

Free Online Listening Practice

Are you having problems understanding native English speakers in everyday conversation? If so, here are a number of listening Web Sites that you can use to improve your language skills:



- ▶ *Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab* (www.esl-lab.com)
 - Try over 300 language activities in several different levels with both adult and children's voices. This site will help you improve your listening, speaking, writing, reading, and thinking skills through pre-listening exercises, discussion questions, online investigation tasks, and vocabulary practice.
- ▶ *Daily ESL* (www.dailyesl.com)
 - Read, listen, and discuss everyday situations where people often encounter English.
- ▶ *EZ Slang* (www.ezslang.com)
 - Listen to conversational English topics, study idiomatic expressions and slang, and improve your writing and discussion skills.
- ▶ *Randall's ESL Blog* (esl-lab.blogspot.com)
 - Listen and read topics on language and culture and share your ideas with a worldwide community.
- ▶ *Tips for Students* (www.tips4students.com)
 - Read and listen to topics on helping students prepare for study abroad.
- ▶ *Train Your Accent* (www.trainyouraccent.com)
 - Reduce your accent and sound more fluent by listening to natural English.
- ▶ *EnglishVoices* (www.englishvoices.org)
 - Listening to voices around the world on language and cultural topics, and then record your own voice to share with others.

Web Site Features

- ◆ Activities designed to teach you how to listen and speak better, not just test your listening.
- ◆ Media files prepared in Flash, Windows Media, and RealMedia formats for all Internet connections.
- ◆ Speed control settings in Windows Media Player can be used to slow down the audio for improved listening.

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