

## Homework Assignments by Rebecca Kline....Ocean University Qingdao, China 2014-2015

The students had to use either speaking or listening as they turned in a short written report. I also interrupted the projects for about 4 weeks with having them make phone calls to each other. I started with the group of 4, expanded to 8 and then put a student in charge of exchanging the class phone numbers among the class. I think this did a lot to help them overcome hesitation about speaking in English. Soon the students were phoning friends in other countries to try it out.

**Out of Class Oral English Speaking Projects** One project is required each week, unless indicated otherwise by the teacher. An unexcused absence may be redeemed by completion of two projects and approval from your teacher. Listen to a Ted Talk and write a brief paper to include the name of the talk, the date given and your reaction to the content. Attend an English cultural activity and write a brief paper to include the name of the event, the date and your reaction to the event. Attend and participate in English Corner. Participation will be key to this project. Write a brief paper to include the name of the event, the date and your reaction to the event. Please note this can only be used as a project two times.

Watch a movie or TV episode with English dialogue and no Chinese subtitles. Comments and discussion with friends, while watching, should be in English. Write a brief paper to include the name of the movie or TV episode, the date and your reaction to the movie or TV show. Go to an English restaurant such as McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Burger King or Subway and use English to order your meal. Speak in English with a friend while you eat. Finally, write a brief paper to include the name of the restaurant, the date, the name of your friend who accompanied you and a description of your experience. Phone a friend and have an English conversation for 30 minutes. (You could phone two friends and talk for 15 minutes to each one.) Write a brief paper to include the name of your friend, the date, and a description of your experience.

Plan an English speaking opportunity of your own. The event needs to be at least 30 minutes long.) Write a brief paper to include what you planned, the date, and a description of your experience.