

Intensive Listening Training

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How to Use This Book

Intensive Listening Training is a three-book series designed to develop the aural comprehension skills of English language learners at the high-beginning to intermediate level. Units within the series focus on typical speech routines thematically categorized into situational topics. Listening tasks in each unit range from testing discrete listening items to checking general comprehension of short dialogs and talks to completing dictation pages. Each level in the *Intensive Listening Training* series includes more than 180 minutes of audio input for learners to use for practice as they hone their English aural skills.

Unit 1 Family

KEY WORDS
Listen for these words and phrases.

parent	brother	sister	grandparent	apart
years old	daughter	son	close to	children

KEY EXPRESSIONS
Listen and match each question with its correct answer.

- How old is your sister? (A) No, it isn't.
- Do you live with your grandmother? (B) I don't have any brothers.
- Are you the youngest in your family? (C) Yes, we do.
- How many brothers do you have? (D) She is 10 years old.
- Is your school close to your home? (E) Yes, I am.

WARM-UP
Listen and check who the speaker wants to talk to.

- (A) Tina (B) Tom
- (A) Jackie (B) Jack
- (A) Grandparents (B) Parents
- (A) Mr. Leese (B) Mr. Reese
- (A) Sister (B) Brother

LISTEN FOR IT
Listen and check who the speaker is talking about.

- (A) Her mother (B) Her father
- (A) His sister (B) His brother
- (A) Her mother (B) Her grandmother
- (A) His son (B) His daughter
- (A) His children (B) His parents

TRUE OR FALSE
Listen and write T for true or F for false.

- ____ (A) Susan is 13 years old.
____ (B) Susan has five sisters.
- ____ (A) Tommy has a big family.
____ (B) Tommy wants a new bicycle.
- ____ (A) Harry and Jane have three children.
____ (B) Becky has two brothers.

WARM-UP, LISTEN FOR IT, & TRUE OR FALSE

These three activities provide listening practice, progressing from discreet listening at the sentence level in **WARM-UP** and **LISTEN FOR IT** to general comprehension in the short talks in **TRUE OR FALSE**.

KEY WORDS & KEY EXPRESSIONS

The first page in each themed unit introduces useful vocabulary and expressions which the students will hear in the various activities throughout the unit. In **KEY EXPRESSIONS**, students match a question with the best response.

For additional practice, have students check their answers in pairs by role-playing the question-answer dialogs before listening for the answers.

LISTENING PRACTICE

Listen and choose the correct answer.

- Who is the woman speaking to?
 - (A) Her father
 - (B) Her husband
 - (C) Her son
 - (D) Andrew
- How old is Andrew?
 - (A) One month old
 - (B) Eight months old
 - (C) One year old
 - (D) Nine years old
- Why is the man surprised?
 - (A) It's the woman's birthday on Friday.
 - (B) The woman bought him a birthday present.
 - (C) The woman didn't invite him to a party in March.
 - (D) The woman and her sister have birthdays in the same month.
- How old is the woman's sister?
 - (A) The same age as the man
 - (B) The same age as the woman
 - (C) One year younger than the woman
 - (D) Eight days younger than the woman
- Who is Bill?
 - (A) Sharon's brother
 - (B) Ken's son
 - (C) Tam's brother
 - (D) Tim and Ken's father
- How many children are there in Bill's family?
 - (A) 0
 - (B) 1
 - (C) 2
 - (D) 3

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DICTATION 1

A Listen and fill in the blanks.

- She's very _____. She _____ and always _____ me with my _____.
- I don't have any _____ so I'm very _____ my _____. She's _____ than me, but our _____ me _____ each other.
- She's a _____ person. She and my _____ have been married for over _____.
- My _____ and I have only _____ Kelly is _____ and hardworking. He'll make a _____ someday.
- They are the _____ important _____ in my life. My _____ and I love being _____. We can't wait to be _____ someday.

B Listen and fill in the blanks.

M _____ morning. _____
 W Good _____ Paul.
 M Mom, _____ old is _____?
 W Andrew is now _____ months _____
 M Do you _____ another _____?
 W No! Do you _____ or sister?
 M _____ really.

C Listen and fill in the blanks.

Hello, _____ to meet _____ all. I am Bill Reed. _____ this is my _____ Sharon. _____ have two _____. Our _____ Tim, is _____ and _____ baby. Ken, is just six _____. We _____ have a _____ soon.

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LISTENING PRACTICE

In **LISTENING PRACTICE**, students will answer comprehension questions about a variety of dialogs and short talks.

For additional practice, students can read the transcripts and highlight the key words and expressions from the first page of the unit.

DICTATION 1

In **DICTATION 1**, students revisit some of the dialogs and talks from the previous sections and practice listening for discrete items. Students will listen for individual words and check their ability to recognize sounds and spell them correctly.

Students can compare their answers with a partner, then check the answers as a class. Students working alone should check the transcripts at the back of the book.

LISTENING TEST

The dialogs and talks in **LISTENING TEST** build on the language introduced in the previous activities.

For additional practice, have students work in pairs to create their own dialogs based on the transcripts.

DICTATION 2

As in **DICTATION 1**, students will listen for individual words and check their ability to recognize sounds and spell them correctly.

For additional practice, students can work in pairs and read the transcript together. This will allow students to practice their reading and pronunciation skills in addition to listening and writing.

LISTENING TEST

Listen and choose the correct answer.

- Who does Laura meet?
 - (A) Steve
 - (B) Ryan
 - (C) Beth
 - (D) Her sister
- How does Steve know Beth?
 - (A) He is her brother.
 - (B) They are best friends.
 - (C) They go to the same school.
 - (D) He is her boyfriend.
- How old is Randy?
 - (A) 6
 - (B) 15
 - (C) 16
 - (D) 60
- Where do Randy's grandparents live?
 - (A) With Randy
 - (B) In a different town
 - (C) With their parents
 - (D) In Glendale
- Who is Benny speaking to?
 - (A) His sister
 - (B) His father
 - (C) His best friend
 - (D) It doesn't say.
- How many brothers does Benny have?
 - (A) 0
 - (B) 1
 - (C) 2
 - (D) 4

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DICTATION 2

A Listen and fill in the blanks.

W _____ I'm Steve. Are _____ Laura?
 W Yes. My _____ Laura Ryan.
 M _____ to meet _____, Laura.
 W _____ meet you, _____
 M _____ Beth Ryan's _____?
 W Yes. Do _____?
 M _____ We go to the _____ school.

B Listen and fill in the blanks.

_____ everybody. Let me _____ myself. My name's _____, I'm 16 _____. There _____ in my family—my _____ parents, one _____, two _____ and me. We live _____ Glendale. My _____ live in a _____ next to the _____, where _____.

C Listen and fill in the blanks.

W How _____ are in your _____, Benny?
 M _____ are my _____ and my _____.
 W Wow! Don't _____ have any _____?
 M I'm _____ not. I'm the only _____.
 W Are you very _____ any of _____?
 M I guess I'm _____ to my _____.

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Family



KEY WORDS TRACK 002

Listen for these words and phrases.

parent

brother

sister

grandparent

apart

years old

daughter

son

close to

children



KEY EXPRESSIONS TRACK 003

Listen and match each question with its correct answer.

- | | | |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. How old is your sister? | • | • (A) No, it isn't. |
| 2. Do you live with your grandmother? | • | • (B) I don't have any brothers. |
| 3. Are you the youngest in your family? | • | • (C) Yes, we do. |
| 4. How many brothers do you have? | • | • (D) She is 10 years old. |
| 5. Is your school close to your home? | • | • (E) Yes, I am. |

**WARM-UP** TRACK 004

Listen and check who the speaker wants to talk to.

1. (A) Tina (B) Tom
2. (A) Jackie (B) Jack
3. (A) Grandparents (B) Parents
4. (A) Mr. Leese (B) Mr. Reese
5. (A) Sister (B) Brother

**LISTEN FOR IT** TRACK 005

Listen and check who the speaker is talking about.

1. (A) Her mother (B) Her father
2. (A) His sister (B) His brother
3. (A) Her mother (B) Her grandmother
4. (A) His son (B) His daughter
5. (A) His children (B) His parents

**TRUE OR FALSE** TRACK 006

Listen and write T for true or F for false.

1. _____ (A) Susan is 13 years old.
_____ (B) Susan has five sisters.
2. _____ (A) Tommy has a big family.
_____ (B) Tommy wants a new bicycle.
3. _____ (A) Harry and Jane have three children.
_____ (B) Becky has two brothers.





LISTENING PRACTICE TRACK 007

Listen and choose the correct answer.

- Who is the woman speaking to?
(A) Her father
(B) Her husband
(C) Her son
(D) Andrew
- How old is Andrew?
(A) One month old
(B) Eight months old
(C) One year old
(D) Nine years old
- Why is the man surprised?
(A) It's the woman's birthday on Friday.
(B) The woman bought him a birthday present.
(C) The woman didn't invite him to a party in March.
(D) The woman and her sister have birthdays in the same month.
- How old is the woman's sister?
(A) The same age as the man
(B) The same age as the woman
(C) One year younger than the woman
(D) Eight days younger than the woman
- Who is Bill?
(A) Sharon's brother
(B) Ken's son
(C) Tim's brother
(D) Tim and Ken's father
- How many children are there in Bill's family?
(A) 0
(B) 1
(C) 2
(D) 3





DICTATION 1



A Listen and fill in the blanks.

1. She's very _____. She _____ and always _____ me with my _____.
2. I don't have any _____, so I'm very _____ my _____. She's _____ than me, but our _____ are _____ each other.
3. She's a _____ person. She and my _____ have been married for over _____.
4. My _____ and I have only _____. Kelly is _____ and hardworking. He'll make a _____ someday.
5. They are the _____ important _____ in my life. My _____ and I love being _____. We can't wait to be _____ someday.

B Listen and fill in the blanks.

- M _____ morning, _____.
- W Good _____, Paul.
- M Mom, _____ old is _____?
- W Andrew is now _____ months _____.
- M Do you _____ another _____?
- W No! Do you _____ or sister?
- M _____ really.



C Listen and fill in the blanks.

Hello. _____ to meet _____ all. I am Bill Reed, _____ this is my _____, Sharon. _____ have two _____. Our _____, Tim, is _____, and _____ baby, Ken, is just six _____. We _____ to have a _____ soon.



LISTENING TEST TRACK 009

Listen and choose the correct answer.

- Who does Laura meet?
(A) Steve
(B) Ryan
(C) Beth
(D) Her sister
- How does Steve know Beth?
(A) He is her brother.
(B) They are best friends.
(C) They go to the same school.
(D) He is her boyfriend.
- How old is Randy?
(A) 6
(B) 15
(C) 16
(D) 60
- Where do Randy's grandparents live?
(A) With Randy
(B) In a different town
(C) With their parents
(D) In Glendale
- Who is Benny speaking to?
(A) His sister
(B) His father
(C) His best friend
(D) It doesn't say.
- How many brothers does Benny have?
(A) 0
(B) 1
(C) 2
(D) 4





DICTATION 2



A Listen and fill in the blanks.

M _____ . I'm Steve. Are _____ Laura?

W Yes. My _____ Laura Ryan.

M _____ to meet _____ , Laura.

W _____ meet you, _____ .

M _____ Beth Ryan's _____ ?

W Yes. Do _____ ?

M _____ . We go to the _____ school.



B Listen and fill in the blanks.

_____, everybody. Let me _____ myself. My name's _____, and I'm
16 _____. There are _____ in my _____—my _____ parents,
one _____, two _____, and me. We _____ Glendale. My
_____ live in a _____ next to the _____ where _____.

C Listen and fill in the blanks.

W How _____ are there in your _____, Benny?

M _____ are my _____ and my _____.

W Wow! Don't _____ have any _____?

M I'm _____ not. I'm the only _____.

W Are you very _____ any of _____?

M I guess I'm _____ to my _____.

Transcripts



Unit 1 Family

KEY WORDS Track 002

Listen for these words and phrases.

parent	brother
sister	grandparent
apart	years old
daughter	son
close to	children

KEY EXPRESSIONS Track 003

Listen and match each question with its correct answer.

1. How old is your sister?
2. Do you live with your grandmother?
3. Are you the youngest in your family?
4. How many brothers do you have?
5. Is your school close to your home?

WARM-UP Track 004

Listen and check who the speaker wants to talk to.

1. This is Tina's mom. Is she there?
2. Hello. Is Jack home?
3. May I speak to your parents, please?
4. Can I please talk to Mr. Reese?
5. Hello. I'm calling for your sister, Violet. Is she there?

LISTEN FOR IT Track 005

Listen and check who the speaker is talking about.

1. She's very special. She works at home and always helps me with my homework.
2. I don't have any brothers, so I'm very close to my sister. She's older than me, but our rooms are next to each other.
3. She's a wonderful person. She and my grandfather have been married for over 40 years.
4. My wife and I have only one child. Kelly is smart and hardworking. He'll make a good husband someday.
5. They are the two most important people in my life. My wife and I love being parents. We can't wait to be grandparents someday.

TRUE OR FALSE Track 006

Listen and write T for true or F for false.

1. **W** Hi. My name's Susan. I'm 13 years old. There are five people in my family—my father, my

mother, my sister, my brother and me. My brother and I are close to each other in age. We are only one year apart.

2. **M** Hello. My name is Tommy. I have a large family. I have two sisters and three brothers. I'm 11 now. My birthday is next week, and I want a new bicycle.
3. **M** My name is Harry Wilson. My wife is Jane. We have three beautiful children—two sons and a daughter. Our daughter, Becky, is only a year old.

LISTENING PRACTICE Track 007

Listen and choose the correct answer.

Questions 1 and 2 refer to the following dialog.

- M** Good morning, Mom.
W Good morning, Paul.
M Mom, how old is Andrew?
W Andrew is now 8 months old.
M Do you want another baby?
W No! Do you want another brother or sister?
M Not really.

Questions 3 and 4 refer to the following dialog.

- W** I need to buy a gift for my sister. It's her birthday on Friday.
M Wasn't it your birthday last week? Her birthday is very close to yours.
W Yes. We both have birthdays in March.
M Is she older or younger than you?
W Younger. We are one year apart in age, and our birthdays are 8 days apart.

Questions 5 and 6 refer to the following talk.

- M** Hello. Nice to meet you all. I am Bill Reed, and this is my wife, Sharon. We have two children. Our oldest, Tim, is 5 years old, and our baby, Ken, is just six months. We hope to have a daughter soon.

DICTATION 1 Track 008

A. Listen and fill in the blanks.

1. She's very special. She works at home and always helps me with my homework.
2. I don't have any brothers, so I'm very close to my sister. She's older than me, but our rooms are next to each other.
3. She's a wonderful person. She and my grandfather have been married for over 40 years.
4. My wife and I have only one child. Kelly is smart



and hardworking. He'll make a good husband someday.

- 5. They are the two most important people in my life. My wife and I love being parents. We can't wait to be grandparents someday.

B. Listen and fill in the blanks.

- M** Good morning, Mom.
- W** Good morning, Paul.
- M** Mom, how old is Andrew?
- W** Andrew is now 8 months old.
- M** Do you want another baby?
- W** No! Do you want another brother or sister?
- M** Not really.

C. Listen and fill in the blanks.

Hello. Nice to meet you all. I am Bill Reed, and this is my wife, Sharon. We have two children. Our oldest, Tim, is 5 years old, and our baby, Ken, is just six months. We hope to have a daughter soon.

● LISTENING TEST **Track 009**

Listen and choose the correct answer.

Questions 1 and 2 refer to the following dialog.

- M** Hi. I'm Steve. Are you Laura?
- W** Yes. My name is Laura Ryan.
- M** Nice to meet you, Laura.
- W** Nice to meet you, too.
- M** Are you Beth Ryan's sister?
- W** Yes. Do you know her?
- M** Sure. We go to the same school.

Questions 3 and 4 refer to the following talk.

- M** Hello, everybody. Let me introduce myself. My name's Randy, and I'm 16 years old. There are six in my family—my two parents, one brother, two sisters, and me. We live in Glendale. My grandparents live in a small town next to the city where we live.

Questions 5 and 6 refer to the following dialog.

- W** How many people are there in your family, Benny?
- M** There are my parents and my four big sisters.
- W** Wow! Don't you have any brothers?
- M** I'm afraid not. I'm the only son.
- W** Are you very close to any of your sisters?
- M** I guess I'm closest to my oldest sister.

● DICTATION 2 **Track 010**

A. Listen and fill in the blanks.

- M** Hi. I'm Steve. Are you Laura?
- W** Yes. My name is Laura Ryan.
- M** Nice to meet you, Laura.
- W** Nice to meet you, too.
- M** Are you Beth Ryan's sister?
- W** Yes. Do you know her?
- M** Sure. We go to the same school.

B. Listen and fill in the blanks.

Hello, everybody. Let me introduce myself. My name's Randy, and I'm 16 years old. There are six in my family—my two parents, one brother, two sisters, and me. We live in Glendale. My grandparents live in a small town next to the city where we live.

C. Listen and fill in the blanks.

- W** How many people are there in your family, Benny?
- M** There are my parents and my four big sisters.
- W** Wow! Don't you have any brothers?
- M** I'm afraid not. I'm the only son.
- W** Are you very close to any of your sisters?
- M** I guess I'm closest to my oldest sister.

Unit 2 Our Home

● KEY WORDS **Track 011**

Listen for these words and phrases.

- rent
- apartment
- clean
- swimming pool
- living room
- utilities
- kitchen
- in the yard
- first/second floor
- hall

● KEY EXPRESSIONS **Track 012**

Listen and match each question with its correct answer.

1. Do you own your home or are you renting?
2. Do you have to pay the utilities?
3. Do you have a roommate?
4. How many rooms do you have?
5. What is your favorite room in your house?