

Outcomes

Better listening outcomes

Learner Training 3 Worksheet

If you want to get better at listening to English, it helps if you understand the different reasons why listening can be difficult. Sometimes it's hard to understand things because you don't know the words you're hearing. This is a language problem. At other times, you might find it difficult to understand things when you hear them, but when you see them in written form, you understand them OK. This is a listening problem. There are several ways to deal with these problems.

- Learn groups of words together – collocations, expressions, etc. *Outcomes* is full of examples.
- Practise saying individual sounds, but also practise saying – and listening to – how words are linked together in normal speech. The *Pronunciation* sections help with this.
- Read and listen to the audio at the same time to see what's a language problem and what's a listening problem.
- Replay listenings from the Workbook. Listen until you understand everything.

1 Work in groups of three. Discuss what you listen to in English inside and outside class, what problems you have and what strategies you use.

2 Read the strategies in the box above. Tick the ones you already do or think are a good idea and put a question mark by the ones you aren't sure about.

3 In your groups, discuss the strategies and say why you think the ones you have ticked are a good idea. Think of one more listening strategy.
