

LISTENING IMPROVEMENT

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Abstract: This thesis can solve any problems that related to listening skill by giving some helpful advice. The author depicts the best way of improving listening skill.

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Introduction

What is listening? Listening is the ability to accurately receive and interpret messages in the communication process. Listening is a key to all effective communication. Without the ability to listen effectively, messages are easily misunderstood. As a result, communication breaks down and the sender of the message can easily become frustrated or irritated.

If there is one communication skill you should aim to master, then listening is it.

Listening comprehension is the receptive skill in the oral mode. Hearing is physical. Listening is following and understanding the sound- it is hearing with a purpose. Listening is more than merely hearing words. Listening is an active process by which students receive, construct meaning from, and respond to spoken and or nonverbal messages. (Emmert, 1994)

Additionally, there are my own structure which can help to rise listening level:

Firstly: Being attentive

Secondly: Creating an English atmosphere and keeping practise

If these rules are set to daily life, the result will be grate.

Being attentive. Listening seems more difficult than other skills, because listener need to manage listening and translating words quickly and correctly in this skill. But it is not problem. In this first step, attention is the most crucial resource. In fact, a learner who is learning foreign languages likes a baby, because babies learn language step-by-step. They begin learning by paying attention to several sounds and this action is improved day by day. Finally, expected result is done, so sounds become words. There is a question? Listening ability is natural for babies, but, as for learners? In my opinion, learners should come in listening by separating heard words correctly during the listening. Because pronunciation is so essential for translating and understanding truly. But most students come across such kind of words that have similar pronunciation.

For instance: 1. Teen & tin

Teen- (noun; /ti:n/) the year of a person`s age from 13 to 19.

Tin- (noun; /tin/) a silvery -white metal, the chemical element of atomic number 50.

2. Bee & Be

Bee –(noun; /bi:/) an insect of a large group to which the honeybee belongs , including many solitary as well as social kinds

Be- (verb; /bi:/) occur; take place.

3. Mail & Meal

Mail – (noun; /meil/) letters and parcels sent by post.

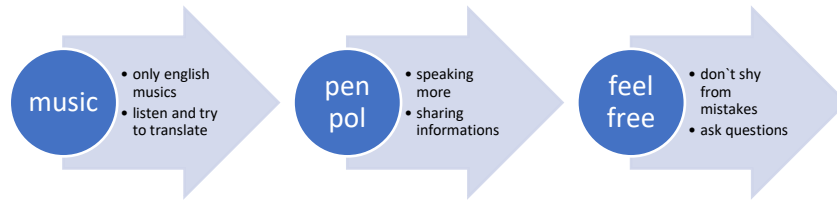
Meal –(noun; /mi:l) any of the regular occasions in a day when a reasonably large amount of food is eaten.

As you saw examples, they have nearly one pronunciation but various meaning. Paronyms prevent from understanding the meaning of sentences correctly , and it makes some challenges.

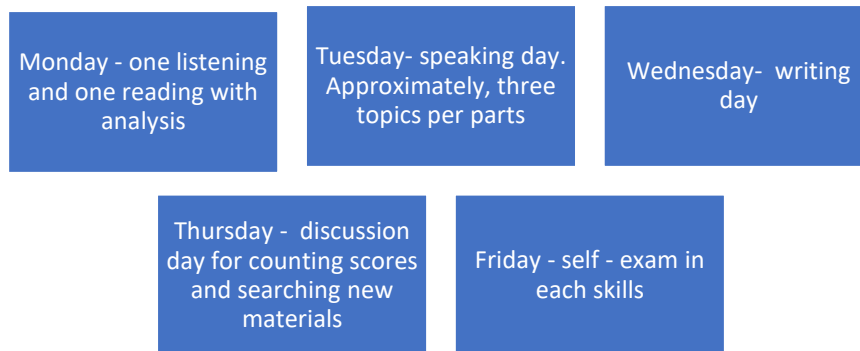
The next primary way of improving listening is creating English atmosphere. Firstly, start by labelling all the objects in your home in English; change your language settings on your smart phone and all the media you use to the target language (English) ; listen to music (sing along) and podcasts in English ; watch movies that you have already seen in the target language or movies which have subtitles; find a local language partner who can talk to you every day; find a native speaker who can talk to you and check your mistakes. Also, try to speak only in English to your relatives, friends who know this language, and feel

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yourself like English people. If these activities will have done, the result will get perfectly in two or three months.



As you know, there are several golden ways for listening skill. But ,merely knowing strategies is not enough. We need a self-study timetable for keeping and increasing knowledge balance. Slef- study means searching essential resourses like: books, informations... and doing these. Here a sample self -study schedule:



As you saw, there is five days, it means 5 days for study, 2 days free. Additionally, strict self-discipline is priority.

To sum up, learning or studying something is not so hard. It depends on you. If you defeat your laziness, congratulation, you managed!

Effective listening is a skill that underpins all positive human relationships.

Spend some time thinking about and developing your listening skills – they are the building blocks of success.

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