

Patina · Survival English

Important English Phrases

When English is too fast, or you need to ask for help, use these. In class, at work, at the store, at the doctor. Tap  to hear it. Pick your language and it appears under every phrase.

It is **always OK** to ask someone to slow down or repeat. Good English speakers do this too.

★ I don't understand.

WHEN IT'S TOO FAST OR YOU'RE LOST

1 Please speak more slowly.

MORE WAYS

Could you slow down? · Not so fast, please.

2 Can you repeat that?

MORE WAYS

One more time, please. · Sorry, I didn't catch that.

3 What does __ mean?

MORE WAYS

I don't know this word. · What is a __?

4 Can you write it?

MORE WAYS

How do you spell that? · Can you show me?

TELL THEM, AND ASK FOR HELP

5 I am learning English.

MORE WAYS

I'm still learning. · Please be patient with me.

6 Can you spell that?

MORE WAYS

How do you spell it? · Letter by letter, please.

7 Do you speak __?

MORE WAYS

Do you speak Spanish / Kreyòl / French / Farsi? · Does anyone here speak my language?

8 How do you say __ in English?

MORE WAYS

What is the word for this? · What do you call this?

9 Can you help me, please?

MORE WAYS

Excuse me — I need help. · Can someone help me?

10 Is this right?

MORE WAYS

Did I say that right? · Is my English OK?

 On a phone or computer, tap a phrase to hear it. On paper, the ★ phrase is the one to learn first.

This week: use one of these phrases in real life. Tell the class which one and where you used it!

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