



LISTENING

I can listen with my ears,
eyes, mouth, and body.

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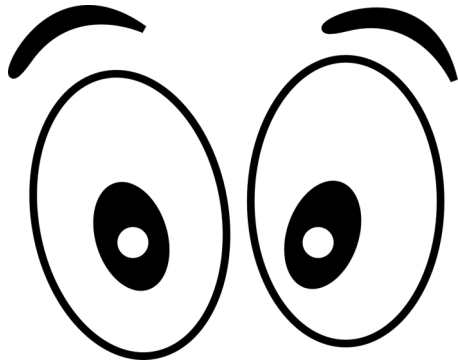
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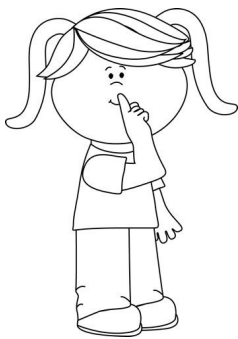
Elmo Knows How to Listen



Ears are hearing what you
have to say.



Eyes are watching what you do
today.



Mouth is closed and quiet too.



Body is calm and facing you.

How Not to Interrupt

1) Bite down hard, like a
alligator.



2) Take a deep
breath.

3) Push your words
out through your
nose.



4) Wait until it's
your turn to
talk.



5) Take a deep
breath.



6) Breathe the
words back into
your mouth.

7) Share
what you
have to say.



Show listening with your eyes.

Good Job

Show listening with your eyes.

Bad Job

Show listening with your ears.

Good Job

Show listening with your ears.

Bad Job

Show listening with your mouth.

Good Job

Show listening with your mouth.

Bad Job

Show listening with your body.

Good Job

Show listening with your body.

Bad Job

Show asking questions to show you are really listening.

Good Job

Show asking questions to show you are really listening.

Bad Job

Show not interrupting.

Good Job

Show interrupting.

Bad Job

Listening: I can listen with my ears, eyes,
mouth, and body.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line. There are five sets of these lines on the page.

*Listening: I can listen with my ears,
eyes, mouth, and body.*

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline, repeated multiple times.

Listening Quotes

“When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen.”

Ernest Hemingway

“Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply.”

Stephen R. Covey

“Most of the successful people I’ve known are the ones who do more listening than talking.”

Bernard M. Baruch

“ It takes a great man to be a good listener.”

Calvin Coolidge

“ The word ‘listen’ contains the same letters as the word ‘silent’.”

Alfred Brendel

“The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them.”

Ralph G. Nichols

“Sometimes it’s not the strength but gentleness that cracks the hardest shells.”

Richard Paul Evans

“You cannot truly listen to anyone and do anything else at the same time.”

M. Scott Peck

“One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say.”

Bryant H. McGill

“The first duty of love is to listen.”

Paul Tillich

Scriptures for Listening

James 1:19 - Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Proverbs 19:20 - Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

Proverbs 18:13 - He that answereth a matter before he heareth [it], it [is] folly and shame unto him.

Proverbs 2:2 - So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, [and] apply thine heart to understanding;

Proverbs 25:12 - [As] an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, [so is] a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.

Matthew 11:15 - He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Proverbs 19:27 - Cease, my son, to hear the instruction [that causeth] to err from the words of knowledge.

Proverbs 1:33 - But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Revelation 2:7 - He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

John 8:47 - He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear [them] not, because ye are not of God.

Exodus 20:19 - And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 - For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received [it] not [as] the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

Mark 9:7 - And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

Books for Listening

- *Crunch, The Shy Dinosaur*, By Cirocco Dunlap
- *Strega Nona*, By Tomie dePaola
- *Quiet Please, Owen McPhee*, By Trudy Ludwig
- *That Is NOT a Good Idea!*, By Mo Willems
- *Wordy Birdy*, By Tami Sauer
- *The Rabbit Listened*, By Cori Doerrfeld
- *Why Should I Listen*, By Claire Llewellyn
- *Listen Buddy*, By Helen Lester
- *The Worst Day of My Life Ever!* By, Julia Cook
- *Little Elephant's Listening Ears*, By Susan Hood
- *Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen*, By Howard Binkow
- *My Mouth is a Volcano*, By Julia Cook
- *The Fish With the Wish*, By Lynn Orloff
- *Liam Labradoodle Learns Whole Body Listening*, By Susanne Poulette
- *Who's Listening (Grade 1-3)*, By Beverly Armstrong
- *Lively Listening (Grades 4-6)*, By Beverly Armstrong
- *Wonderful Words: Poems About Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening*, By Lee Bennett Hopkins

Listen to Me

By Author Unknown

Listen to me, please, I need to talk to you;
Give me only a few minutes;
Accept what I experience, what I feel,
Without reserve, without judgement.

Listen to me please, I need to talk;
Do not bombard me with questions, advice, and opinions;
Do not feel obliged to settle my difficulties,
Could it be that you lack confidence in my competence?

Listen to me, please, I need to talk;
Do not try to entertain or amuse me,
It would make me think you fail to understand the importance
Of what I am going through

Listen to me, please, I need to talk;
Do not feel it your duty to approve,
If I need to tell your story
It is simply to be set free.

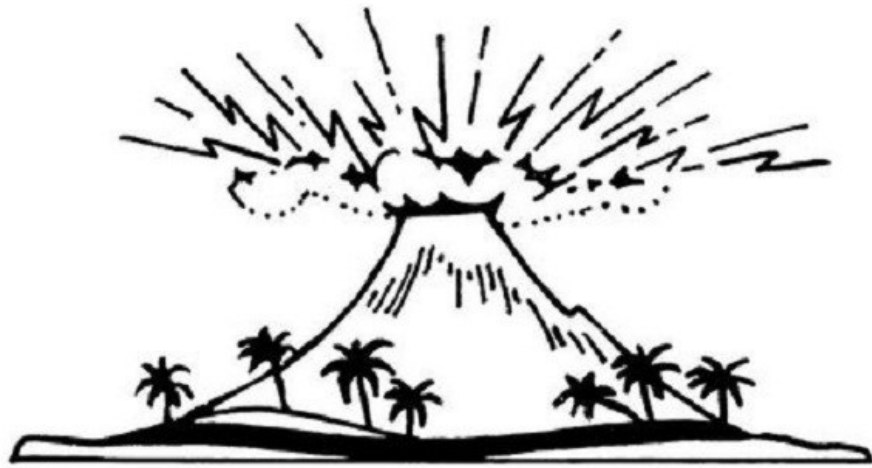
Listen to me, I need to talk;
Do not interpret and try not to analyze:
I would feel misunderstood and manipulated,
And could no longer tell you anything.

Listen to me, please, I need to talk:
Do not interrupt me to question me;
Do not attempt to force me to reveal what is hidden,
I know how far I can and will go.

Listen to me, please, I need to talk;
Respect the silence which helps me to make progress;
Be very careful not to break them;
It is very often through them that things are clarified

So now that you have let me have my say,
I beg you, now you may speak
Attentive and at your disposal,

My Mouth is a Volcano



If I feel like I'm going

to interrupt, I will

Ideas to Improve Listening Skills

- ⇒ Ask your child to repeat what you have said, for example, after giving an instruction.
- ⇒ Practice following instructions in the form of a game.
- ⇒ Read stories – let your child predict the ending, retell the best part (make the story interactive).
- ⇒ Audio stories – listen to the stories together with your child or as a family.
- ⇒ Add-on stories – this can be done in a group where each person adds onto the story every 4 or 5 sentences.
- ⇒ Identify sounds – play or make sounds while your child's eyes are closed and they must try to identify them.
- ⇒ Play follow the leader – play games, for example, like Simon Says.
- ⇒ Copycat – play games like telephone, clapping a patter or repeating silly made-up rhymes.

Hymn Study Routine

Complete the following hymn study routine for
“Be Still My Soul”

(This hymn is public domain. Simply Google the title for music and words. A link to a pdf copy is on the blog under Habits of Learning, links for listening)

1. Copy the words to the hymn in your best handwriting. Write each verse on its own stanza.
2. Google the hymn title and read about the history of the hymn. Write/narrate a short summary of the history.
3. Sing all the verses of the hymn.
4. If you play an instrument, learn to play the hymn.
5. Talk about what this hymn teaches you about listening.