

# **Reset for Listening**

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Use this routine spontaneously throughout the day when you find that students have become too relaxed about their learning habits and they need repeated reminders to use their listening skills. This reset routine serves to reactivate a neural network that you established when you originally taught the students this learning skill. You can also use this routine proactively, to activate the same neural network before you initiate a learning situation that will depend heavily on listening skills.

### Reset for Listening Routine



Try hard to use whole group listening when the teacher talks to the whole group, especially during whole-class instruction, because the teacher is talking to everyone at once.



Listen, think about, and get your brain to understand what the teacher is saying to the whole group (don't just rest your brain and let the teacher's words go past you).



Look at and pay careful attention to what the teacher is showing you when she is showing the whole group. This will help you to listen with your eyes and ears at the same time. Get your brain to understand and think about what the teacher is showing to the whole group, because she is showing it to you too (don't just rest your brain and let what the teacher is showing the class go past your eyes).



Try to make a connection or think of an idea while you are looking and listening and the teacher is talking to the whole group.



When the students are sharing their ideas and guesses and questions, the teacher is using "student thinking" to make some important teaching points and everybody should try to learn something from that. The teacher is still teaching and it's not the time to take a listening and a thinking break.

Try to think of your own question or comment or try to think of the answers to the questions that other students are asking.



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Raising Hand

Keep your mind on the topic and make sure your comments and questions are connected with the topic.

Hold onto your thoughts and ideas until the teacher calls on you



Stay quiet while listening, so that everyone can hear.



Turn your body to face the person talking and shift your eyes in that direction. Show an interest, show that you are thinking and paying attention.



Stay in your area and keep your body settled and quiet while you are listening. Leave objects and materials alone unless it is time to use them.

