when talking in pairs, don't hesitate to FINISH EACH OTHER'S THOUGHTS

after all, that's how natural conversation works, innit?

learning English through silent reading is like

training for a marathon by watching one on TV

try to say EXACTLY what you want to say. don't dumb down.

USE THINGS YOU'VE LEARNED purposely. if you realize you're using the same english you did a year ago, it's been a wasted year

when talking, DONT SHOOT FROM THE HIP, gramatically speaking. you should be able to defend and explain everything you say

YOU CAN LEAD A HORSE TO WATER BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE HIM DRINK.

the water is right in front of you but you're the one who has to do the drinking

if you've COME TO CLASS UNPREPARED, maybe you shouldn't have bothered coming at all. not only are you probably wasting your time, you're holding back your fellow students as well.

ASK ABOUT THINGS THAT DON'T MAKE SENSE TO YOU.

there might be a crucial connection you're missing, or you may be learning from incorrect notes.

the first couple minutes talking is just a WARM-UP PHASE. it's later, when you start improvizing, that your English is put to the real test

QUESTIONS COME IN MANY SHAPES

like guesses, comments, suggestions, remarks, or expressions of surprise or sympathy