

Reading Knowledge and Skills to Develop

1. **Prediction** – What could the passage be about?
2. **Background knowledge** – What do I already know about this topic?
3. **Activate topic vocabulary** – Which words/phrases do I already know in this subject?
4. **Sounding out** – What would the words sound like in English (or another language)?
5. **Cognates** – Listen for words that sound like English words!
6. **Resemblance** – Listen for words that sound like other words that I know.
7. **Intonation** – Use intonation (the rising and falling tones of English) to assess the information focus!
8. **Grammar** – Use grammar to assess the importance of individual words!
9. **Extraction** – Listen for the gist of the passage, not every single word.

10. **Extra linguistic clues** – Use background noise, music, and more to help you understand!
11. **Visual clues** – Use visuals to help you understand (location, gestures, ...)?
12. **Genre** – What kind of listening passage is it (news report, interview, comedy, documentary, ...)?
13. **Tone** – What is the tone of the passage (neutral, persuasive, satirical, argumentative, ...)?
14. **Audience** – Who is the intended audience (children, adults, teenagers, scientists, sports fans, shoppers, ...)?
15. **Context** – Use the context to help you understand individual words!
16. **Inference** – I have heard the word '*in*' several times, it could mean '...!'
17. **Logic** – Why can't it mean 'x'?
18. **From meaning to form** – Use listening to practice / extend your vocabulary and grammar knowledge!