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*A study on learners' challenges and problems in english speaking skill*

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### **Abstract:**

English language learners are taught the four language skills speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The hardest skill for students to acquire is speaking since they are not exposed to enough English (environmental factor), they don't practice speaking English often enough in their daily lives (they could communicate in their mother tongue instead of English), and they are too shy or lazy to learn the language.

In the first semester of 2023, the researcher gave a questionnaire to all male and female students enrolled in King Faisal University's Applied College in English 101 and 102 to find out about the most common problems they have speaking English. The twenty-question questionnaire covers a range of topics, including the respondent's linguistic, teacher, and psychological issues.

### **Keywords:**

Speaking skills, EFL learners, psychological problems, linguistic problems.