

Listening Strategies (Student Handout)

Pre-listening Strategies

1. Consciously determine the purpose of listening
2. Prepare yourself mentally for not being able to understand every single word
3. Decide what you can do with what you learned when the listening process is finished
4. Predict what you will hear
5. Create a list of relevant words/expressions before listening to the audio text

Choose 1-2 of these strategies before actually listening. Think deeply about them and try to keep them in mind later during the listening activity.

My strategies:

During-listening Strategies

1. Take notes
2. Pose questions
3. Verify or falsify what you hear
4. Infer meaning
5. Spot keywords that will help you understand the text better
6. Make a mental or physical picture of what was said

Choose one of the above strategies to do during the listening activity. You can take notes, draw pictures, write down your questions, and etc in the box below.

Post-listening Strategies

1. Relate the listening topic to personal experience and tell your own story
2. Create an imaginary dialogue (based on the audio clip) and act it out in front of the class
3. Retell the story and make changes
4. Write a different ending if the audio clip has a conclusion
5. Write a summary of what you heard and read it to the class

In your pairs or groups pick one of the above strategies and perform it in the classroom.

Questions:

- Were the strategies helpful? How so?
- Did the strategies help you focus?
- How did strategy use impact your stress, if at all?
- Is there a strategy that you tried that you want to practice more or need more modeling from the teacher for? Which one?

