

## **SOME ASPECTS OF TEACHING LISTENING SKILLS**

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One of the most modern and complicated problems of methodology is development of students' foreign language communicative competence.

Communicative competence is based on mastering of listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.

Listening is the primary language ability out of which all the others develop.

You need to develop strong listening skills if you want to become a good speaker in English. Fluent English is one of the most important features of a well-educated person.

Listening helps students:

- to understand what people say;
- to speak clearly to other people;
- to learn how to pronounce words properly;
- to use intonation;
- to place stress in words and sentences etc.

There are a number of principles that apply in teaching listening skills in foreign language, such as:

- pay attention,
- practice active listening,
- pay attention to structure,
- listen for key words,
- key phrases or markers.

Successful teaching listening skills requires using a combination of different resources. These abilities are best learned through simple, engaging activities.

Effective ways for students to develop stronger listening skills are:

- interpersonal activities ( mock interviews or examinations, storytelling);
- audio segments ( radio programs, online podcasts);
- video segments (news programs, documentary films, interviews).

As you can see listening is one of the four language skills and it takes an important and worthy place in the teaching and learning English as a foreign language.

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