

StudySkills

EASY LISTENING

A Think about listening in English. What's easy for you?
What's difficult? Rank the situations from 1 (easy) to 5 (difficult).

- _____ Listening to the teacher
- _____ Listening to a classmate
- _____ Listening to the class CD
- _____ Listening to a phone call
- _____ Listening to a film or TV show
- _____ Listening to native English speakers
- _____ Listening to someone who speaks my native language
- _____ Listening to an announcement (for example, at the airport or on a bus)

B  Share your answers with a partner. Are any of your answers the same?

LISTENING FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES

A Look at three situations. What is the best listening skill to use in each situation? Match the situations 1–3 to the listening skills a–c below.



- a) Listen carefully for all the information. ☐
- b) Try to understand the main idea. ☐
- c) Listen carefully for the information you need. ☐

B Read these announcements. What is the best listening skill to use in this situation?

- 1 The train to Manchester is on platform _____. It departs at _____ am.
- 2 The train to Paris is on platform _____. It departs at _____ pm.
- 3 The train to Cardiff is on platform _____. It departs at _____ pm.

C  49 Listen and complete the announcements in Exercise B.

MY WAY TO PRACTISE ... LISTENING

A Read about how these students practise listening. Which student is like you?



Mari: I listen to the class CD. First I read the textbook at the same time. Then I close the book and just listen.




Sabine: My friends and I make phone calls in English. We can practise speaking and listening at the same time.



Carlos: I like English songs. I find videos on the internet that show the words. I read and listen at the same time. Then I sing the songs!

B Tick (✓) the things you do to practise listening.

- 1 ☐ I listen when my classmates are speaking.
- 2 ☐ I listen to the class CD at home.
- 3 ☐ I watch English videos on the internet.
- 4 ☐ I listen to English songs.
- 5 ☐ My friends and I make phone calls in English.
- 6 ☐ I listen to the radio in English.
- 7 ☐ I watch English films.
- 8 ☐ I watch English TV shows.

C  **Work in pairs or in groups. Share your answers from Exercise B. Talk about more ideas to practise listening.**

A: I listen to the class CD two or three times.

B: Yes, I also read the audio scripts. Then I listen to the CD again.

SET A GOAL:

Write one new way you plan to practise listening:

