

ENGLISH LISTENING CLASS

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OUTLINE

Listening is one of the most difficult, yet important, English communication skills. Learning can also be frustrating. In our class, we will focus on building your listening skills slowly but steadily. By the end of the class, students will improve their listening comprehension skills by knowing and practicing three strategies.

- First, listen for the main ideas.
- Second, listen for details small ideas.
- Third, upgrade your speaking skills. Speaking and listening are connected. So, students will spend time reviewing and repeating the words and phrases in the listening exercises.

TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

We will use a variety of materials and activities. These include the textbook and CD, along with some videos and sound files. We will also use conversation activities to review key listening words and sentence patterns.

Active Listening with Speaking 3 by Steven Brown & Dorolyn Smith (in the school bookstore). You will also need to listen to sound files and download/print worksheets from my website: eslwriting.org.

Four tests. The midterm exam will cover material from the first half of the semester. The final exam will cover material from the second half of the semester. There will be two short quizzes (two x 10%).

Attendance: 10%, Participation: 10%, Mid-term exam: 30%, Final exam: 30%, Quizzes: 20% (two x 10%)

OTHER

I will strictly follow the school's policy on attendance. If you are often absent or late, your final grade will reflect your time management skills. Also, please note: two lates will equal one absence. Two points regarding grades. The final grade will follow the university's grading policy. Your grade will depend upon your effort and commitment.

At the end of the semester, please do not ask me to change your grade because you have a special situation. You need a scholarship? You want to get a job? You want to go to graduate school? These are all important things. But, if you need a high score, work hard, study and come to every class on time and ready to learn. Unless I made a calculation error, I will not change your final score.

If you have any questions about the class work, feel free to email at robbusan@yahoo.com. Office hours Tues 12pm-2pm, Wed 10am-12pm. International Building, room 203 (opposite the GLE office).