we enjoyed eating Sunday brunch so let me know how did you

do how was your first dictation sentence Sunday brunch

will be $19 each if you missed the beginning of this lesson we talked about brunch brunch is breakfast plus lunch and it's a typical weekend meal usually

we eat it late one o'clock and you can eat some breakfast foods so you could see our first dictation sentence Sunday brunch will be $19 each are you ready

for the medium dictation we're going to add to the sentence same concept but we're going to add let's go to the second one

get your paper your pencil ready it is I'm going to say it slowly two times and then I'm going to say it at a quicker

pace a more conversational speed after that so listen carefully the first two times are a little slower only twice are you ready

Sunday brunch is going to be $76 for the four of us one more time slowly Sunday brunch is going to be $76 for the four of us and now I'm going to read it quickly conversational speed if I were talking to my sister I wouldn't say it slowly like this I would probably say it

quicker so I want to test your ears I'm gonna say it a couple times quickly

Sunday brunch is going to be $76 for the four of us Sunday brunch is going to be $76 for the four of us

Sunday brunch is gonna be $76 for the four of us whoo all right are you writing down are you preparing Sunday brunch is gonna be $76 for the four of us how is it going can you you feel like you can hear each

word are some parts of it more complicated let's take a look at the correct answer I'm going to share my

screen and we'll see how it goes let's see how how did you do okay here you can see the medium dictation Sunday brunch is going to be $76 for the four of us I could say Sunday brunch is going to be $76 total that's fine but in a conversation we often use this final expression for the four of us there are

four people me my husband my sister and her husband four people for the four of us for the four of us Sunday brunch is gonna be $76 for the four of us okay are you ready for the next level the next level builds on this idea but we're gonna add we're gonna add a little bit another expression that maybe two expressions that I hope will be useful to you and maybe a little new so let's

prepare for the advanced advanced dictation it is are you ready

Sunday brunch is going to stretch my

budget but don't worry about it it's on me so this one is a little longer

there's a couple different expressions here we're still talking about money

we're still talking about Sunday brunch

but you need to make sure that your punctuation is correct and also spelling

correct words maybe some of these words you don't know I'm gonna say it one more

time slowly and then I'm gonna say it

quickly Sunday brunch is going to stretch my budget but don't

worry about it it's on me hmm if you don't know what the full sentence means don't worry

about it we're gonna talk about it just imagine the same idea Sunday brunch sitting outside in the Sun enjoying eating together now I'm gonna say it quickly a couple times are you ready let's make sure that we can all see it

here all right Sunday brunch is gonna stretch my budget but don't worry about it it's on me Sunday brunch is gonna stretch my budget but don't worry about it it's on me Sunday brunch is gonna stretch my budget but don't worry about it it's on me whoo all right now this sentence because

it's an advance sentence uses more punctuation possibly more than one

sentence and it uses some words that are beyond basic so I hope that for you you're listening you're just gay Sene if you don't know exactly what it is I'm going to read it one more time and then let's take a look Sunday brunch is going to stretch my budget but don't

worry about it it's on me okay

I'm going to share my screen and let's check your answer okay let's take a look

I'm curious how did you do with each level let's share this screen here okay here is our advanced dictation Sunday brunch is going to stretch my budget but don't worry about it it's on me it's on me mmm check each word check the spelling check the punctuation and let's talk about what this sentence means stretch stretch my budget so I mentioned that in my city if I ate brunch it would

be half the price pretty cheap but in New York everything is more expensive so

I said my budget this is the amount of money that I want to spend my budget so

Sunday brunch is more money than I want to spend but it doesn't matter I want to

do it I want to go and experience this so stretch my budget means it's going to

expand the money that I want to spend I have to spend more money than I want to

but don't worry about it it's on me I want to ask you what do you think hello

I'm back what do you think is on me what is on me it's on me hmm this is an

expression that we can use in a lot of different ways it's on me it's on the

house don't worry it's on the house don't worry it's on me hmm yes

Lewis has the correct answer here in the chat box he says I'll pay the bill

I'll pay for it beautiful yes I'll pay for it and when we went to to New York

City dan and I stayed with my sister we

stayed with her husband in their apartment and it was really nice that they let us stay in their apartment in the middle of New York City such a convenient location and we because we were in their house we wanted to do something nice for them so I used almost this exact sentence I said Oh

Sunday brunch is kind of expensive but don't worry about it

it's on us dan and I we paid for it we paid for everyone because we wanted to

say thank you thank you for hosting us in New York it's on us it's on me great I want to know how did you do how did you do with these three sentences

you can write them in the comments tellme how you did with each one or in general how do you feel about this dictation practice was it interesting was it useful to you did you build on your vocabulary did you build those skills we used Sunday brunch we used prices we used some special

idioms like stretch my budget it's on me maybe these are new words for you but I hope that you can listen carefully and try to use that so my recommendation is to use this idea of a dictation practice and as you're listening to up there

English materials as you're listening to my videos as you're watching a movie or

other YouTube videos take one sentence take two sentences and pause the video

go back listen again pause the podcast go back listen again and try to write them down the best way to do this is if

you can actually see a transcript or if you can actually see the correct answer

in the subtitles if there are no subtitles then it's gonna be hard to see

if you have the correct answer but I recommend using this with almost anything use this with TED Talks use this with course material that you have feel free to use dictation to improve your listening and also this is going to help you improve your speaking skills because when you can catch each word you can imitate that yourself if you can't catch each word your sentences are going to be missing some pieces it's gonna be a little more difficult so I hope that

today's practice is useful for you feel free to repeat it if you would like me to do any of these dictation practices in the future let me know in the comments yes Vanessa I'd like to continue this this is really fun and interesting and useful I hope so so if you are joining me live thanks so much you guys have been writing a ton of sentences you're awesome

I think this is beautiful practice keep up the good work and before we go today if you would like to continue learning

with me keep up your English and keep up this practice I have two recommendations the first one join me again for a live lesson join me again I have some good news we have a live lesson again tomorrow tomorrow is Thursday typically all the live lessons are Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Eastern Time New York timezone today's a little different but typically Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. you can join me and tomorrow is Thursday so tomorrow we're gonna have another live lesson and you

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with English in your own life so feel free to join me again for live lessons and to join my email group and read my free ebook the link is in the description or up here on the screen I would love for you to join me thanks so much everyone great dictation work today good exercise for your listening skills your writing

skills and have a lovely Wednesday I'll see you again tomorrow bye everyone have a great day see you later