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## **LISTENING AS A METHOD OF LEARNING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

Learning a foreign language is becoming an increasingly important with Ukraine's integration into the world community. In this regard, increased requirements for the educational process and the development of new innovative teaching methods meet the requirements of the time. One of the important aspects of learning a foreign language is listening as a kind of verbal activity.

Today, we observe that the amount of information is increasing every day, which results in the need for quick and accurate perception of speech, understanding the information listened. Listening as the basis of communication includes the process of simultaneous perception and understanding of oral speech.

Studies show that listening is the most frequently used language skill by students. According to these studies, listening is basically how you obtain and learn new information. Whether you're in the classroom or not, listening takes up more daily communication time than other forms of verbal communication. Working on your listening abilities must be at the core of students' learning practice. Listening can be very difficult, especially with speakers who have a strong accent or who talk really fast.

When we speak of listening mechanisms it is necessary to bear in mind the difficulties of this process, among which there are auditive difficulties caused by linguistic characteristics of oral speech; the difficulty of perception of expressive and stylistically colored speech generated by, for example, idioms; the the difficulty of understanding the semantic aspect of information due to the understanding of the objective content of the information; communication difficulties associated with communication conditions due to the presentation of one-shot information, etc. In connection with this, the teacher should bear in mind all the above mentioned problems which complicate the work of psycho-physiological mechanisms of listening.

As the result of our research we defined some tips to help effectively learn English by listening. They are as follows: using diverse english listening materials; focusing actively on listening, not on reply, translation or particular grammar structures; predicting content, creating mind maps; focusing on the main idea; focusing on details later, paying attention to specific information; repeating and practicing constantly. Living in the digital age has many advantages, but it's especially great when it comes to language learning. Today, students can improve English quickly and easily with the help of phone, tablet or computer. Here is the list of the suggestions that can help to learn English by listening. They are as follows: watching TV Shows, YouTube channels; listening to the radio, audiobooks, podcasts, university lectures, songs.

To sum up, we believe that listening is a special way of learning foreign languages, through which learners perceive and better understand speech. This is one of the most important methods of learning languages taking into consideration the fact that listening skills are at the core of developing such skills as speaking, writing and reading.