

# A Summary of the Introductory Speech

English has become an essential language in our professional lives and a medium to communicate with the global audience. Even after realizing this fact, we Indians tend to spend a major part of our lives without learning correct English.

Given this is just another language, and a year of constant effort is sufficient for its mastery, most of us still fail to develop proficiency in it. Several reasons can be attributed to this phenomenon. A child in India does not get sufficient exposure and motivation, primarily due to weak educational background and lack of seriousness among parents as well as teachers. In adulthood, pressure of responsibilities, change of priorities along with constant disturbances in life, lead to poor attention towards learning a new language. Moreover, people often tend to have false sense of knowledge or poor judgment of their ability to learn a new language. This, along with their lethargy, poor confidence and reluctance to make a serious effort, leads to a society which is largely incompetent in English. If we are disciplined, make a long-term commitment, as well as have the will to learn a new language, this incompetency can be eliminated. This was the motivation behind English Proficiency Programme (EPP).

An online course, Practical English: Learning and Teaching, has commenced under EPP. This course was initiated to help students, teachers, parents and professionals, in developing proficiency in English. The programme is designed in such a way that it can be easily modified to assist people of different backgrounds and levels, from school children to parents, teachers and other adults. The programme uses Hindi, a Common Local Language (CLL) as a medium for communication and efficient understanding.

The program promises to give significant improvement starting from any level, if students follow it sincerely.