



## **STUDY SKILLS FOR LISTENING**

Get more practice in global listening for gist:

1. Listen to CDs, to the radio (BBC R3, 4, World Service, local radio). Listen for gist – don't try to understand every word. Try the following websites
2. Listen to people talking on the bus, train, in the street, in the pubs, cafes, etc... try and hear the different accents people have.
3. Listen carefully to your teacher's pronunciation – it will be a 'native speaker's' pronunciation so try to copy it as well as you can.
4. Practise intensive listening for details from short texts.
5. Listen to the news and special reports as often as possible on the radio/internet.
6. Watch DVDs with English subtitles and listen to the lyrics (words) in songs.
7. Use online Listening practice resources, listen and repeat aloud (if possible), and if you can, record your voice! – don't be shy! – this is a useful method to help you improve your pronunciation.

## **Useful Websites for Listening Practice**

Simple English News [www.esl.about.com/](http://www.esl.about.com/)

Easy English Times <http://www.easyenglishtimes.com/>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/>

Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab

<http://www.esl-lab.com/>

British Council Learn English – including Cambridge exams practice resources  
<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/>

English Media Lab <http://www.englishmedialab.com/listening.html>

This is also very good for Business English practice!

Agenda Web

<http://www.agendaweb.org/>

Various: Vocab, Grammar, Songs, Videos, Reading and Listening exercises