

Hear and Listen: What's the difference?

Read the dialogue. What is the difference between hear and listen?

A: Did you hear the new song from Beyonce?

B: Yes, I heard it playing on the radio but I didn't really listen to it. Is it good? Do you like it?

A: I think it's good. Next time you hear it, you should listen to the lyrics. They're very good.

Write the definitions:

Hear (v.)

Listen (v.)

Read the sentences and choose the correct answer

1. I can't _____ you very well. Can you speak louder?
 - a. listen
 - b. listen to
 - c. hear

2. This is important information. You need to _____ me.
 - a. listen
 - b. listen to
 - c. hear

3. The music downstairs was so loud, we couldn't _____ the tv in our own apartment.
 - a. listen
 - b. listen to
 - c. hear

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4. What did he say? I wasn't _____.
 - a. listening
 - b. listening to
 - c. hearing
5. Did you _____ about the accident?
 - a. listen
 - b. listen to
 - c. Hear

Complete the sentences with the correct words (*hear* or *listen to* or *listening*):

1. I like to _____ music on my cell phone.
2. Hey Asa! Can you _____ that sound?
3. We can _____ the loud music in Kimberly's room.
4. I told you he would get mad. You never _____ me.
5. Leonardo likes _____ podcasts when he's on the train.