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I'm Nathalie from Advanx School of Languages, and today I would like to talk to you about how you can improve your English speaking skills. A lot of people struggle with speaking when learning a new language. To be able to speak more fluently, there is only one option: Speak, speak, speak! But if you don't feel very secure yet and would like to break the ice, we have some tips for you to start speaking English more easily!

The first tip we have, and this one you will like for sure, is to watch a lot of TV shows and movies in English! This is the easiest way of studying you can do, because you just have to turn on your streaming provider and change the language of your favourite series to English. If you have some struggle understanding everything, you can also turn on English subtitles to help you understand. By listening to the English pronunciation and everyday talking, you will see that you will pick up on the structure of the language in no time!

Another thing you can also do everywhere, no matter whether you're sitting in a car or train on the way to work or whether you're training in the gym, you can turn on an English Podcast! There are plenty of podcasts especially designed for English learners, that deal with cultural or even grammatical topics, but you can also look for a podcast about a topic that interests you and listen to it. It's entertaining AND will help you with your feeling for the English language.

Once you already feel a bit more confident speaking, why not ask your friends and family if they want to talk with you every now and then in English. Or if you are taking a course, you can meet up with your colleagues and you can pick a topic and just speak about it for a few minutes. Maybe you even know somebody who is a native English speaker and who is looking to learn your native language and you can form a tandem!

No, we're not talking about riding a bike together. A tandem language partner is somebody you meet for example at a café, and you speak for half the time in English and the other half in your native language. This way, both can practise speaking the language they're learning and help each other out! It's a really great and fun way to practise speaking English!

Once you start speaking more English, you will see that it will get easier and easier by the day! Just trust in yourself and don't worry about making mistakes! It is the most natural thing to make mistakes when learning new things, and you will only get better if you learn from your mistakes and improve them the next time!