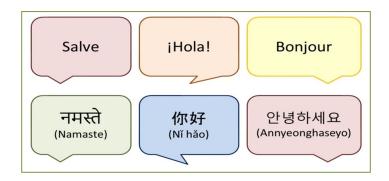
Let's talk about...

LANGUAGES





A. Pronunciation



B. Target Vocabulary

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

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 not on speaking terms.	
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</i> courage 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 like talking to a brick wall.	
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. It was all Greek to me.	

