

1.5 Learning to Learn

Thinking about listening in English

Focus: *to think about the skill of listening and to develop listening skills.*

1. A good listener changes the way he or she listens according to *why* he or she is listening. Think about how you listen in the following situations:



Listening to **Spin 103.8, FM 104**, or your favourite radio station.

Listening to someone giving you directions to their house.

Discuss with others in the class.

2. Make a list of all the things you listen to during a typical school day, then beside them, write down why and how you are listening.

What I listen to:	Why?	How?

In pairs, think of answers to the following questions, and then share your answers with the rest of the class.

Listening to/taking part in conversations

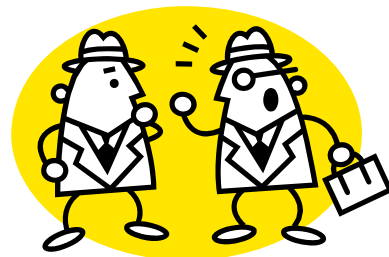
What phrases can you use ...

... to show that you don't understand?

... to show that you agree?

... to show that you disagree?

... to show that you want to say something?



Listening to your teachers in class

What can you do before the lesson to help you to understand what the teacher is talking about?

What can you do during the lesson if you don't understand what the teacher is saying?

3. Next, think about how to practise and improve your listening skills and make a list with your class.