

TITLE: Listening Skills

Objective:

By the end of this session, students will be able to:

- Understand and interpret everyday English conversations.
- Recognize and adapt to different English accents (British, American, etc.).
- Improve comprehension and active listening through context-based tasks.

Introduction to Listening Skills

- Importance of listening in professional and academic environments.
- Difference between *hearing* and *listening*.
- Types of listening: passive vs. active listening.

Listening in Everyday Situations

- Common conversational scenarios:
 - Greetings & small talk
 - Asking for/giving directions
 - Ordering food
 - Making appointments

Understanding Accents

- Overview of different accents (British, American, Indian, Australian)
- Common pronunciation differences
 - *Water* – /'wɔ:tə/ vs. /'wɑ:dər/
 - *Schedule* – /'fedju:l/ vs. /'skedʒu:l/

Listening for Gist and Details

- Listening for the **gist** (general idea)
- Listening for **specific information**

Comprehension in Context

- Understanding implied meanings, tone, and context
- Listening for speaker attitude (e.g., sarcasm, excitement, doubt)
 - Activity: Group discussion on character motives and feelings

Interactive Listening Tasks

- Pair Activity: Role-play common scenarios (at the airport, asking for help, etc.)
- One student plays the role of a native speaker with a specific accent

Recap and Takeaway

- Summary of key points:
 - Active listening techniques
 - Accent familiarity
 - Real-world application
- Q&A and student reflections
- Homework:
 - Watch one English-language video with subtitles (YouTube/Netflix)
 - Note 10 unfamiliar words or expressions and their meanings