**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?