



Which is the first language skill acquired in human lives?

Teaching listening



Why do children start speaking approximately at the age of two, not earlier?

What can an English speaking teacher do to support his/her utterance in the classroom and make learners understand?

Create the English atmosphere in the classroom

- Talk English to pupils most of the time
- Make the surroundings natural
- Give the children as much visual back-up as possible
- Uses gestures, miming, facial expressions, movement and pictures
- Bring activities natural in their age (Children: game-like activities, fairy-tales, poems, songs, movement)

The more you know before, the
more you understand later.

Pre-listening activities:

1. Look at the picture belonging to the topic and guess what the passage will be about.
2. Guess which words will be used.
3. Read the list of word and omit those you think will not be in the passage.
4. Look at the set of simple pictures, omit those which you suppose don't belong to the passage. Give names to the rest of the pictures.
5. Put pictures in logical sequence, and then check while listening.

Activities during listening

- 1 Put up your hand whenever you hear ...
- 2 Follow the instructions.
- 3 Point at the thing mentioned.
- 4 Discover the mistake.
- 5 Put items in order.
- 6 Listen and colour.

After-listening activities

- 1 Mime the dialog or the story.
- 2 Draw a picture illustrating what you have heard.
- 3 Fill in the grid.
- 4 Listen and repeat. How much do you remember?
- 5 Out of the set of pictures choose those which have been mentioned in the listening passage.

„To listen well, is as powerful a means of influence as to talk well, and is as essential to all true conversation.“