

VRI Practice Instructions

What You Need

- At least 3 people:
 1. A non-English language speaker (does not have to be an interpreter)
 2. An English language speaker (does not have to be an interpreter)
 3. An English ↔ non-English language interpreter
- A video conference using any platform (e.g. Zoom, GoToMeeting, WebEx)
- Smart phones for at least the interpreter and the non-English speaker
- The practice will be most useful if the interpreter has the following:
 - The computer they plan to use for VRI,
 - A webcam (it can be external or built into their computer),
 - A wired headset with microphone that plugs into their computer,
 - The cell phone they plan to use for VRI and
 - Ear buds with a microphone that plug into their cell phone.
- Review the [VRI Training Dual Channel Demonstration](#). It's a tutorial showing how to use the WebEx platform for simultaneous interpreting in the courts.

Practice Session

First setup the connections:

- The video conference between the interpreter and English speaker
- A phone call between the interpreter and the non-English speaker (**remember to enter *67 to Block interpreter's phone #**)

Then start to practice:

- Have the English speaker talk about any general topic (e.g. activities, hobbies or favorite movies)
- Have the English speaker ask questions of the non-English speaker through the interpreter over and over again.
- When the interpreter hears:
 - English → **MUTE** the English line & interpret simultaneously
 - Non-English → **UNMUTE** the English line & interpret consecutively

