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CONFIDENT PERSONAL COMMUNICATION

MODULE 11

Clear speech pronunciation

TRANSCRIPTION

Imagine this . . . What if I said a word beginning with 'be' but didn't say the final sound of the word. Think of a moment what the word might be. There are actually several options of what that word might be including beach, beat, bead, beak, bees, bean, beast.

That's why it's important to pronounce the final consonants of words that you speak - to make it easier for people to understand you on the first occasion.

The key message for this Module is:

Pronounce the final consonants in words to make your speech understood on the first occasion.

Here's an example of a sentence where pronunciation of the final consonants is unclear.

'The projec__ is importan__ to the ban __'

Now the context of the sentence will help you understand the words, but unclear consonants make the listener work harder.

Now here's the sentence again with the final consonants pronounced.

'The project is important to the bank'

That last sentence was easier to understand. In effect pronouncing final consonants in words makes your speech more user- friendly. Now to be clear You – don'T – have – to – talk – like – this, for this technique.

Just make more of an effort to pronounce the final consonants in words.

Please practice this first in safe interactions first until you're able to perform it competently.

KEY MESSAGE

The Key message of this Module is to pronounce the final consonants in words to make your speech understood on the first occasion.

TASK

To do right now, or to complete within the next 30 minutes.

Take a brief walk outside your office.

Choose one of the following common words to speak to a colleague or to speak aloud to yourself while making sure you pronounce the final consonant. (desk, back, weekend, drop, keep, help, best, rent, accept, trust).

Here are some statements with a few of the words that you might speak to a colleague. 'What did you do on the weekenD?' – 'What's the beST way to log into the server/site/home page' – 'When are you going to be back from your holiday?'

Reflect on how you felt after doing these tasks.

What else could you do to put into practice ideas from this Module? Take 13 seconds to see if an idea pops up. Maybe watch the Module again if you have time.

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