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**ENGLISH SPEAKING SESSIONS WHILE THE DUAL AWARD
PROGRAMME OF KHERSON STATE MARITIME ACADEMY
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In 2022 the #TwinForHope campaign was announced between universities of the UK and Ukraine. The campaign was devoted to twin institutions in order to help Ukrainian universities during the full-scale aggression of russia [1]. Cormack Consultancy Group (CCG) was one of the campaign's organizers [2]. The partnership between Kherson State Maritime Academy (KSMA) [4] and the University of Plymouth (UoP) [5] was established in May 2022.

To start a dual award programme KSMA and UoP received the first grant from CCG to teach future masters of Marine Engineering: Sea and Land Transport in fully distant mode (e.g., LMS MOODLE, Zoom). The study program had a 14-month duration.

In order to help students with their English, lecturers of UoP have decided to organize special English Language Speaking Sessions. English is well known as the international working language of seafarers. Reading, speaking, listening, and writing skills are needed on the ship.

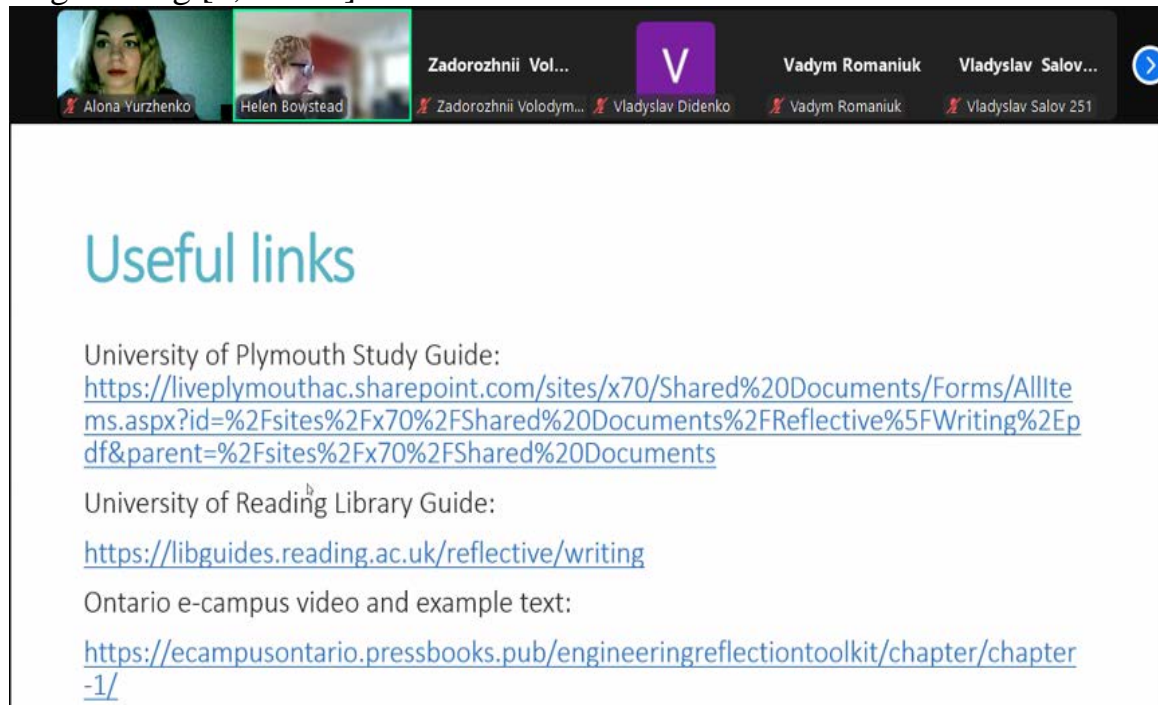
UoP lecturers have decided to conduct six sessions from November 2024 – March 2025. The topics of the sessions cover engineering research methods, skills and professional development. These sessions are conducted in English only and by the lecturer of

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UoP. Students have the possibility not only to listen to a native speaker but also to discuss with her all problematic issues that may happen while writing their dissertation work.

The sessions usually consist of two parts: theoretical one (presentation with the lecturer's comment on it) and discussion (the part where students bring their written works, demonstrate them, comment, listen, and answer to the comments of the lecturer). Listening to the native speaker helps students to develop their own correct pronunciation of lexical units, learn new words, etc.

All the sessions are recorded for those students who couldn't participate. Recorded lectures with all additional materials (e.g., presentations, links to the websites, pdf) are added to LMS MOODLE of UoP [3] after every Zoom session. LMS MOODLE was chosen as a flexible system for online courses for future masters in Marine Engineering [6, 48–50].



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. At the top, there is a header bar with several participant thumbnails and names: Alona Yurzenko, Helen Bowstead, Zadorozhnii Volodymyr, Vladyslav Didenko, Vadym Romaniuk, and Vladyslav Salov. Below the header, the main content area displays a slide titled "Useful links" in a light blue font. The slide lists three resources:

- University of Plymouth Study Guide:
<https://liveplymouth.ac.sharepoint.com/sites/x70/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2Fx70%2FShared%20Documents%2FReflective%5FWriting%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2Fx70%2FShared%20Documents>
- University of Reading Library Guide:
<https://libguides.reading.ac.uk/reflective/writing>
- Ontario e-campus video and example text:
<https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/engineeringreflectiontoolkit/chapter/chapter-1/>

Fig. 1 ESL session #2 of UoP to KSMA students

Figure 1 shows an example of an English language speaking session when the lecturer was showing students her presentation with a

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list of valuable links needed during the master's dissertation development (e.g., guides) [7, 139–142].

In conclusion, English Language Speaking sessions from lecturers of UoP have a positive impact on students of the Marine Engineering faculty of KSMA while studying in the dual award programme. Students have the possibility to develop not only their speaking skills but also listening, reading, and writing. All of those are helpful when they create their master's dissertations.

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