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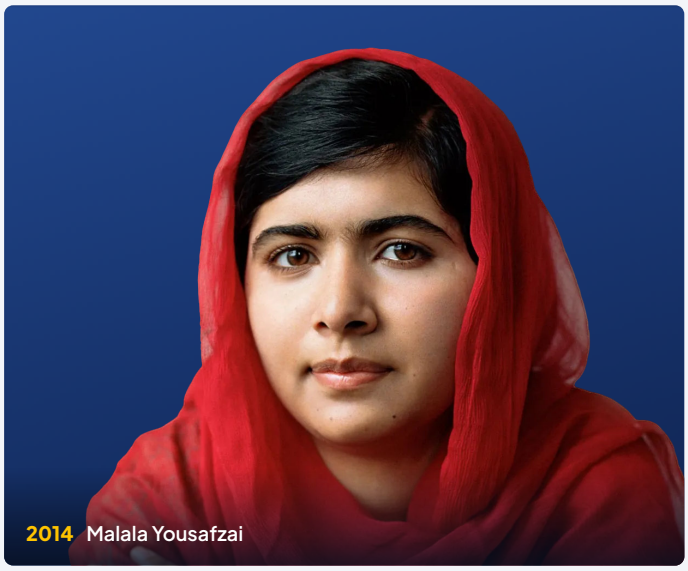

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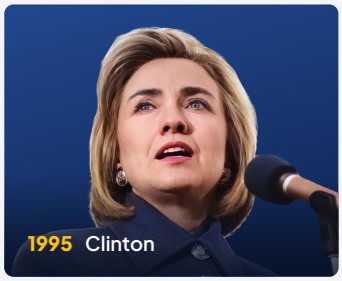



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START HERE

How to use this book

The book has two parts. Part 1 teaches one skill with each speech. Part 2 is a bank of real English to come back to.

PART 1 · PAGES 4 TO 59

Eight speeches

Each chapter has one speech, one line and one skill. Every chapter has the same seven pages.

1. **Meet the speaker.** Who, where and when.
2. **Read the line.** One real line, word for word.
3. **Learn the skill.** See how the line works.
4. **Practice.** Use a notebook. Check your answers.
5. **Do it in the Library.** Hear the line. Say it.

PART 2 · PAGES 60 TO 128

The bank

1,000 sentences, 350+ words and 280+ phrasal verb lines, all from real speeches.

1. **Pick a group.** Start a talk, say thank you, tell your story.
2. **Read five lines aloud.** Slowly first. Then at speaking speed.
3. **Keep one line.** Copy it into your notebook. Change one or two words to make it yours.
4. **Learn one word.** Read its meaning. Read the real line again.
5. **Come back tomorrow.** Five lines a day is a lot of English in a year.

HOW TO READ A LINE

14:07 “Stay hungry. Stay foolish.”

Steve Jobs, 2005

14:07	**The time.** Start the audio here in the Library. The line comes then, or soon after.
Aa	**This type.** The speaker’s exact words.
Stay	**Yellow.** The words that carry the skill.
word	**A dotted line.** A hard word. Its meaning is on the same page.

Start now (5 minutes). Go to page 5. Read the line aloud. Then hear it in the Library: all eight speeches are open in full with a free Library account.
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Swami Vivekananda
Speech at Chicago

Chicago, Illinois · 1893

Advanced · 29 min

THE SKILL **Greet your audience**



THE LINE

Read it slowly

The Library reading starts with his greeting. Read it aloud. Take a breath at the end of each row.

0:00

"Sisters and brothers of America,
I thank you in the name of
the most ancient order of monks
in the world."

Swami Vivekananda, Chicago, 1893

IN PLAIN ENGLISH

He calls the people in the hall his sisters and brothers. Then he thanks them. He speaks for a very old group of monks.

WORDS TO KNOW

ancient	very, very old
order	a group of monks who live by the same rules
monk	a man who lives a simple, religious life with other monks

THE SKILL

Greet your audience

Vivekananda does not start with his topic. First he greets the people. Then he thanks them. Then he says who he is.

0:00 Sisters and brothers of America,

I thank you in the name of the most ancient order ...

I thank you in the name of the mother of religions,

I thank you in the name of the millions and millions ...

0:19 **My thanks also** to some of the speakers on this platform ...

I am proud to belong to a religion ...

0:52 **I am proud to** belong to a nation ...

First the greeting. Then thanks, three times. Then who he is.

HOW TO DO IT

1 **Name your audience.** Friends, sisters and brothers.

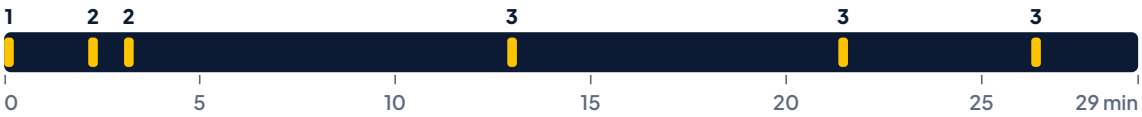
2 **Thank them.** I thank you for ...

3 **Say who you are.** I am proud to ...

Keep it short. Then start your talk.

He speaks to the hall again

A greeting is not only for the first line. In the Library reading, he names the people in the hall six times. The yellow marks show where.



Time		His words	Times
0:00	1	Sisters and brothers of America	1
2:09	2	this audience	2
12:52	3	brethren	3

Times: how often he says the words in the whole reading. Brethren is an old word for brothers. Here it means everyone in the hall.

THE GRAMMAR

Inside the line

Two small tools. Look at how he thanks, and how he says what makes him proud.

0:00 “Sisters and brothers of America,
I thank you in the name of
the most ancient order of monks
in the world.”

I thank you — A formal thank you

I thank you is the full form of thank you. It sounds strong and formal in a speech.

0:00 **I thank you** in the name of the mother of religions,

To thank more people, he says **my thanks also to**.

0:19 **My thanks also to** some of the speakers on this platform

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proud to — Say what makes you proud

After **proud to**, use the base verb. **Glad to** works the same way.

0:19 I am **proud to belong** to a religion

0:52 I am **proud to tell** you that

3:04 I am **glad to tell** this audience

I am speaking — A line for every learner

Later he talks about English itself. **I am speaking** means now, at this moment.

8:12 I am now **speaking** in English.

8:22 It is not my mother tongue.

Your mother tongue is the first language you learned.

PRACTICE

Your turn

Use a pencil or a notebook. The answers are on page 10.

1 Find the step

Is it a greeting, a thank you, or who he is? Write greet, thank or who.

0:00 a "I thank you in the name of the mother of religions,"

The step: _____

0:00 b "Sisters and brothers of America,"

The step: _____

0:19 c "I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance."

The step: _____

2 Complete the line

Use each word once.

ancient **brothers** **name** **thank**

0:00 Sisters and _____ of America,
I _____ you in the _____ of
the most _____ order of monks
in the world.

3 Choose the form

Circle the right words.

0:52 a I am proud to **belong** **belonging** **belongs** to a nation

0:52 b I am proud to **told** **tell** **telling** you that

8:12 c I am now **speak** **speaking** **spoke** in English.

8:22 d It **not is** **are not** **is not** my mother tongue.

PRACTICE

Make it yours

4 Say what makes you proud

Make one sentence with proud to or glad to.

a I work with you. I am proud.

I am proud to _____

b I tell you this news. I am glad.

I am glad to _____

c I belong to this school. I am proud.

I am proud to _____

5 Write your greeting

Write the first three lines of a talk to your class, like his. a: greet. b: thank. c: say who you are.

0:00 Sisters and brothers of America,

a _____

b _____

c _____

Now say your greeting aloud. Look up at the people when you greet them.

NOW I CAN

Tick what you can do. Go back to any page you are not sure about.

- ☐ greet my audience before I start
- ☐ thank people in a formal way
- ☐ say I am proud to …

CHECK

Answers

1	**a** thank **b** greet **c** who
2	brothers, thank, name, ancient
3	**a** belong **b** tell **c** speaking **d** is not
4	**a** I am proud to work with you. **b** I am glad to tell you this news. **c** I am proud to belong to this school.
5	Your own lines. Example: Friends and teachers of my school, I thank you for this chance. I am proud to speak to you today.

Tasks 1 to 4 have 14 answers. With 11 or more right, go on to the Library. With fewer, read pages 6 and 7 again.

DO IT IN THE LIBRARY

Hear the greeting

1. Open the speech. Go to **0:00**.
2. **Listen.** The audio is a modern reading of his 1893 words.
3. **Shadow.** Say the greeting with the reader.

On the speech page: **Listen** Words **Shadow** Speed Typing Files

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