

Speaking Practice: Past Experiences

Language Focus: Simple Past Tense Use

Teaching Approach: Student Oral Presentation & Error Correction

Activity # 1

Tell about your education and qualifications. The following questions may serve as a basis for the presentation of your monologue.

- What can you tell about your educational background?
- Did you go to any college/technical school? If so, where did you graduate? What was your major?
- Do you have any school/college story to share?
- Have you applied what you learned in college/school learning into your career?
- Did you continue your education? If so, what post-graduate courses did you take?
- Do you have any educational or professional goals to achieve in the near future? If so, share them with your teacher and classmates.

Activity # 2

Tell about your first job interview in the USA.

- How would you describe your first job interview?
- Where did the interview take place?
- Who was the interviewer?
- What was his/her tone like? Formal, informal, straight-forward?
- What did the interviewer focus on? Which topics did you discuss?
- Overall, how did you feel during the interview? Nervous, confident?
- Did you finally get hired?

Activity # 3

Tell about a pleasant experience in the USA: a friend/ family reunion, a graduation, a house purchase, a childbirth, etc.

- Why was this experience pleasant for you?
- Did you plan it? Did it come unexpectedly?
- Is there anyone else directly involved, other than you?
- Did you learn anything from it?
- Have you shared this story with someone before?
- Would you like to repeat such an experience in the future?

Activity # 4

Tell about your adaptation process when you started a new life in the USA. The following answers may serve as a basis for the presentation of your monologue.

- How long have you been in the USA?
- Where did you first live? Who did you live with?
- What was your first year like?
- What was your first job like?
- Did you have a good boss and co-workers?
- Did you feel homesick at times? If so, what did you miss about your country of origin?
- Did you fit into the American society soon?
- Overall, how would you rate your adaptation process?