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LEARNING STRATEGIES

Listening Techniques



- ☺ *Use language labs or practice tapes.*

If your book has a recorded lab or practice guide, use it regularly.



- ☺ *Study with a friend and read passages to one another.*

Group work can speed up your listening practice considerably.

Read to one another or ask each other question.

- ☺ *Practice the kinds of listening that you will do in class or on a test.*

Use your notes or old tests to develop a list of questions like the ones your teacher has used before. With a partner, take turns asking random question from your list and answering them orally or (for test preparation) in writing.



Adapted from <http://www.duke.edu/web/skills>

Usana

Culture Corner

Culture Shock

Good manners are always good manners. That is what Miranda Ingram, who is English, thought, until she married Alexander, who is Russian.



When she first met Alexander and he said to her, in Russian, "*Nalei mnye chai* - pour me some tea."

She got angry and answered, "*Pour it yourself*". Translated into English, without a "*Could you...?*" and a "*please*", it sounded really rude to her. But in Russian it was fine – you don't have to add any polite words.

However, when she took Alexander home to meet my parents in the UK, she had to give him an intensive course in *pleases* and *thank yous* (which he thought were completely unnecessary), and to teach him to say *sorry* even if someone else stepped on his toe, and to smile, smile, smile.



Another thing that Alexander just couldn't understand was why people said thing like, "Would you mind passing me the salt, please?" He said, "It's only the salt, for goodness sake! What do you say in English if you want a real favour? He also watched in amazement when, at a dinner party in English, they swallowed

some really disgusting good and she said, "Mmmmm..... delicious". In Russia, people are much more direct. The first time Alexander's mother came to their house for dinner in Moscow, she told us that our soup needed more flavouring. Afterwards when they argued about it her husband said, "Do you prefer your dinner guests to lie?"



Alexander complained that in English he felt "like the village idiot" because in Russia if you smile all the time people think you are mad. In fact, this is exactly what her husband's friends thought of her the first time she went to Russia because she smiled at everyone and translated every "please" and "thank you" from English into Russian!

At home they now have an agreement. If they are speaking Russian, he can say "Pour me some tea", and just make a noise like a grunt when she give it to him. But when they are speaking English, he has to add a "please", a "thank you", and a smile.



Oxenden, C. and Latham-Koenig, C. 1997. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Piyaporn

HERE'S THE ANSWER...

Some time, sometime, sometimes

Q: Can you explain how to use 'some time, sometime, and sometimes'?

It's so confusing!

A: **Some time** means a period of time



For example:-

"Give me **some time** to think about it."

Sometime indicates a time in the future or the past which is not known or not stated.

For example:-

"They hoped to meet up **sometime**."

"Let's have lunch **sometime**."

"Call me **sometime**."

Not to be confused with sometimes of course, which means on some occasions but not always or often.

For example:-

"I **sometimes** sleep late at night."

"We **sometimes** work overtime."

"**Sometimes** I feel lazy and just want to lie in bed all day."

<http://www.learnenglish.de/mistakes/CommonMistakes.htm>

http://kimintania83.multiply.com/journal/item/4/English_Corner_sometime_sometimes_some_time_and_some_times_-_how_to_use_them_correctly

English Varsity

These jokes are from all over the world and the answer to each joke is the same thing. Can you guess what it is?

Spain

What is a small, white chest that all know how to open and nobody knows how to close?

Jamica

What is more useful when it is broken?

Zambia

What is an entire little house without a door?

Peru

In a pot there are two kinds of food. What is it?

Malawi

I have built my house without any door. What is it?

Afghanistan

In a bowl of china fixed, two liquids with color unmixed. What is it?

Have you figured out the answer? If not, color all the boxes with odd numbers. Read the letters that are left and you will know the answer .

2 A	7 H	9 T	6 N	5 W	8 E	4 G	3 P	2 G
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