

Listening Strategies

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Strategies to Learn a Language by Listening

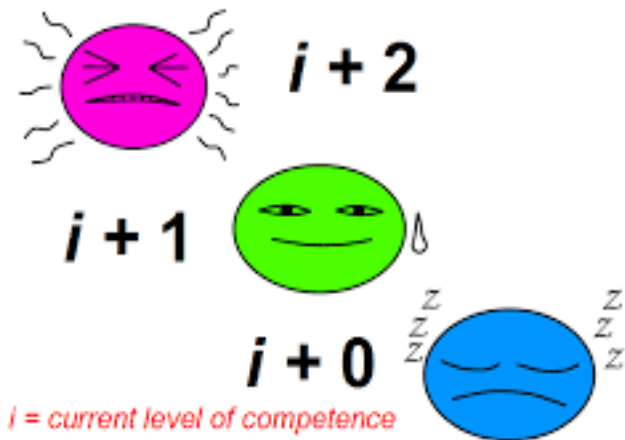
1. Choose Material Suited to Your Level

- tackling materials that are way too advanced for their level
- skipping to intermediate lessons without first listening to beginner material



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- The ideal listening material is one that's a level or two higher than your current level



Krashen (1985)

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2. Contextualize and Look at the Big Picture

- keeping in mind that all conversations are spoken in a certain context (words and sentences don't exist in a vacuum)
- making calculated inferences about what's going on in the conversations (what it's generally about)
- looking for context clues (If you're watching a video, note the surroundings. Where are the speakers situated? Inside a conference room? A playground? A church?)

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3. Listen for “Key Words” for Understanding
 - when you listen for key words, it's so that you can work out what is being discussed
 - it's important that your comprehension improves: everything else will follow from comprehension

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4. Listen for Specific Language Features

- focusing on a different linguistic feature every time you replay the clip (so things will slowly start clicking for you)
- listening to the different nuances, tones, rhythms, verbs, adjectives and tenses

- <https://www.fluentu.com/blog/learn-a-language-by-listening/#:~:text=Because%20the%20thing%20is%2C%20listening,to%20make%20time%20for%20listening.&text=Even%20if%20you%20don't,are%20learning%20about%20the%20language.>
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