The King’s Speech

Language level: Intermediate (B1) – Upper Intermediate (B2.1)
Learner type: Teens and adults
Time: 90 minutes
Activity: Watching film trailer, speaking about speaking in public, reading advice about speaking in public and preparing a presentation
Topic: Speaking in public and presentations
Language: Emotions and vocabulary related to speaking in public
Materials: Film trailer, discussion questions and presentation tips
Overview

This lesson is designed around the trailer for The King's Speech and the theme of speaking in public. Students talk about speaking in public, watch a film trailer, read advice about speaking in public and prepare a short film presentation.

Step 1

Write Speaking in Public on the board and ask the students what emotions come to mind. Write the emotions on the board and then practise the pronunciation.

Step 2

Put your students into pairs and ask them to discuss the questions about public speaking.

Get feedback from the students.

Step 3

Put your students into small groups and ask them to explain to each other what they know about the film The Kings Speech. Get feedback from each group after 5 minutes.
Step 4

Tell them they are going to watch the trailer of the film and that they should answer these questions.

How does the king feel about speaking in public?

What problem does he have?

Are there any tips about speaking in public in the trailer?

Link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pzI4D6dyp_o

Get feedback from the students and watch a second time.

Step 5

Tell the students they are going to look at a PowerPoint presentation which gives 5 pieces of advice about speaking in public based on The King's Speech. Ask students to speculate on what the 5 pieces of advice might be. Show the students the presentation and ask them what they think about the advice.
Step 6

Ask students to discuss these questions related to the 5 presentation lessons.

Homework

Asks students to prepare a short presentation on one of their favourite films; in the next class they have to give the presentation and try to follow the advice from the The King’s Speech presentation.

I hope you enjoy the lesson.