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How to improve your listening skills?

Reasons for listening

Listening is good for your pronunciation, in that the more you hear and understand English being spoken, the more you absorb appropriate pitch and intonation, stress and the sounds of both individual words and those which blend together in connected speech.
Harmer, J. (2007)

Tips for being a good listener

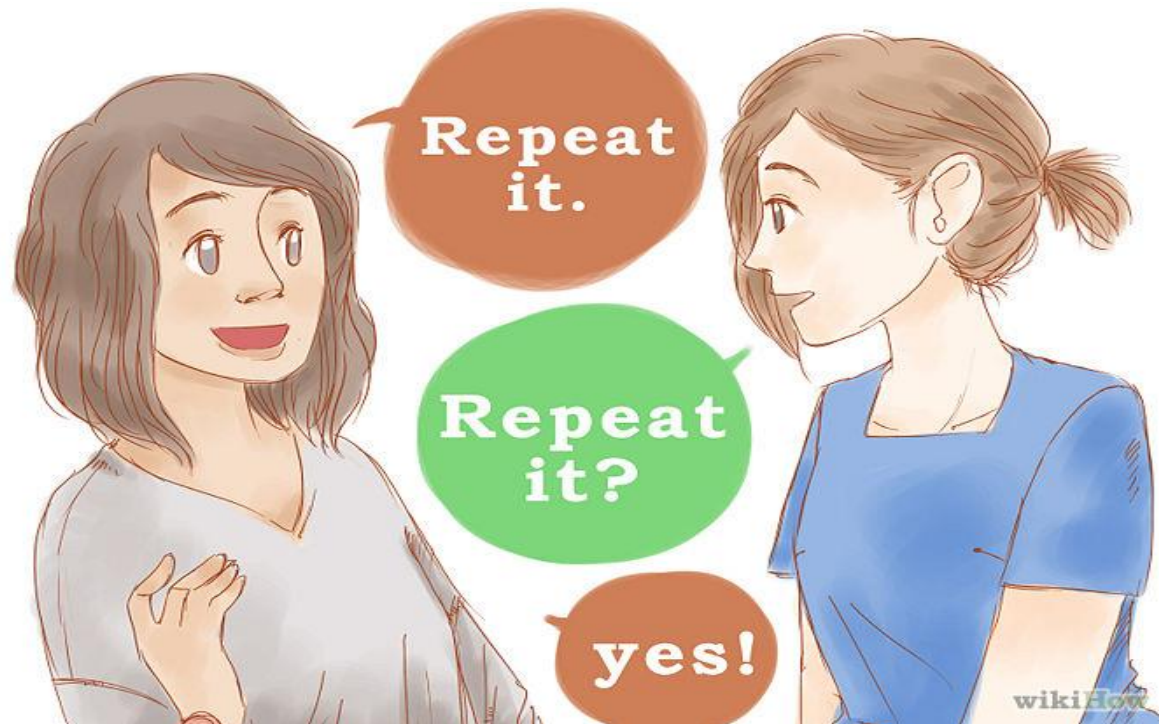
- Encourage yourself to listen as often and as much as possible .



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- Once may not be enough, ask for repetitions if you think that is necessary.



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- Listen to your favorite songs and watch the lyrics of them. You are going to strengthen at least three of the main skills in the language.



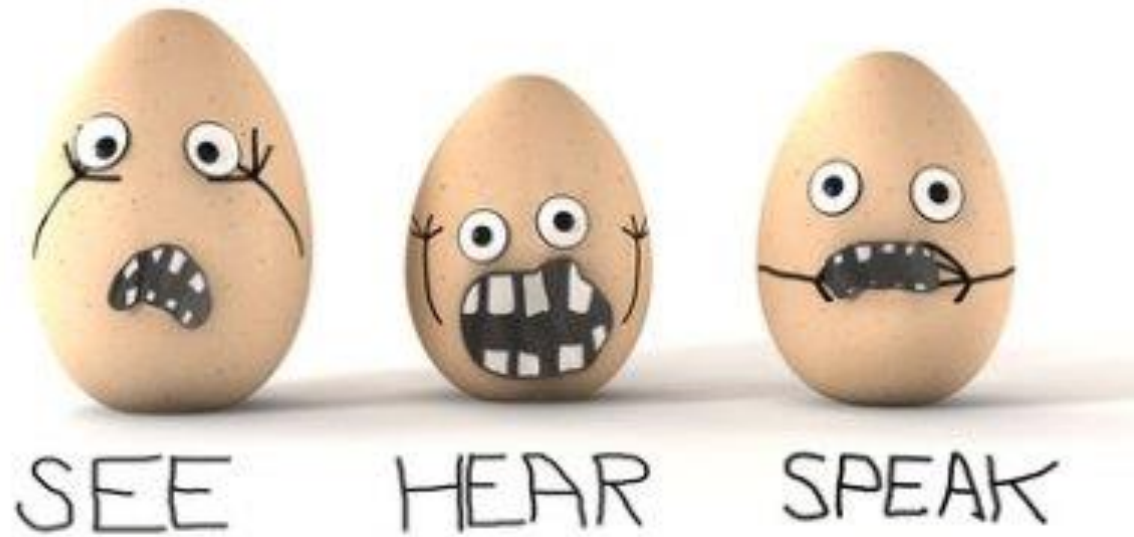
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- Prepare yourself before listening activities. Look at pictures, discuss the topic, or ask questions.



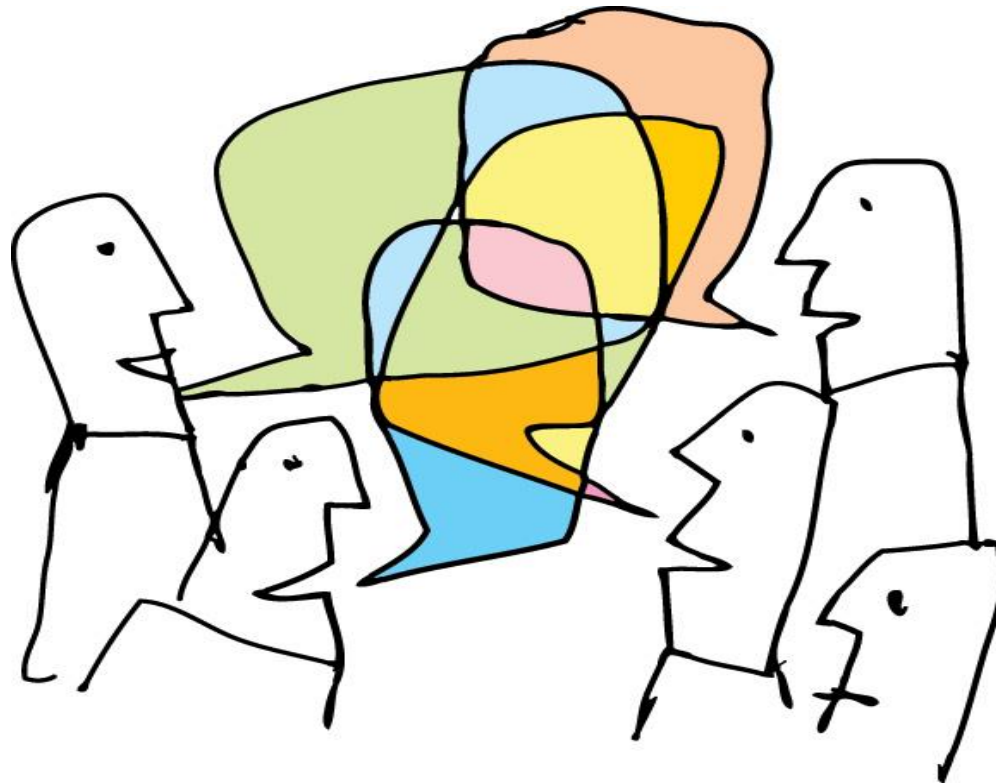
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- Pay attention to both verbal and non-verbal messages, that will give you clues about the main topics.



Tips for being a good listener

- Join in conversation clubs, there are lots of possibilities in your city or even in your school.



Web resources for improving your listening skills

Here you have some useful resources for improving your listening skills.

- <http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/listening-skills-practice>
- <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/content>
- <http://www.esolcourses.com/content/topicsmenu/listening.html>
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/search?q=listening+activities&sa_f=search-product&scope=
- <http://www.eslgold.com/listening/podcast.html>
- <http://englishinteractive.net/listening.html>
- <https://www.englishlistening.com/index.php/listen-to-passages/>
- <http://es.lyricstraining.com/> (pretty good for working on reading, listening and writing)

References

- Harmer, J.. (2007). How to teach English . London, England: Pearson Education Limited.



Thanks!