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# IMPORTANCE OF LISTENING SKILLS IN LANGUAGE LEARNING

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## **Abstract:**

The process of language learning requires the development of many skills. One of these skills is listening. Listening skills play an important role in language learning and are of great importance in developing students' language comprehension, communication and expression skills. In this article, we will discuss the importance of listening skills in language learning.

**Keywords:** language, listening skills, communication, speech, cultural context, culture.

Listening is one of the main components of language learning. Students learn new words, phrases and grammatical structures by listening. Students with improved listening skills will be able to quickly understand speech and take in new information easily. This is especially important in the early stages of language learning, as learners often expand their knowledge by hearing a new language. Listening skills are important in developing communication skills. By listening to other people talk, students learn skills that help them understand their thoughts and express their own. Listening in the communication process ensures mutual understanding and is one of the basic skills necessary for effective communication. Listening skills help to understand the cultural context of language learning. Each language has its own culture and traditions.

Students learn the cultural context, customs and social rules of the language through listening. It helps to understand the language more deeply and to take into account cultural differences in communication. Listening skills help students in the process of self-learning. By listening to audio materials, podcasts, movies and music, students have the opportunity to learn the language on their own. This helps students learn the language according to their interests and increases their motivation. Listening skills are important in the development of hearing. Students improve their listening skills by listening to different accents, pronunciations, and speech rates. It helps to learn the language more effectively and improves students' comprehension level. Listening skills help students to express their thoughts clearly and fluently.



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Students learn how to express themselves by listening to other people speak. It helps to develop the skills necessary to express one's thoughts in a clear and understandable way.

A number of difficulties may arise during the listening process. These difficulties can affect students' success in language learning. Students may have difficulty understanding different accents and pronunciations. This can be a problem especially for those who are learning a new language. Some people speak too fast, which makes it difficult for listeners to understand. Learners may come across new words and phrases in the material they are listening to, making it difficult for them to understand. Terminology related to specific fields (such as scientific or technical fields) can cause difficulty in the listening process. Some grammatical structures, especially complex sentences and phrases, can be difficult to understand during listening. Learners may have difficulty understanding various grammatical rules and their variations. Lack of understanding of the cultural context of the material heard can cause difficulty in the listening process. Students may have difficulty understanding the material because they are not familiar with the topics they are hearing. Some students may have hearing problems, which makes the listening process difficult. Noise or other sounds in the hearing environment can make listening difficult. Listening for long periods of time can cause you to lose focus This reduces students' ability to understand the material. Students may have difficulty concentrating if the material they are listening to is not interesting. Students may feel anxious or sad during the language learning process, which makes the listening process difficult. Low self-esteem can prevent students from participating in the listening process. Difficulties in listening can complicate students' language learning. In order to overcome these difficulties, students need to practice regularly, listen to different materials and try to develop their skills. It is also important to identify challenges and develop strategies to counter them.



### **Conclusion:**

Listening skills are important in language learning. They help in understanding the language, communication, learning the cultural context, self-study, developing listening skills and expressing their thoughts. The development of listening skills helps to make students' language learning process more effective and interesting. Therefore, it is necessary to pay special attention to listening skills during language learning.



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