

## Listening Skills Strategies Sheet

### Pre-listening Strategies:

- Determining what the purpose of listening is (what you want to achieve!)
- Picking an audio clip that is appropriate for your needs and preferably an enjoyable one.
- Preparing yourself mentally for not being able to understand every single word you hear.
- Being OK with listening to the same audio text multiple times. Each round you can either have a different focus or deepen your understanding of one or more aspects of the language. Some of the things you can focus on can be:
  - pronunciation
  - the use of certain words or expressions in a given context
  - the use of a particular grammatical structure
  - the natural pauses and filling words you hear in a conversation
  - etc.
- Deciding what you can do with what you learned when the listening process is finished

### During-listening Strategies:

- Posing questions
- Verifying or falsifying what you hear
- Inferring meaning
- Spotting keywords that will help learner understand the text better
- Making a mental or physical picture of what was said

### Post-listening Strategies:

- Telling one's own stories or opinions
- Creating an imaginary dialogue based on the listening and acting it out
- Retelling the story and/or making changes
- Acting out the same situation in the audio text spontaneously (for higher level proficiencies)

