**ACADEMIC ORACY MINITALK TOPICS**

**Prepare minitalks 2-3 minutes long introducing the main points of the following topics:**

1 The difference between phonetics and phonology
2 The history of studying the sound form of language
3 Practical applications of phonetics and phonology
4 English segmental phonetics: classification of vowels
5 English segmental phonetics: classification of consonants
6 Aspects of coarticulation: assimilation, elision, liaison
7 English suprasegmental phonetics: the rules of English stress and rhythm
8 Articulatory settings in English, Czech / Slovak / my language
9 Main pronunciation problems of the Czechs, Slovaks or speakers of my lg

10 Goals in pronunciation training
11 The use of standard or non-standard accents in teaching
12 The use of music in teaching
13 The use of sitcoms and films in teaching
14 Classification of accents according to Trudgill
15 EE accents - standard, England, Aus and NZ, SA, Africa, Asia
16 RP innovations
17 AmE accents - standard, the U.S., the Carribean, Asia-Pacific
18 Second language varieties
19 Labov´s research
20 Honey´s research
21 Upton/Ježek´s research
22 Headlandová-Kalischová´s research
23 The specificity and synthesis of skills speaking a foreign language

24 The genres and styles of spoken English

25 The specificity of language used in the Academia

26 Political correctness

27 Academic debate

28 Any other topic – needs to be offered beforehand in an e-mail to K. Tomková