

Unit-II

Listening

Listening is an important language skill. Understanding and analyzing the speaker's message is called listening which can enrich clarity and prevent misunderstandings. Listening to audio podcasts, audio books and radio program can enhance the listening skill.

Listening to Audio Podcast

Audio podcast is an episodic series of digital audio files that users can download to a personal device to listen to at a time of their choosing. The cost to listen audio podcast is low and most of the podcast are free to download. Many podcast series provide an associated websites with links and show notes. BBC Six Minutes Audio Podcast and Voice of America Learning English are the two familiar Audio Podcast websites.

Listening to Audio books

An audio book or a talking book is a recording of a book which is being read out loud. Some of the free audio books websites are Audible, LibriVox, Audiobooks and All you can book.

Listening to Radio Program

Listening to English language radio is the best way for intermediate advanced listening practice. BBC World Service Radio and Radio.net are familiar websites through which one can listen to direct radio stations.