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#010. 7 TECHNIQUES THAT MAKE LISTENING FUN

Hi, Everyone!

I'm Georgiana, founder of SpeakEnglishPodcast.com. My mission is to help YOU speak English fluently.

In this episode:

- I'm going to give you seven ideas you can use when you perform repeated listening.
- After that, I'm going to read a Point Of View story. It's an excellent technique for improving your grammar.

Ok, let's get started with this new episode!

As you may know, I always encourage students to listen on a daily basis. Listening is the best way to deeply learn the different sounds, words, and expressions you find in English. It's how we learn our mother tongue.

Also, it's vital to understand that listening to an audio several times helps you consolidate what you learn.

However, many students complain that they get bored. It's normal. Our brain likes new and fresh content. In other words, we like the novelty.

Here are some tricks, which will help you to keep your interest while you repeat the same audio material.

1. **Try to guess what the speaker will say next:** At first, it may seem difficult, but since you repeat the audio many times, it's a stimulating game to play.

2. **Focus on the pronunciation** of each word, especially the words you find more difficult to pronounce. Try to notice the subtleties of each sound.
3. **Concentrate on the intonation of each sentence.** As opposed to the pronunciation of individual words, here you need to pay attention to the “musicality” of the sentence. The rhythm and the “music” of the phrase.
4. **If you are listening to a questions & answer lesson,** a technique I use in my courses, try to answer faster. You can also try to give a longer answer.
5. **While you listen to the audio, imitate the narrator.** Listen to the material and try your best to talk at the same time as the narrator.
It may be hard, but it’s fun! This technique is called “shadowing” and requires a lot of concentration. It’s better if you pick an easy material.
6. **Try to move while listening.** You can walk, run, wash the dishes, etc. Doing a different activity while listening to the same audio adds some variety.
7. **Listen with a friend.** It’s always more entertaining to share a task and to discuss the main topic with a friend. You will definitely lose track of time.

As you can see, repeating the same audio material doesn't need to be a tedious task. Using some of these powerful methods will help you to learn English patterns thoroughly.

POINT OF VIEW (improve your grammar)

Ok, let's move on to the next section.

Here, I'll use the Point of View Technique. The main benefit of this technique is that it'll help you to learn grammar intuitively, without boring exercises or memorizing rules.

This is how it works: I will tell you a short story more than one time. Every time, I will change a grammar point. For example, I can change the tense or the person. This way, you will intuitively recognize the changes.

Ok, let's start:

Max was a very enthusiastic and successful English student. He repeated every audio one hundred times! Sometimes he got bored, so he tried to guess what was next in the audio. He was good at that.

Since he truly wanted to improve his pronunciation, he paid close attention to how the words were pronounced and of course, the intonation of every sentence. He was full of tricks!

He really enjoyed the questions & answer lessons, and he tried to provide long answers once he noticed short answers became too easy.

He also used another fascinating method called the "shadowing technique". He tried to imitate the narrator repeating the exact words at the same time, paying special attention to the pronunciation. This process was fun but also demanding.

Every time Max had the opportunity, he listened to his favorite English audio lessons. He always carried around his mp3 player and walked for hours. Doing some exercise and learning English was an excellent combination!

Ok, now let's change the Point Of View. Let's add one more person!

Max and Lisa were very enthusiastic and successful English students. They repeated every audio one hundred times! Sometimes they got bored, so they tried to guess what was next in the audio. They were good at that.

Since they truly wanted to improve their pronunciation, they paid close attention to how the words were pronounced and of course, the intonation of every sentence. They were full of tricks!

They really enjoyed the questions & answer lessons, and they tried to provide long sentences once they noticed short answers became too easy.

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Ok, this is the end of this short lesson. As you can see, just by changing a point of view of the story you can learn grammar intuitively.

Today, we have practiced the singular and plural in the past. You've noticed how naturally the words '**was**' and '**were**' changed. You are learning grammar here!

This is one of the techniques that I use in my courses. I recommend you to take a look at:

Courses.SpeakEnglishPodcast.com

Ok, this is the end of this episode. Remember to listen to it several times. It will help you develop a better and more consolidated English.

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