

IMPORTANCE OF TEACHING READING AND LISTENING SKILLS IN ENGLISH
LESSONS

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Abstract: *In this article discusses about importance of teaching reading and listening skills in English lessons, as well as, the positive impacts to student who speak more than one language have improved memory, problem-solving and critical-thinking skill, enhanced concentration, ability to multitask and better listening and reading skills.*

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English is one of the widely used languages in the world. So, you want to be a fluent English speaker and to know the world as much as you can. To make goals in your aspiration for learning English you should take some advice: There are four skills in learning English which are *reading, listening, speaking, and writing*.

And which of them is the first? The most important thing you must bear in mind is that reading and listening are inputs whereas speaking and writing are outputs. In other words, if you want to improve your speaking and writing skills you should first master the skills of reading and listening. There are some ways that you can do so, which I will try to summarize.

1) Reading

Reading is an important way of gaining information in language learning and it is basic skills for a language learner. There a lot of reading exercises. But all these readings must be done in limited time. You should read phrase by phrase. Read as much as you can. But your reading must be active. It means that you must think about the structure, unfamiliar words and others as you read. There is no need that you stick to some complicated grammar structures or try to understand all the unfamiliar words you come across, but the fact that you see them for the first time and recognize them whenever you see them for example in other phrases or books is enough. It would be better to prepare yourself a notebook so you can write down the important words or structures in it. This is the very useful methods of learning language. To begin reading, I recommend the easy reading books step by step. They classified by level of difficulty.

2) Listening

As for listening, there are two options:

- Aside from reading, you can listen every day for about 30 minutes.

□ You can only concentrate on your reading and become skillful at your reading, then you can catch up on your listening.

Listening, one of the means of language communication is used most widely in people's daily lives. In addition, a lot of listening activities is a good way of enlargement your vocabulary. On the other hand, it also helps you to improve your listening comprehension. When you are skillful and native-like at reading, your listening skill grows automatically. Since you have lots of inputs in your mind, you can easily guess what the speaker is going to say. This never means that you should not practice listening. Practice is important. Only through the practice you can improve your listening. For listening, I recommend cartoons, moves, songs and radio program. Again, the thing to remember is being active in listening and preferably taking some notes.

If you follow these pieces of advice, with your reading and listening skills your speaking and writing will be improved automatically, and you can be sure that with a little effort they will become perfect.

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