

Listening

LESSON GOAL

Explore and implement strategies to become an active, empathetic, and effective listener.

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

How can I promote active listening?

INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGY

ANNOUNCEMENT

- Check Announcements for any information about assignments and due dates.

MY PORTFOLIO

- Submit work to My Portfolio.

MY WORKSPACE

- Prepare your assignments in My Workspace.

LESSONS

- Review the lesson.
- Complete assignment.
- Submit assignment.

ASSIGNMENTS

- Use Assignments to submit your artifacts and reflections.

GRADEBOOK

- Check Gradebook for your lesson evaluation.

SCHEDULE

- Check schedule for assignments and due dates.

COMMUNICATE

with your teacher or other students if desired

- Blogger
- Chat Room
- Drop box
- Mailtool

1 class period

LESSON OVERVIEW

How often are you asked to listen every day? How do you define “listening”? When you listen do you consider your body language, using passive and active listening techniques, and using silence when appropriate to let the speaker know you are really interested in what they have to say? How do you respond to someone when they share something with you? Do you ask open-ended questions, and avoid unsolicited advice giving? Do you interrupt people?

This lesson is designed to help you redefine listening and improve your techniques. Listening is one of the most important skills you can have at site, at school, and in life.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

1. Fill out a *Sentence Completion Exercise* and read it to the class.
2. Listen to a speaker with silence and nonverbal techniques.
3. Respond to a speaker by parroting and paraphrasing.
4. Empathize with speaker and validate their feelings.
5. On your own, watch for one interaction at site and apply listening techniques.
6. Write a reflection about listening, including thoughts and observations on your recent interaction.

There are two assignments in this lesson that will ask you to write tips on listening and to reflect on listening and how you have applied it in your life.

Here are the ways you can succeed in this lesson

1. Take appropriate initiative in discussion to relay examples of listening.
2. Fully complete the *Sentence Completion Exercise*, read sentences to the group, and listen silently to others.
3. Thoughtfully and thoroughly make notes on how to listen empathetically and actively to others.
4. Attentively parrot and paraphrase the speaker’s words.
5. Kindly empathize with and inquire about the speaker’s feelings.
6. Considerately reflect on the importance of listening and show deep understanding.

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ASSIGNMENT 1

In class you should have participated in discussions about active and empathetic listening. You listened to statistics on how much we listen and how much we actually hear. You participated in **Sentence Completion Exercise** where you began your learning to become a better listener and then you read through **Listening Techniques** and practiced parroting and paraphrasing with another student.

Use the classroom learning, resources, and your own experience to write at least 10 tips to help you actively and empathetically listen as if you were to be tested on it.

Use the **Sakai** Assignment Tool to submit your tips for evaluation.



ASSIGNMENT 2

In class you participated in discussion and activities to develop listening skills. You also practiced empathetic listening with a partner. After class you should be more aware of how you listen to others.

Next time at site or in school, pay attention to a time when you are engaged in a conversation or verbal exchange in which you apply active and empathetic listening skills.

Record, describe, and explain at least one recent incident (after this lesson) at site or in school in which you were called upon to listen to someone. What techniques did you utilize? Why is it important to actively and empathetically listen to others, at site and in life?

Use the **Sakai** Assignments Tool to submit your reflection for evaluation.

Multiply the points by the weighted score and record in the total column for each rubric. Then tally the total points for the final score.

Weighted Score	Category	Exceeding 9-10 Points	Meeting 6-8 Points	Approaching 3-5 Points	Emerging 0-2 Points	Total
3	ASSIGNMENT 1 Listening Tips Use discussion and learning to create a personalized guide on how to listen actively and empathetically to others.	Thoughtfully and thoroughly made notes on how to listen empathetically and actively to others.	Completed a set of notes on how to listen empathetically and actively to others.	Made a minimal effort to complete a set of notes on how to listen empathetically and actively to others.	Did not complete a set of notes on how to listen empathetically and actively to others.	
2	ASSIGNMENT 2 Reflection Demonstrate understanding of listening at an internship site.	Considerately reflected on the importance of listening and showed deep understanding.	Completed the reflection and demonstrated understanding of listening.	Made an attempt to complete the reflection that demonstrates understanding of listening.	Did not complete the reflection or demonstrate understanding of listening.	