



Are We Listening?



"Sorry, could you repeat the question?", "Pardon?" or even "Uhh?" are all indicators that our listening skills need to be developed further.

Listening is different from hearing. Most of us are not very good at listening when we are angry/busy/bored or simply don't care. But it is precisely at these times that we need to put our "best listening skills" into practice.

Luckily it is easy to turn our listening skills around by adopting a few proven strategies. Try the following and see how your listening habits change.

- **Maintain eye contact with your teacher**
- **Avoid distractions - put your pencil down, don't worry about what you will be doing after the lesson etc.**
- **Ask yourself mental questions such as, "What is the teacher's main point?" "Why is the teacher telling me this?" "How does this relate to what I already know?"**
- **You can actually think faster than the teacher can talk - so use this time to try and predict what the teacher will say or form questions to ask in response.**

Our brain is an amazing feat of engineering that can listen, think, write and ponder at the same time, but it does take practice!

Learning Through Role Play

Level 10 incorporates playing the roles of people with different opinions in books 14-36, as an interactive tool to encourage thinking and creativity, as well as encouraging students to develop and practice their new language and behavioural skills. Role play is any activity when you either put yourself into somebody else's shoes, present your own views and ideas, or put yourself into an imaginary situation! In order for this to happen, students must be motivated and involved; they should try their best to accept the roles and responsibilities they are placed in, and relate to the others in the group.



When engaging in role play, the students are able to try out new behaviours in a safe environment, and simulated "real life" problems help students develop their critical thinking and problem solving skills. The situations will also give students confidence in expressing their own thoughts. For example, "What do you feel about the destruction of the rainforests?" or "What do you feel about compulsory sport in school?" Furthermore, role play can also improve written work as students gain the ability to accommodate conflicting views. Finally, role play can and should be fun; the more that a student puts into it, the more they will get from it!

Poetry Board

The Poem for August

My Dog Likes to Disco

by Kenn Nesbitt

My doggy likes to disco dance.
He boogies every night.
He dances in his doghouse
till the early morning light.

The other dogs come running
when they hear my doggy swing.
A few will bring play their
instruments.

The others dance and sing.

They pair off with their partners
as their tails begin to wag.
They love to do the bunny hop,
the fox trot and the shag.

You'll see the doghouse rockin'
as a hundred dogs or more
all trip the light fantastic
on the doghouse disco floor.

At last, at dawn, they exit
in the early morning breeze,
and stop to sniff the fire
hydrants,
bushes, lawns and trees.

I just don't understand it
for although it looks like fun.
I can't see how they fit inside
that doghouse built for one.

RTL Events Calendar

October

- 14th – Autumn Cambridge Test
- 28th – Trinity Test

Increase Your Colour Word Vocabulary

Here is a small selection of the many different shades of BLUE. Try to use these when using the colour BLUE to make your descriptive writing more interesting.

Aqua		Navy	
Aquamarine		Royal blue	
Indigo		Sky blue	
Midnight blue		Turquoise	

Spotlight on Mr Benjamin and some of his students

Favourite holiday destination: Hawaii
Chinese horoscope: Chicken
Favourite summertime activity: Going to the beach
Favourite place in Hong Kong: Home

Venus

Favourite holiday destination: Macau
Chinese horoscope: Rabbit
Favourite summertime activity: Spending time with family
Favourite place in Hong Kong: The Ghost House at Ocean Park

Wing Sum - photograph unavailable

Favourite holiday destination: Malaysia
Chinese horoscope: Rabbit
Favourite summertime activity: Watching television
Favourite place in Hong Kong: Disneyland

Athena

Favourite holiday destination: Japan
Chinese horoscope: Rabbit
Favourite summertime activity: Sleeping
Favourite place in Hong Kong: Disneyland

Citta

Favourite holiday destination: Vancouver, Canada
Chinese horoscope: Cow
Favourite summertime activity: Going to Ocean Park
Favourite place in Hong Kong: Go-Karts at Ocean Park