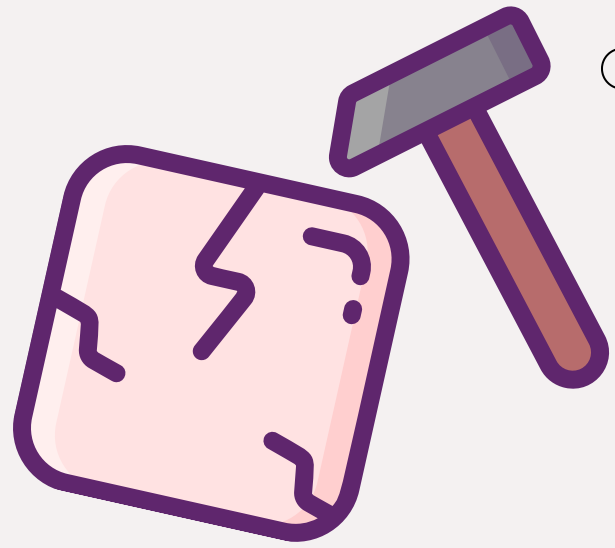


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- **Break the ice**

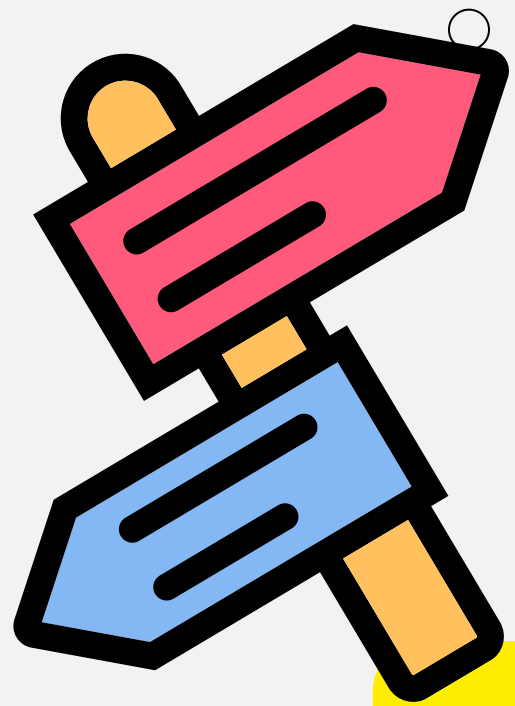


- **To start a conversation or create a relaxed environment when meeting new people or in unfamiliar situations.**

- **Ex.: “At a quirky family dinner, a young relative tells a joke about their disastrous cooking attempt, breaking the ice and causing everyone to smile.”**

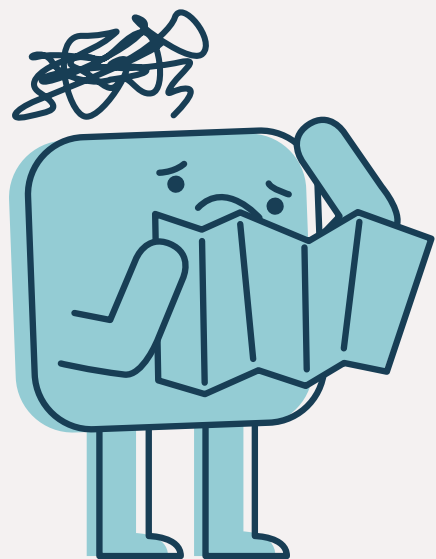


- **Lost in translation**



**When the original meaning of something changes or is misunderstood when translated into another language.**

▪ **Ex.: “The joke was funny in English, but it got lost in translation when he told it in French.”**



- **Bridge the language gap**

- **To find ways to communicate across different languages.**

- **Ex.: “Using hand gestures helped them bridge the language gap in their international meeting.”**



- **On the tip of one's tongue**

- **When you almost remember a word but just can't say it.**

- **Ex.: “I know the answer, it's on the tip of my tongue!”**



- **Speak volumes**

- **When something reveals a lot without needing words.**

- **Ex.: “Her confident speech spoke volumes about her language skills.”**

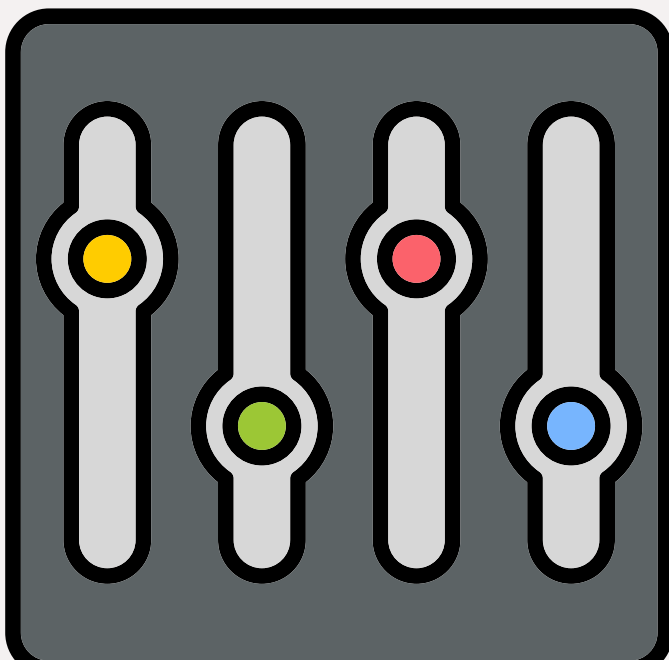


- **Fine-tune pronunciation**

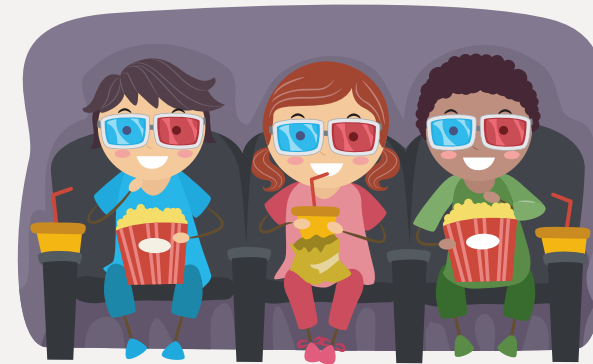


- **To make small adjustments to how you pronounce words.**

▪ **Ex.: “He fine-tuned his pronunciation of ‘r’ and now sounds more like a native speaker.”**



## • Immersion

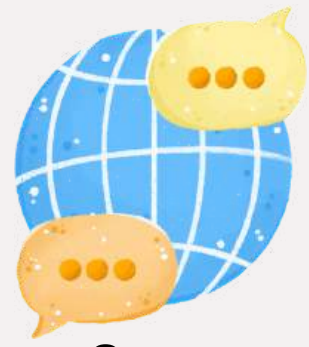


**Immersion involves surrounding yourself with the target language, either by living in a foreign country or immersing yourself in language activities.**

- **Ex.: Unable to travel abroad due to work commitments, Mark created a mini "language immersion" experience at home by watching French films, joining online French-speaking communities, and practicing with a language partner.**



## • Polyglot



**A polyglot is someone who can speak multiple languages fluently.**

**▪ Ex.: My friend Sarah is a true polyglot; she can effortlessly switch between five different languages in a single conversation.**



- **Accent**



**An accent is the way in which a person or group of people pronounce words and sounds, often influenced by their regional or cultural background.**

**Ex.: Maria's French accent was so charming that it added a delightful touch to her English when she spoke.**



## • Dialect

**A dialect is a distinct variety or form of a language that is spoken by a particular group of people or in a specific region. It often includes unique vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar features.**

**Ex.: The Scottish dialect, known as Scots, has its own set of words and expressions that differ from standard English, making it easily recognizable as a unique form of language.**



## • Accent Reduction



**Accent reduction techniques help learners speak a language more clearly and with a neutral accent.**

- **Ex.: Maria diligently practiced accent reduction techniques using online resources and language apps. As a result, her English gradually became more articulate and easily comprehensible.**



- **First language**

**A first language, also known as a native language or mother tongue, is the language a person learns from birth or early childhood. It is typically the language spoken in the person's family and immediate environment.**

- **Ex.: English was my first language because I grew up in an English-speaking household in the United States.**



## • **Heritage language**



**A heritage language refers to a language that is part of an individual's cultural heritage or background but may not have been their first language. It is often a language spoken by their ancestors or within their ethnic or cultural community.**

- Ex.: While my first language is English, my heritage language is Arabic, as my family hails from Iraq, and we maintain Arabic traditions and customs.**

## • Flashcards

**Flashcards are handy tools for language learners. They typically contain a word or phrase on one side and its translation or definition on the other.**

**▪ Ex.: I use flashcards to memorize new vocabulary; it's a fun and effective way to learn.**

