

Public speaking- Lecture 4 (Pr. El Hadari)

Listening in public speaking:

What is listening?

Listening is a process of receiving, understanding, remembering, evaluating and responding to verbal and/or nonverbal messages.

- ✓ *Generally, there are two types of listening: **Active listening** and **passive listening**. By active listening we mean the ability to listen carefully, actively and attentively in order to grasp the message of the speaker/talker/utterer. On the contrary, passive listening refers to the act of listening with less attention and concentration. Passive listeners cannot get the full picture of the message.*
- ✓ *Listening and speaking are two interrelated/interconnected skills. The speaker or the utterer speaks with certain intention in mind and the role of the listener is to pay attention in order to grasp the message and formulate a response and a reaction to it.*
- ✓ *Without effective speakers, we cannot have effective listeners. Good listeners learn from good speakers.*

The importance of listening in public speaking:

The question that we want to address here is: where does the importance of listening in public speaking reside/lie?

- ✓ *Effective public speaking helps active listeners increase the amount of information they know and learn.*
- ✓ *Thanks to effective listening, we can reduce the amount of time we need to grasp the message of a public speech.*
- ✓ *Active listening helps us distinguish (differentiate) between logical and illogical thinking (reasoning) in a speech.*

- ✓ *Effective and attentive listeners can become effective speakers. By paying attention to every bit and piece of a speech, we can learn the principles (tenets) of public speaking. We can also learn to be conscious of the faults and pitfalls that we need to avoid/shun in a public speech.*
- ✓ *Effective public speakers help active/attentive listeners follow the speakers train of thought.*

Task:

Listen to two speeches and try to answer the following questions:

Video 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSmq4Wsz28w>

Video 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwbI8VOsDTo>

- 1. what is the message of the speech?*
- 2. what is the inspiring statement/sentence/phrase in that speech?*
- 3. what did you like or didn't like about the speech?*
- 4. how did the speaker use his body language?*