READING COMPREHENSION

Why to Improve your English Listening Skills

In our everyday life, listening is important skill that allows us to receive and understand information. As human beings, we aspire to interact with each other. We get information, exchange ideas, or express an opinion.

To be a good listener is considered a highly valued skill among employers – they prefer to sign up good listeners because of their ability of understanding what others want to communicate and welcoming the thoughts and feelings of them. Strong listening skills improve your chances of future career.

Listening is very important for students, too. You might think that speaking is more important, but it isn't so. You listen while you're having a conversation; you listen to a teacher at school, listen while you're watching TV, you also listen to music or radio. Listening is the skill you will use most in English, or any other language you learn. If you develop good listening comprehension, the other skills will come. But listening in English is hard! Repeated listening will help you improve your listening skills because it helps you see how the language works. The more English you listen to, the better you will do.

The art of listening leads to the improvement of your ability to communicate fluently in everyday life. We are born with the ability to hear but not to listen. Listening is not a natural gift but we can work towards improving it.

Task 1. Find the sentences that reflects the main idea best.

1. The text tells us about the importance of listening … .

a) as an aspect of language **b**) for workers and students

c) in general and method of its improving



2. The second paragraph says that … .

a) good listeners like to communicate

b) good listeners are normally tolerant and empathic people

c) listening skills change your career

3. The third paragraph of the essay mentions … .

a) one of the ways to improve your listening skills

b) the sources of improving your listening skills **c**) the art of listening

Task 2. Complete the sentences with the correct ending to find out about the details.

1. Listening allows us to … .

a) receive and understand information **b**) exchange ideas **c**) communicate

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2. Employers prefer to sign up good listeners because of their … .

a) tolerance and ability of understanding of other people

b) ability of understanding and welcoming

c) clear thoughts and tolerance



3. Good listening skills … .

a) improve your abilities

b) raise your chances for success

c) spoil your future career

4. You listen while … .

a) you interact with someone or something such as TV, radio or a player

b) you listen to a teacher at school and music or radio

c) you're watching TV and studying or listening to music

5. You can use listening skills … .



a) in any language you learn including English

b) in any other language besides English

c) mostly in the English language

6. If you develop strong listening skills, … .

a) the other skills will go

b) you will be more fluent in all aspects of the language

c) you will lose the other skills

7. Listening a few more times helps you … .



a) weaken your listening skills

b) be the best

c) catch some special language features

8. Listening is … .

a) a born ability

b) understanding spoken language

c) the same as hearing

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