



Listening – Benchmark 5

III. Getting Things Done

- Understand the gist and some details in moderately complex communication intended to influence or persuade (such as simple advice, opinion or suggestions) in everyday personally relevant situations.
 - Identifies main intent, main idea, factual details, words and expressions.
 - Identifies some implied meanings.
 - Identifies cohesive devices and discourse indicators for sequence, comparison and contrast.
 - Identifies basic signals in speech for collaboration, turn-taking and interrupting.
 - Recognizes and interprets advice, opinions and suggestions.
 - Demonstrates strengths and limitations typical of Listening Benchmark 5, as listed in the Profile of Ability.

Sample Tasks

Listen to a public announcement in a mall or department store about a special offer to decide whether or not to take the offer.

Listen to a short demonstration about the features of a product (such as a home appliance) to decide whether it is worth purchasing.

Listen to TV commercials about two different cell phone companies and compare their services to determine the best offer.

Listen to a phone message from a co-worker asking about switching a shift to make a decision before returning the call.

IV. Comprehending Information

- Understand information about familiar or relevant topics.
- Understand descriptive or narrative monologues or presentations related to everyday, personally relevant topics or situations.

[Presentations are informal, with the use of visuals and up to about 5 minutes in length.]

 - Gets the gist.
 - Identifies key words and phrases.
 - Identifies factual details and some implied meanings.
 - Identifies opinions.
 - Interprets descriptions, reports and explanations.
 - Demonstrates strengths and limitations typical of Listening Benchmark 5, as listed in the Profile of Ability.

Sample Tasks

Listen to a public service announcement (such as one about the benefits of getting a particular vaccination) to decide whether to follow the recommendations.

Listen to a short news report about an upcoming community event to decide whether to attend.

Listen to a short explanation from a bank teller about different accounts to determine the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Listen to a weather report to inform members of a work crew about a delay due to weather.