

## UNIT 4

### 1.1 LISTENING

#### Listening to documentaries and making notes

Watching documentaries is a good way to enhance communication skill as well as general knowledge.

#### TAKING NOTES VS. LISTENING: WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT?

- Lecture slides are usually an outline of the lecture content.
- They guide your listening and help you identify the key topics and concepts.
- Take note of what appears on them, but don't confine your note-taking to simply copying it.
- The information is usually very limited compared to what the lecturer says, so it's more effective to listen to the lecture and take notes from that.

#### HOW TO TAKE NOTES?



#### What are documentaries?

- A film or television or radio program that provides a factual report on a particular subject.
- Documentaries deal exclusively with facts and real-life events.
- The main purpose of a documentary is to inform and educate.

**Example :**

- ✓ Animal Planet.
- ✓ Discovery Channel.
- ✓ DOC: The Documentary Channel.
- ✓ Docu TVE.
- ✓ Documentary (TV channel)
- ✓ History.
- ✓ National Geographic.

**How Documentaries are good for improving English?**

- ❖ Cartoons are an excellent way of improving anyone's English.
- ❖ Cartoon characters speak rapidly
- ❖ you have to listen closely to get what's being said
- ❖ but at the same time there's a visual reinforcement
- ❖ that scene helps you to understand what the characters are saying.
- ❖ Cartoon characters speak to each other - and that's the first use of a language - speaking to others.

**FREE DOCUMENTARY WEB SITES**

- Vimeo Documentary
- Freedoumentaries.org
- Top Documentary Films
- Documentaries Heaven
- Documentary Tube

**Practice listening**

- Overhear an English conversation. ...
- Listen to the same English podcast every day for a week. .
- Read and listen at the same time. ...(subtitles)
- Listen as you sleep. ...
- Prepare your conversations before they happen.