

Speaking Standard English

Speaking Standard English promotes confident use of Singapore Standard English and enables adults to model and encourage children and students in their use of language.

Standard English is the official language of the entire English speaking world: The language of education, formal communication and business. It is vital that today's children have ready access to Standard English to thrive academically, socially and professionally in the 21st century. Consequently, it is important for teachers to respect and value Standard English and understand how to use, pronounce and articulate language correctly.

Speaking Standard English focuses on the three main areas of difference between Standard English and Singapore Colloquial English (Singlish): Sounds, structure and vocal expression, to understand local speech habits and their origins, carried over from other languages.

Through a mix of instruction, lively practical exercises and group discussion, participants develop awareness of the need for clear, accurate, expressive Singapore Standard English, to foster development of a Standard English speaking culture in offices, homes and schools.

FORMAT

The workshop is 3 hours long, covering the following areas:

- i) Introduction to Standard English**
 - Standard English: An international world language
 - Singlish and its origins
 - Singapore Standard English
 - Standard English speech sounds: Vowels and consonants

- ii) Phonology of Standard English**
 - Syllable, word and sentence stress
 - Rhythm and melody
 - Statements and questions

- iii) Structuring Standard English**
 - Avoiding common mistakes
 - Tenses, omissions and additions
 - Local connotations and meanings
 - Discussion and conclusions

WORKSHOP DETAILS:

Dates: 7 May, 9 July or 29 October 2011 (Saturday)
Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm
Venue: Chiltern House
231 Mountbatten Road, Blk A #01-00, Singapore 397999
Cost: S\$74.90 per participant (inclusive 7% GST, booklet and CD)

To register, please complete the Workshop Registration Form available at www.juliagabriel.com and fax it to 67332334. Enquiries can be directed to Sai Kee at 64969405 or email adulteducation@juliagabriel.com.

Speaking Standard English can also be conducted at schools or offices for a group of participants.