



Listening While Listening

How do you listen to a radio while also listening to conversations or request on set?



TASK

For this task you will need:

- A pen and paper
- Headphone/earphones
- Students will need access to a laptop or their phone
- A YouTube video or podcast
- A different YouTube video to play to the whole class

Students should put in one earphone or have headphones on one ear. Through their headphones, they should listen to a podcast or YouTube video played on a laptop or through their phone.



At the same time as listening to the podcast/video on their device, they should also watch and listen to a video being played to the whole class.

Ask students to write down three key points from the video, as well as three key points from their podcast/video.



REFLECT

How did students find the experience of listening to information from two sources at once?

To highlight the importance of listening further, you can repeat the exercise with interruptions, such as some students talking, a ringing mobile phone, or music playing.

Students should identify:

- The importance of removing distractions
- The importance of professional behaviour on set to ensure nothing is missed
- The importance of using the correct communication, such as the correct radio lingo, so key phrases are heard by everyone on the radio
- The importance of confirming important information via the radio to ensure what they heard is correct

NOT LISTENING

It's also worth highlighting what happens if crew aren't listening and information is missed. This can lead to a delay in filming, which would go on to cost money if the filming doesn't keep to schedule.

A missing prop, a delay getting to set, the wrong actor on set, a delay to catering etc. All of these small mistakes can be caused by not communicating correctly or not listening, and they can be very costly.

As well as this, not listening on set could mean you are not asked back in the future.



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