

## BOOK REVIEW

**Book Title:** *Speaking English Fluently*

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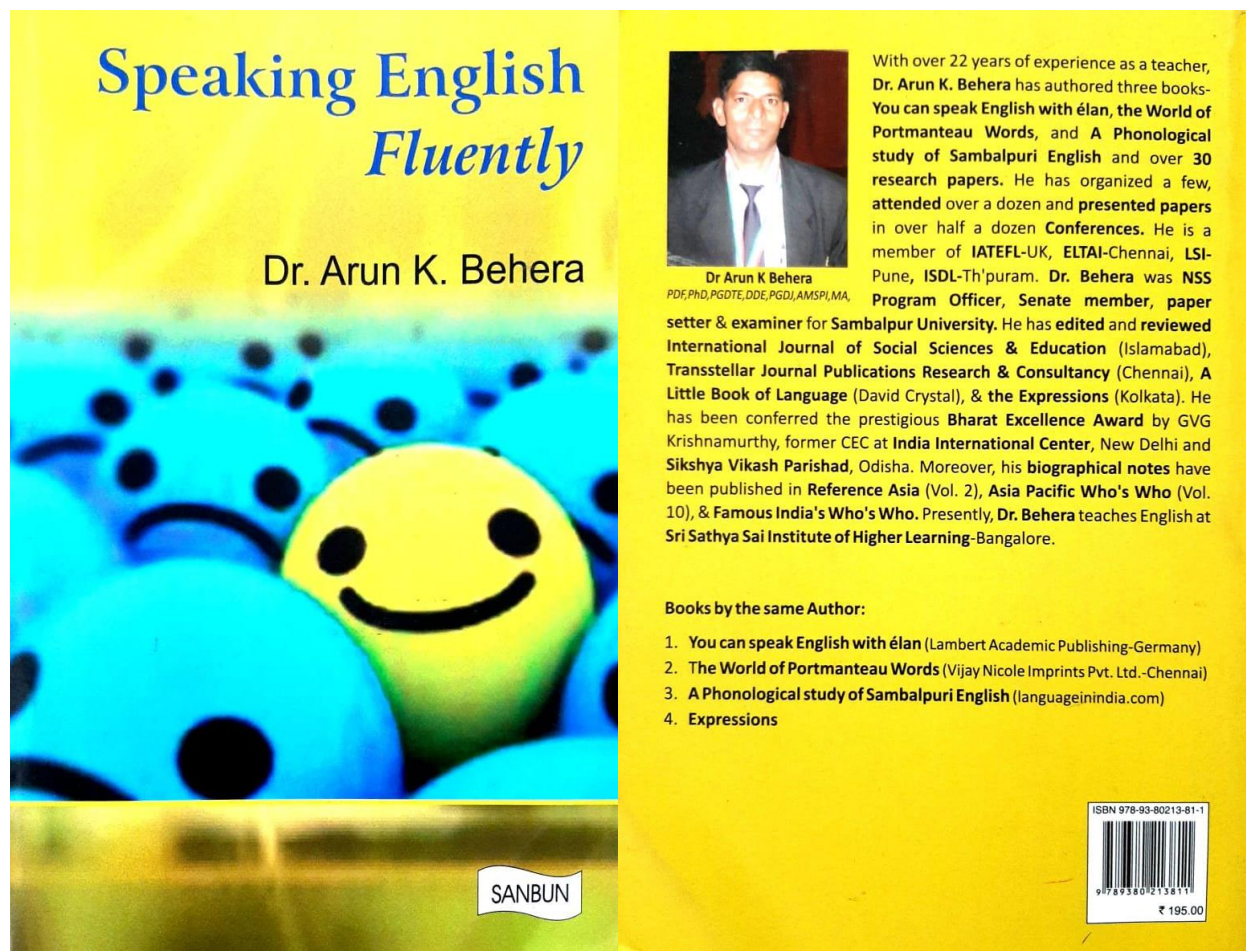
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In *Speaking English Fluently*, Dr. Arun Behera has beautifully blended all the essential areas that contribute for effective communication. This book is a product of his vast experience and in-depth knowledge that he holds in the field. What makes this book more special is its simplicity and engaging content. The topics are organised and designed in such a way that it offers exceptional exposure for readers

at varied levels. The fundamentals are clear, well-explained with sufficient examples and exercises to make students competent. For those looking for content beyond the basics, the book offers exclusive chapters like Word Stress, Sentence Stress and Rhythm, Intonation etc to advance their communication.

Speaking is a combination of several intricate processes that occurs in our speech mechanism and Dr. Behera has splendidly elaborated on each of these elements to help the readers understand and master the concepts in a simple manner. It really does not matter whether you are a beginner or an advanced learner, *Speaking English Fluently* holds all the information that is absolutely essential to master effective spoken and written communication.

The book throws light on the importance of learning Grammar in a functional way. According to the author, students should be allowed to master grammar rules naturally as part of the communication process rather than exclusively involving them in grammar sessions. I really agree to the author's view that grammar alone cannot make the communication effective. The focus on punctuation and pronunciation is a great addition to those who need to improve these skills. Besides technical concepts, immense attention has been given to students who are passionate about developing speaking capabilities.

There are four chapters that provide ample tips and strategies on how to evolve as an effective speaker. The ability to express yourself clearly and fluently, and to showcase your potential has become the need of the hour to stay ahead of the competition. I am sure that this book will serve this purpose without any doubt and help you master the language in every way possible. Anyone with the interest to develop their skills in speaking irrespective of the discipline they belong to and to those enrolled in Literature and Language studies, the book offers immense exposure and value to understand the nuances in becoming effective speakers. This book is the result of the author's extensive lifetime research carried out over decades in the field of language teaching. I feel greatly honoured to write this review and recommend this book to the active community of language learners around the globe.