

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.