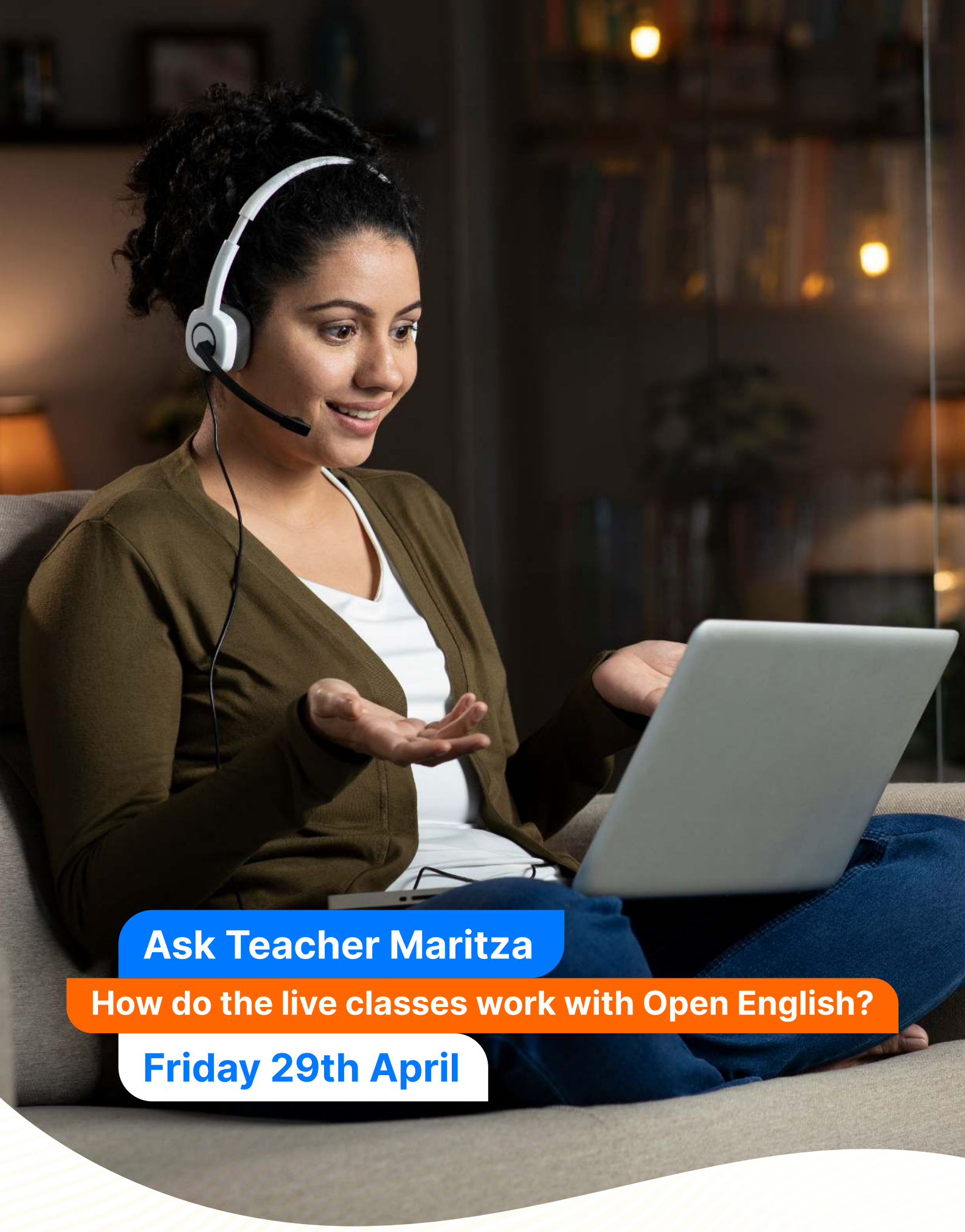

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Imagine you are in an airport. You are in line and you are about to enjoy the trip of a lifetime. But as you get closer to the counter you realize that the person at the counter is only speaking English. Oh no! You are going to have to speak in English! Do you feel nervous? Do your hands start to sweat and does your heart start to beat fast? Are you afraid to speak in English?

Well here at Open English, we are here to help you with these three tips to help you overcome that fear!

Let's check them out!



Tip #1:

If you don't know how to say something or feel nervous presenting important information, write it down and show the person you are speaking with so they can better understand you.

This is especially helpful if you are in a taxi and have to give directions or maybe you are in a doctor's office and need to explain your symptoms. You don't want to be misunderstood especially if you need to be somewhere important or get special medication!



Tip #2:

Practice speaking in the mirror first!

This might feel really weird and strange at first, but the idea is that you can get used to seeing a face looking back at you while you speak in English. This will not only help you psychologically, but also help you with your pronunciation and body language. You can see yourself actually speaking, how your mouth moves when speaking and work on adjusting your body language so you don't feel or look so nervous! Try practicing reading a news article out loud in the mirror and listen to yourself and look at yourself speaking. It's an easy exercise you can do in your free time and without any pressure!



Tip #3:

Smile and don't be afraid to make mistakes

Studies have actually shown that if you smile while you are doing something that you consider to be unpleasant, just the act of smiling can actually make you feel more comfortable and relaxed! So smile and have fun with English! If you make a mistake, it's likely that nothing bad will happen and the best thing that can happen is that you learn from that mistake.

So how can Open English help you?

Did you know that Open English isn't just a platform with English activities, but rather a comprehensive platform that includes live classes that are available to you 24/7! So your days of looking for a practice partner are over! You can sign up to take unlimited group classes where you can practice not only with a teacher, but other students as well! Why is this important? It's important so you can practice listening and speaking in an interactive setting with more than just one person! Often times, we feel okay practicing with just one person but we never have the chance to practice in a social setting with multiple people! But in Open English, you will have that opportunity. And what if you are not quite ready for group classes? We also offer 1 on 1 classes with a native English speaking teacher, who will have a lesson ready for you or you can choose what you talk about in your session, it's completely up to you!

In Open English, we also offer personalized support and have an exclusive Facebook student group where you can connect with other Open English students to practice! It's like having over 1,000 of your closest English friends all in one spot to help support each other with tips, share the occasional English meme, participate in activities and to build a community. And we assure you that your fear of speaking English is not unique to just you, but the good news is that there are many other students just like you who can help with their best tips!

So what are you waiting for? You can get started today at openenglish.com in order to lose that fear of speaking and become the best English speaker you can be! We will see you on the platform!

