

HOW TO IMPROVE ENGLISH LISTENING SKILL?

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ABSTRACT

This article will discuss some innovative strategies to improve your English listening skills. This article also provides useful information on methods and games that can be used by teachers to improve listening and overcome common listening problems.

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English is a universal language; in many countries this language is used as a second foreign language. Language has central role on intellectual development, social, and emotional students to supported success student and learn all of lessons, (Parmawat)(2018). So therefore, our government pays great attention to the development of foreign languages, especially English. English has 4 aspects of basic skill. They are listening, speaking, writing and reading. Mastering a language requires not only the ability to speak and write fluently, but also the ability to understand spoken words effectively. Developing good listening skills is essential to mastering the English language. In this article, we will look at various techniques and strategies that can help people improve their English listening skills, which ultimately leads to better overall language skills.

1.Practice active listening: Active listening is about actively concentrating on the speaker and understanding their message. Avoid distractions and stay fully present when speaking or listening to audio in English. Pay attention to verbal and nonverbal cues such as tone of voice, facial expressions, and gestures to better understand the intended meaning.

2.Start with simple equipment: Start your journey to better listening skills with simple, easy-to-understand material. Start with podcasts, TED talks, or audio lessons

for language learners. This will help you build a solid foundation and gradually develop your listening skills.

3. Exercise regularly: Continuous practice is the key to improving any skill, including listening. Schedule time for listening exercises every day. You can use online platforms, language learning apps or audio resources that offer exercises specifically designed to improve your English listening skills.

4. Use subtitles and transcripts: Discover a variety of authentic content in English, including films, TV shows, documentaries and podcasts. This will familiarize you with different accents, speech patterns, and vocabulary usage so that you feel comfortable communicating in real English.

5. Focus on listening to obtain specific information: Sometimes it is important to hear specific details or information, such as names, dates, or key ideas. Practice listening to specific information, such as summarizing what you heard or answering questions about it. This improves listening accuracy and attention to detail.

6. Improve your vocabulary: Building a strong vocabulary is crucial for listening comprehension. Regularly learn new words and expressions and practice using them in conversations. This will help you recognize and understand a wider range of vocabulary when listening to English conversations or audio files.

7. Use transcript or subtitles: Use transcripts or closed captions as teaching aid when listening to movies, TV shows, or podcasts. First, listen without reading the transcript to see for yourself. Then listen again, following along with the written material, to strengthen your understanding and pick up any information you missed.

8. Participate in conversations: Actively participate in conversations with native English speakers or language exchange partners. Practice listening and responding, and try exposing yourself to different accents and conversational styles. This will improve your listening skills in real-life situations

There are many types of methods to improve listening skill. One of the famous methods is audio-lingual method. The audiolingual method often includes various listening exercises, such as dictation, listening to dialogues and answering questions using audio recordings. These activities can help students develop their ability to understand spoken language in different contexts. Also games are the main tool to use in class to improve listening. Namely “Simon says” game is excellent for making child pay attention and listen to instructions. This classic game requires players to listen carefully to instructions and only take actions when preceded by the words “Simon Says.” The game contributes to the development of listening accuracy and reaction speed. Another game is “Taboo”. In this game, a player has to describe a word without using specific related words. The other players have to listen carefully and guess the word described. Improves listening comprehension and thinking skills. Another type

of game is “Whisper Challenge” In this game, one person whispers a sentence or phrase to another player wearing noise-cancelling headphones. The player wearing headphones must listen carefully and guess what is being whispered. Train auditory concentration and decoding skills.

CONCLUSION

Improving English listening skills is a gradual process that requires consistent effort and practice. By incorporating active listening techniques, exposing yourself to diverse listening resources, and engaging in conversations, you can enhance your ability to comprehend spoken English. With perseverance and dedication, you will unlock the path to English language proficiency and open doors to a world of opportunities.

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