

## IMPROVING LISTENING SKILL STEP BY STEP FOR BEGINNERS

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**Abstract:** *This article is devoted to give general and specific information about listening skills of beginners English Foreign language learners perceive listening as one of the most complex skill to masters. The challenges that listening brings is necessity to find effective solutions has been identified. The aims of this article was to describe and find out: using of the technological tools such as podcasts in improving student's listening skill and how the importance and effectiveness of learners to follow useful methods and techniques of masters in enhancing listening.*

**Key words:** *challenges, effective solutions, effects of technological tools, methods and techniques*

### INTRODUCTION

Listening is the foremost critical thing for dialect learning at any early organise. Listening becomes the most important because it is the first stage of learning and teaching English especially in comprehension. It is also crucial in building communication because without listening ability, communication is impossible. In building good communication with others, individuals have to be understand meaning of messages conveyed by their partners. In comprehending the message conveyed by others, listening ability is needed. The students usually faced some problems in the listening aspects. Most of them difficult to write the right vocabulary based on the teacher's pronunciation. Based on the student's problem, researcher offer an alternative solution to teach narrative text by dietogloss technique. The dietogloss technique is dictation activity which learners listen to passage, note down keywords.

In addition that, there are many types of media in teaching listening. Podcasts are one of media that can improve listening skill. Podcasts have many kinds of theme to make the students not bored in listening English. Students may choose podcasts based on own interests. Podcasts are a fantastic way to improve your listening comprehension and learn about new Topics. Podcasts are described as audio files that can be downloaded from the internet either through manual downloader via automated subscriptions. Podcasts can be used on all kinds of mobile. Device or computers at any time and anywhere. I find some plans to help you get started:

#### 1. Find your niche

\*Interests: think about what you are passionate about: history, science, comedy, current events and other topics.

\*Genres: explore different genres like news, interview, storytelling, educational and etc.

\*Recommendations: ask friends for recommendations or check out podcast charts and lists online.

## 2 . Start with basics

\*Short episodes: choose podcasts with shorter episodes(around30minute) to begin

\*Familiar topics: select podcasts related to topics you already have some knowledge of to make the listening experience less challenging

\*Clear pronunciation: look for podcasts with hosts who speak you clearly and distinctly

## 3. Challenge yourself

\* Increase difficulty: gradually work your way up to longer episodes or podcasts on more complex topics

\*New genres: explore podcasts from genres you are not familiar with to expand your listening horizons

\*Transcripts: if available read transcript of podcast episode along with listening. This can help you understand content better

## 3 . Enhance your learning

\*Apply what you learn: try to apply what you have learned from podcasts to your daily life

\* Reflect on your progress: periodically evaluate your listening skills . Are you able to understand more complex information

\* Speed control: some podcast apps allow you to adjust the playback speed . You can slow down the audio to make it easier to understand or speed it up to save time

## 4 . Multitasking

While it's the best to listen attentively, you can also listen to podcasts while doing other tasks. Like exercising, cleaning or commuting

\*watch video with subtitles can help you connect sounds with words.

Improving your listening skill with consistent effort, make great efforts TED Talks are equally as useful . There are online lectures often very short and are perfect for practicing listening to monologue. You can also watch TEDTalks on YouTube. Online News Channels are ideal because news broadcasts contain good mix of reports and Conversations. I recommend BBC news as the best news channel to tune in to.

### **LITERATURE REVIEW**

According to Lindsay Miller (2003), one of the major advancements to come out of research into listening strategies was the understanding that listening exercises could be divided into three main parts: pre-listening, while-listening and post listening activities. This parts are very fruitful for the beginners as well as masters.. For instance,, in the pre-listening stage a teacher can start a short discussion with the learners with the aim to know about their views about the topic which s/he is going to start. In this way s/he will be activating their world/personal knowledge about the topic. Then the learners can be asked to share whatever information they got from the text in

an extended discussion in the post-listening stage. In between these two stages the learners can be given help to remain focused on their listening by careful selection of tasks that are meaningful and that cater to developing specific listening skills.

Active listening is the practice of listening to understand what someone is saying. Active listening assistance you have more expressive conversations

Active listening techniques:

**Paraphrasing:** Repeat what you have heard in your own words to ensure understanding and demonstrate engagement  
**Summarizing:**

After a section or whole piece, try to summarize the main points showing you have grasped the key information.

**Taking notes:** jot down keywords phrases or ideas to help you focus remember to details and create visual aid for review.

In addition that, there are some tips for active listening face the speaker and have eye contact: eye contact is an important part of face to face conversation. Eye contact is means of predicting though so adopt this the situation you're in listen to non-verbal cues for pay attention to what other person is saying with their body languages. Facial expressions, tone of voice and gestures can tell you just as much as what is being said in words. Pay attention to what the other person is saying with their body language -are they smiling for example or are their arms crossed defensively methods for forming listening comprehension start with simple content begin with easily understandable material start your listening journey with content that your language proficiency level choose materials that are slower -paced ,clear and use straightforward language. This will build your confidence and gradually introduce you to more complex language structures as you progress. In addition that there some beneficial activities to develop listening subskills one of them is fill in the blank for song lyrics. Chooses a song with simply -pronounced words and find its lyrics on the internet.The main task in this activity is find a song and fill in the blanks It can't request extra attention.

Second activity is 'write what you hear' prepare text or list of sentences and read them aloud. Then write down what you hear it's similar to 'spelling bee'

### **CONCLUSION**

Improving listening skill first of all requires being patient. Because beginners can't know fundamental information about listening. I think, starting is hard, continuing is much more hard. First of all, they have to recognize importance of listening,then implement activities and advices which is mentioned above. Then, they have to do practice and practice. Practice is important part. Podcasts is very useful if listeners choose appropriate topic or alternative ones to them. I recommend BBC News (6-minute English) ,TED Talks or any English content from You tube with subtitles After beginners start to listen podcasts ,they may face challenges , especially meaning of podcasts. It is mentioned techniques that listen slower-paced audios and taking notes keywords idioms, and etc. They are fully reveals its meaning. As much as possible,



starters try to pay attention every detail. Doing these every day enhance listening comprehension. If they want to improve listening skill, they must do it continuously/regularly. They have to experiment all of these techniques. These informations are given reliable resources.

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