Handout

Listening Activity - Module 1/2

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Listening is an important component of learning .A student's ability to actively listen has a major impact on building the communicative skills needed both inside and ouside of the classroom.

Active listening is an important "soft skill", like problem solving, leadership and teamwork. It's a skill that can be acquired and developed but it takes time and patience to master.

Benefits of being an active listener include:

Fewer misunderstandings

Faster work rate

Improved resourcefulness

More self reliance

Improved productivity

Why is active listening important?

Having active listening skills has many benefits:besides better comprehension in the classroom ,active listeners tend to be better communicators and problemsolvers. Being an active listener also shows good character ,commitment and is an essential component of being a leader.

Active listening requires the listeners to understand the point the speaker is trying to communicate ,not just hearing the words he or she is speaking. Becoming a better listener is an important skill that students need to develop and practice.

Good listening skills also have benefits in our personal lives including:

A greater number of friends and social networks, improvedself esteem and confidence, higher grades at school and in academic work and even better health and general well being. Studies have shown that whereas speaking raises blood pressure, attentive listening can bring it down.

Activity: Listen to the audio file given in module 1 and answer the questions given in the worksheet.