

## 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