

Social Language vs Academic Language

- **Language** is the foundation for learning at home, at school, and in a career.
- **Language** is also how we create friendships, collaborate with others, and build society.
- **Language** is not only what we say, but also tone of voice, facial cues, and gestures.

- **Social Language** = Helps me to verbally and non-verbally communicate with the world around me and to maintain my cultural diversity.
 - **Examples**: Humor, Stories, Discussions “around the kitchen table”, texting to friends, Gossip, Emojis, GIFs, exaggerated gestures, wide variety of voice levels.
 - **Steps to Improve Skills**:
 - Be more social.
 - Have empathy.
 - Control emotions.
 - Avoid close-ended questions (yes/no answers)
 - Use good manners and compliment others

- **Academic Language** = Helps me follow logical lines of thought and effectively communicate in a formal setting or workplace.
 - **Examples**: Facts, Logic, Discussions “in the Board Room”, charts, reports, specific vocabulary, organized thoughts, standard grammar, techniques for speech giving.
 - **Steps to Improve Skills**:
 - Focus on one improvement at a time.
 - Practice skills daily.
 - Read to learn terminology and vocabulary.
 - Listen to understand pronunciation.
 - Talk to others who are using academic language.