Strategies for Listening and Speaking:

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What do you listen to in English?

You are the best role model for your students.



Listening Strategies

- Listening "filters"
- Value of listening for language learning
- Building vocabulary
- Using prediction
- Listening Tasks
- Low-tech/no-tech listening activities
- Extensive listening can lead to better production



Listening "Filters"

- ✓ Culture
- ✓ Language
- ✓ Values
- ✓ Beliefs
- ✓ Attitudes
- ✓ Expectations
- ✓ Intentions and motives



The Value of Listening



Build Vocabulary

How can we build vocabulary?

Read, read, read!

Use all your senses

Create a need



- For listening the sound of the word is important
 - Two
 - Misled

Use Prediction

How can we help students predict what they will hear?

- Setting
- Topic-what do we already know?
- People and their relationships
- Visuals
- ?



Listening Tasks

- Gist-Main idea
 - Summarize
- Intonation
 - Questions?
 - Statements
 - Emotions!

Specifics:

- Numbers
- Words or short phrases
- Order of ideas
- Lists, sequences
- ___

Low-tech/No-tech Listening Activities

- Read aloud
- Read and listen along
- Tell a story for the class
- Pair conversations for the class



Extensive Listening

To improve listening skills you need to listen

A LOT!

What opportunities can we provide to our students?



Assessment

Type of assessment depends on what you are testing:

- Information? Comprehension questions
- Gist? Summarizing, paraphrasing
- Specific vocabulary or word forms? Cloze

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Strategies for Better Speaking

- Listening leads to production
- Read aloud word formation, sound, fluency
- Create a need
- Encourage motivation
- Be a role model



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