

Let's talk about...

LANGUAGES



A. Pronunciation

Salve	¡Hola!	Bonjour
नमस्ते (Namaste)	你好 (Nǐ hǎo)	안녕하세요 (Annyeonghaseyo)

B. Target Vocabulary

Understanding and Clarifying		
<i>Expressing lack of understanding</i>	<i>Asking for clarification</i>	<i>Clarifying</i>
Sorry, I didn't get your point. (I beg your pardon, but) I don't quite understand you.	What do you mean by ... ? Could you repeat/clarify that, please? / Could you say that again, please?	In other words... Sorry, let me explain...
I beg your pardon?	Could you explain what you mean by ... ?	Let me put it in another way...
I'm sorry. I don't understand what you mean.	Would you elaborate on that, please?	To put it differently...
Sorry, I don't get it.	Could you put it differently, please?	To put it simply ...

Idiomatic Expressions		
1. Like Chinese arithmetic	Used to describe something that is complicated or hard to understand.	His instructions on how to use the machine are <i>like Chinese arithmetic</i> and just made us more confused.
2. Not on speaking terms	When you are very angry with someone and you won't talk to them.	He and his wife are <i>not on speaking terms</i> .
3. Dutch courage	Drinking a little alcohol to give you courage (bravery/confidence) before you have to do something.	He had a glass of whiskey for <i>Dutch courage</i> before he asked if she wants to dance with him.
4. Like talking to a brick wall	Used as description when the person you are speaking to is not listening or responding.	I tried to discuss the problem with her, but it's <i>like talking to a brick wall</i> .
5. It's all Greek to me	When you don't understand or have no knowledge on a topic.	I tried watching a TV show about cars last night, but I gave up. <i>It was all Greek to me</i> .