

UNIT 9 B

LISTENING SKILLS

Skill understanding key points

When listening, it's important to understand the speaker's key points and differentiate them from supporting details and examples. Speakers often:

- repeat a key point more than once, using different words.
- explain it using an example or comparison.
- stress certain key words for emphasis.

9.6 Read the Skill box. Then watch or listen to the first part of *Talking Zone*. Check (✓) the key point Ava makes about good design.

- a Use is more important than style. ☐
- b Use is less important than style. ☐
- c Use is as important as style. ☐



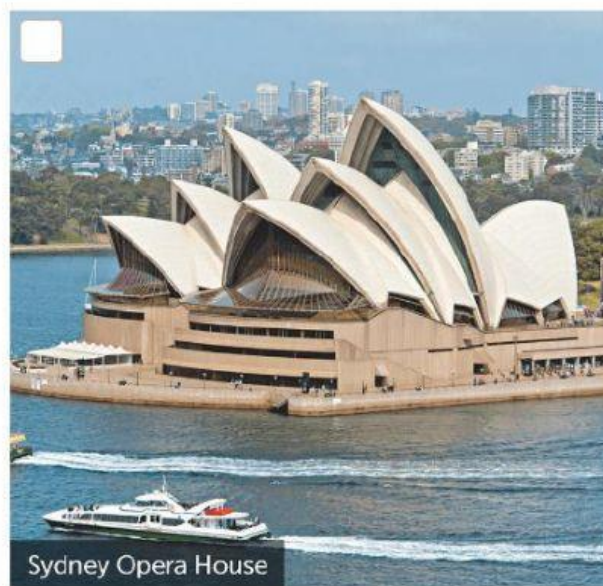
A **9.6** Ava repeats her key point several times during the program. Can you remember the missing words? Watch or listen again and check.

- 1 A lot of people still seem to think that _____ is always second to function.
- 2 Design and function are like a pair of _____ – you can't have one without the other!
- 3 The look and _____ of a product should work together.
- 4 Tupperware might not be _____ for the way it looks, but I think it's a fantastic example of good design.
- 5 And that's what good design is all about. Creating something that is both _____ and efficient.

B Look at the sentences in exercise 3A. Which sentences:

- offer a comparison _____
- provide an example _____
- make the same point with different words _____

▶ 9.7 Watch or listen to the second part of the show. Check (✓) the picture that Ava describes as an example of bad design.



▶ 9.7 Watch or listen again. Choose the correct options.

- 1 Early London underground maps were *more* / *less* accurate than today's maps.
- 2 Harry Beck made his version of the map *more detailed* / *practical*.
- 3 The Sydney Opera House has poor *acoustics* / *visibility* so it's hard to *hear* / *see* well.
- 4 The Guangzhou Opera House in China is a *good* / *bad* example of design and function working together.