# **Improving Oral Communication**

Using a team judging activity to build transferable skills

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# **Speaking and Listening for English Language Learners**





## **Speaking and Listening for English Language Learners**



## Academic Discussion

Cultural Communication

### **Social Conversation**





#### STUDENT SUPPORT

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Talk to someone

Your Success Toolkit

Register for a mentor

Register to be a mentor

**UC Language and Cultural** 

Co-curricular Record (CCR)

**CCR skill development** 

**MFAT New Zealand** 

**Equity and diversity** 

**Golden Key Canterbury** 

Help us and get a free lunch

Become a mentor

Get settled in

Mentoring

Exchange

**CCR** activities

outcomes

**Scholarships** 

Contact us

People

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With over 1000 first year students having contact with a mentor this year, mentoring is definitely worth a try. Our huge pool of student mentors have been there and know exactly what you need to know to ensure you can make a successful start to your studies, connect with fellow students and know about all the awesome things to get involved in at UC.

They volunteer their time to ensure you make the best start possible! You can even get in touch with a mentor before you enrol here to find out what life is like at UC; this can be incredibly useful for planning your studies and



# **Graduate Attributes**

- Bicultural competence and confidence
- Community engagement
- Global awareness
  - Students will comprehend the influence of global conditions on their discipline and will be competent in engaging with global and multicultural contexts.
- Employability, innovation and enterprise
  - Students will develop key skills and attributes sought by employers that can be used in a range of applications.



## **The Activity**

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# **Work Readiness Skills**

- Communication
- Initiative and enterprise
- Leadership
- Learning
- Planning and organising
- Problem solving
- Self-management
- Teamwork
- Technology

# Feedback



## **ESOL Students**

- confidence
- English improving
- making friends
- feeling supported
- "I wish we could have this type of programme once every week <sup>(i)</sup>"

## Mentors

- confidence
- global awareness
- understanding different perspectives
- leadership
- "Feels good to be a part of it!"



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