

Being a good listener

- This worksheet will help you with:
- conversation in all situations, including phone calls
- GESE Grade 7, interactive and conversation phases
- ISE I, conversation task

Activity 1

Showing that you're listening

In pairs, take turns to speak and listen for a minute or two. When you speak, choose a topic you're familiar with. Here are some suggestions:

- Your family
- How you spend your spare time
- Your home
- Education
- Your early memories

When you listen, show that you're listening and that you understand. Use the words and phrases on the board.

Activity 2

Not showing that you're listening

Again, take turns to talk about a different topic. This time, the listener shouldn't say anything or look at the speaker.

Activity 3

Showing that you're listening

Listen to your teacher speaking, and show that you're listening and that you understand.



Star test-taker activity

Here are four sentences about listening in conversation. Draw a star by the three things you should do, and draw a line through the one thing you shouldn't do.

Good listeners:

- say things to show they understand and are interested.
- listen in silence.
- look at the speaker most of the time.
- smile to show they understand and are interested.



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