

Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing

Cross-Curricular Focus: Thinking Skills



You may think you are really good at using the English language. This may be so, but you still need to practice. To use any language well, you have to practice listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Most students read and write in class. Those are both taught in school, so you practice reading and writing often.

You might think you speak well. You may. Still, you may not always say things in a way that helps people understand what you mean. Think about what you will say before you speak out loud in class. When you talk in front of the class, use a nice, loud voice so that everyone in the class can hear you.

Some people are better at listening than others. Everyone can use some practice. When someone is speaking, give the person your full attention. Turn and look at the speaker. Focus on what the speaker is saying instead of what you plan to say next.

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Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don't forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

1) What four things do you need to practice to use English well? _____

2) Which of those things do you practice the most at school? _____

3) What is one thing you can do to practice speaking? _____

4) What is one thing you can do to practice listening? _____

5) Which do you need to practice more, listening, or speaking? _____
