Hey there!

I’m Kim and I’m your guide to the essential conversation skills you need to sound more natural in English.

And who might you be?
Why You Want to Sound More Polite

Have you ever been told that your language is too direct, your tone is too aggressive, or that you sound argumentative in English?

To sound more polite in English, there are several strategies you can use to soften your language while still making your meaning clear.

Using these strategies can help you sound more tactful and diplomatic if you pay attention to stress and intonation.
Use “not very”
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Use qualifiers
Present your idea as a question

Like the last strategy, presenting your opinion, idea, or request as a question can make the other person feel like his or her perspective is being considered.

By asking a question that includes your preference, you are showing that you are open to negotiation, but you’ve already suggested what works best for you.
Use past and past continuous expressions

These special expressions show consideration of the other person’s feelings and demonstrate our own flexibility. Placing our opinions in the past suggests that this desire was just a passing thought, not a urgent request or demand; this gives the other person space to respond without regret.

Native speakers don’t actually hear the past tense when you use these expressions; instead, they hear the polite distancing of the request. They understand that your request is current.