IMPROVING IN SPEAKING THE SECOND LANGUAGE

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Regardless of what subject a teacher teaches, he/she must be well-versed in speaking the second language. Filipinos are noted for being a good speakers of English around the globe. Many are hired as private and online English tutors. Most of the time overseas Filipino workers were hired because of their fluency in speaking English.

Most of the time, teachers need to attend seminars and trainings or sometimes, they even act as the speaker of that seminar. Before a teacher is hired, he/she is interviewed in the English language. There are more instances that a teacher should speak in the second language, more so if he/she teaches this subject.

One major problem teacher’s face in developing English proficiency is their inability to comfortably speak the language. A. Souza offers the following tips to improve the skill of speaking the language.

First, have or buy books on tape. This will give the opportunity to listen to someone who speaks the language fluently. Second, observe the mouth movement of those who speak English well, especially those who are speaking in television. Third, until you learn the correct intonation and rhythm of English, slow your speech down. Most importantly, use a dictionary, the phonetic symbols will help to improve your ability to speak English. Make a list of frequently used words that you find difficult to pronounce. Get someone good in English to teach you. Record your own voice. You will be surprised on how different your voice sounds on tape.

These reminders will surely help teachers in speaking English.
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