

# ENGLISH COMMUNICATION SKILLS

## Lecture 7

### Affixation

### Listening for specific information

# What is Affixation?

Look at the following word:

**Uncomfortable**

How can you break this word into three? Guess

Give the Base word or root, prefix and suffix

Prefix

Base /root

Suffix



**Un**



**comfort**



**able**

Some languages have infixes. This breaks the root word.

# Affixation Cont'd...

Let's learn more about affixation:  
Take a brief look at **handout 1** to recall what you know about affixation.

If you want to improve your vocabulary,  
understanding prefixes and suffixes is a must.  
Let's look at another note – **handout 2**



# A little more on Affixation

Next, Handout 3 is your homework challenge – affixation game chart.

To wind up here are a few useful sites:

- Greek & Latin Roots: Micro, Mill, Mort, Multi  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uAH9jSoU0U>
- Greek & Latin Roots PED, PENT, PERI, PHILE, PHOBIA  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdsbxD83uo>
- Greek & Latin Roots NOV, OCT, ONYM, PAN, PATHY  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfG9pjKVNsw>



# More links ...

- Greek & Latin Roots PHON POLY PORT POST PRE  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nozFCFb5iXY>
- DV43 Greek and Latin Roots (voc/voke, ling/lang, mem, psych)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D86mOBvu3Y8>
- DV44 Greek and Latin Roots (path, sens/sent, med/medi. sol)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQwpymL7R6I>

One more activity will be done during your tutorial

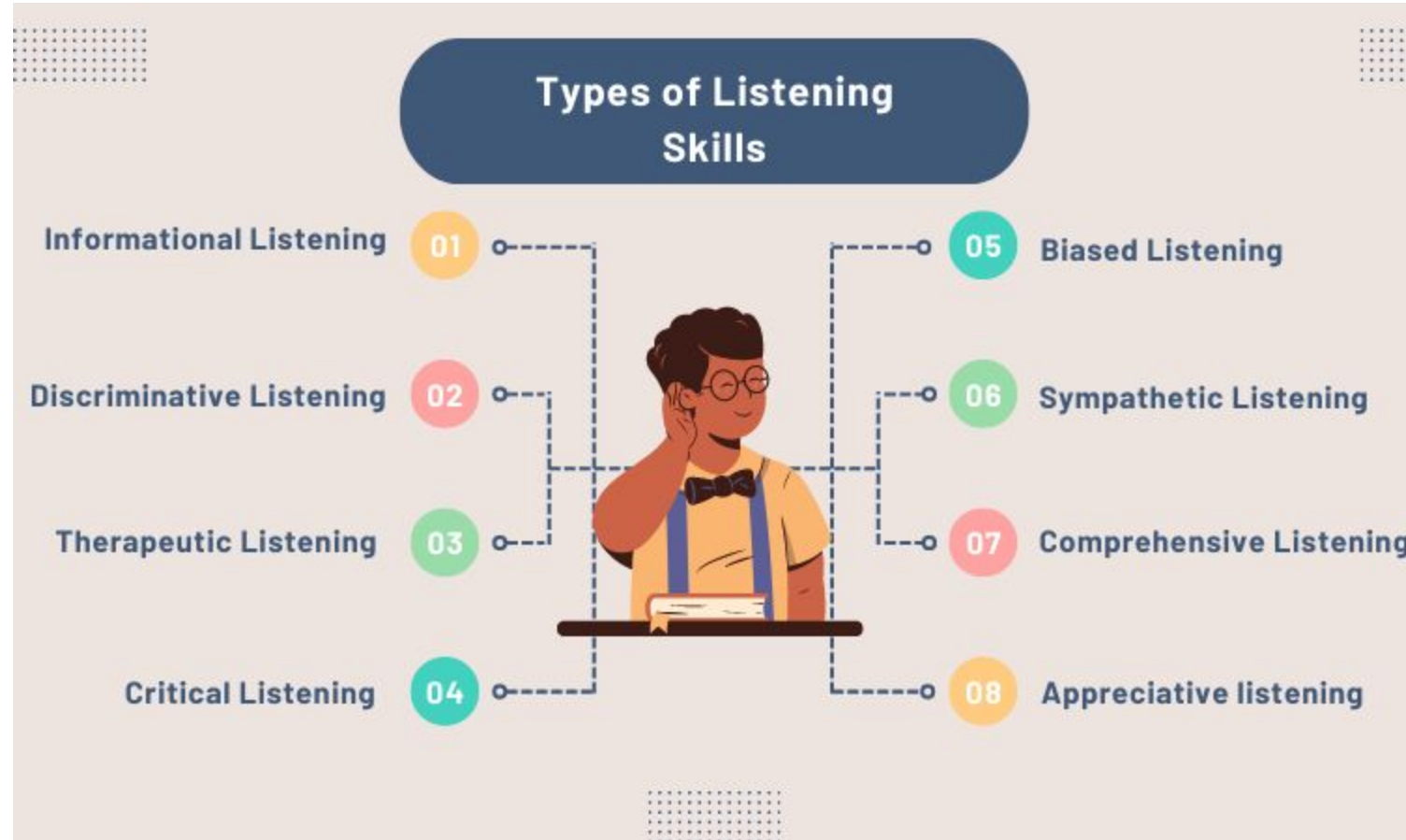


# Developing Listening skills



Developing good listening skills **is a must** as an undergraduate

Let's take a quick look at some points.



# Listening becomes more difficult if it's a second language

Listening to native speakers and understanding them can be difficult.

Let's look at some of the reasons:

- Speed – too fast
- Speakers cut/reduce words
- A lot of slang is used
- Grammar rules are broken



# Listening difficulties are common to any non-native speaker

## Advice/tips to improve listening in English

- Make listening a fun habit
  - Learn the lyrics to your favorite songs in English
  - Watch TV and movies (with and without English subtitles)
  - Listen to native English-speaking podcasts & online radio
- Take advantage of convenient moments (transit, exercise, cooking, etc.)
- Explore Online ESL Listening Resources
- Read along with Podcasts and Audiobooks (Transcripts)

## Cont'd ... Look at Handout 4 (lecture 7)



[https://youtu.be/Sy\\_xpdrnQXs](https://youtu.be/Sy_xpdrnQXs)

# Podcasts



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# Tutorial 7

Listen to a podcast and share your thoughts on it:

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# Listening for specific information

Listening is an important skill that will be very useful for you as an undergraduate. Therefore, you need to cultivate the habit of listening carefully, especially for specific information.

## Activity:

1. Get into groups of 4 or 5.
2. Brainstorm and produce answers to the question - why is listening important?
3. Next, have a short discussion
4. Then come up with answers for “How to improve listening skills in English”

# Thank you!

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