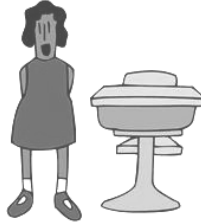


Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing

Cross-Curricular Focus: Thinking Skills



Did you know that to really get good at using the English language you have to practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing? Even if English is the only language you speak, you are still learning to speak it and use it well every day. Most students know that they have to practice reading and writing. Those are both taught in school, and your teacher tells you when you need to do them.

You might think you are really good at talking, but the truth is, you need to practice how to say things in a way that helps people understand what you mean. Think about what you will say before you speak out loud in class, and when you share in front of the class, make sure you use a nice, loud, voice so that everyone can hear you.

Some people are better at listening than others, but everyone can use some practice. When someone is speaking, give the person your full attention. Turn and look at him/her. Focus on what the speaker is saying, and not on what you plan to say next.

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Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don't forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

1) What four things do you need to practice to get really good at using English? _____

2) Which of those things do you practice the most at school?

3) What is one thing you can do to practice speaking? _____

4) What is one thing you can do to practice listening? _____

5) Which do you need to practice more, listening, or speaking? _____
