# Listening (การฟัง)

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#### **Hearing Vs. Listening**

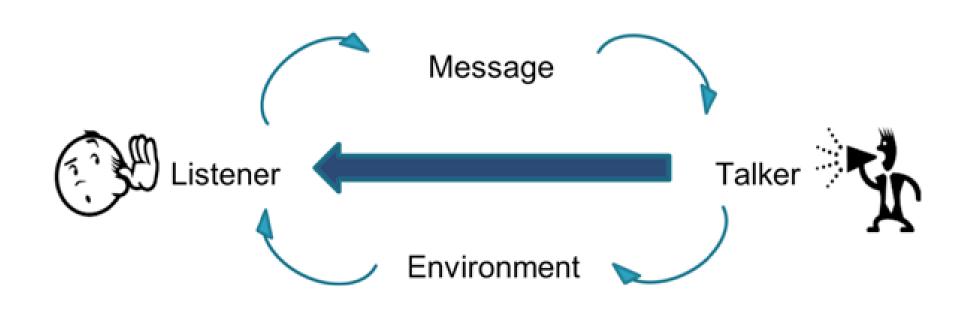
#### Hearing

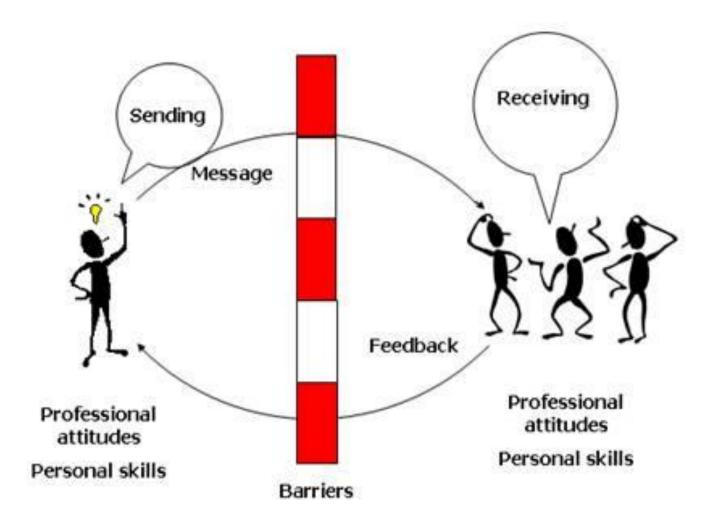
- Implies perceiving sounds
- Is a passive process
- Involves effortless activity

#### Listening

- Understanding information with involvement from mind and body
- · Is an active process
- Requires conscious efforts, concentration and interest

Active Listening



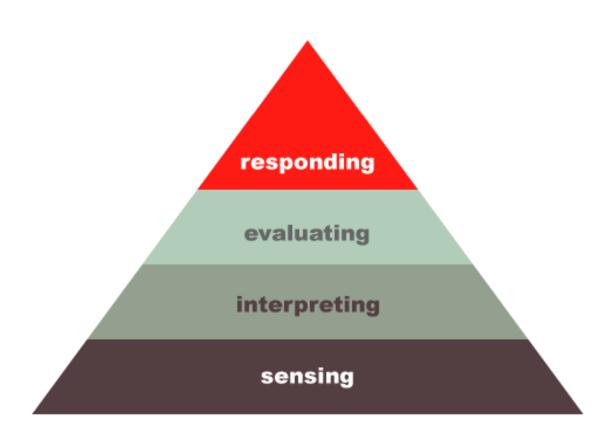


# Listening

- Humans have two organs to listen and just one to speak, so Listening is two times more difficult than speaking.
- Listening is a step further than hearing, where after the brain receives the nerve impulses and deciphers it, it then sends feedback.
- Listening is process of becoming aware of the sound signals entered through ears and modified by nervous system.

#### Active Listening Process and <u>Strategies</u> SENSING Postpone evaluation Avoid interruptions Maintain interest ACTIVE LISTENING RESPONDING **EVALUATING** Show interest Empathize Clarify the message Organize information

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#### Listen

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= Look interested - get interested
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= Involve yourself by responding

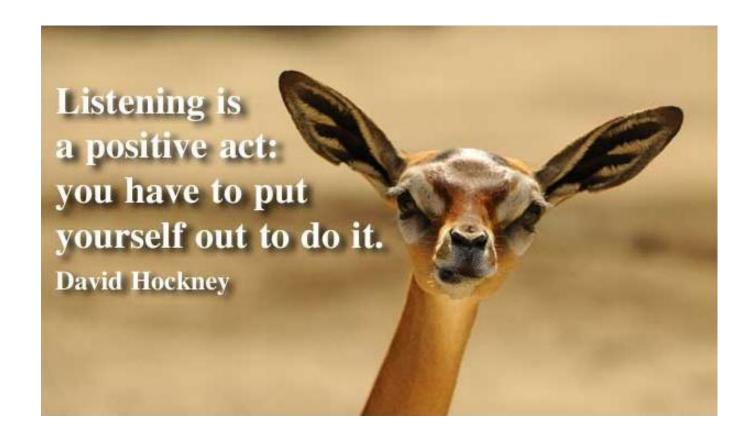
Stay on target

T = Test your understanding

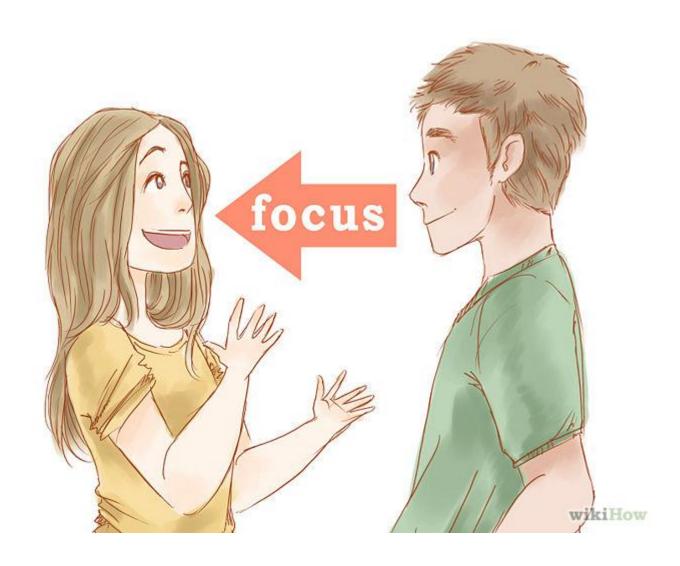
**E** = Evaluate the message

N = Neutralise your feelings

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#### **Focus**



#### Communication



#### Problem

The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand.

We listen to reply.

# Reading and understanding

http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/topic/reading-and-understanding

# Chris's story - income protection insurance

- Gloria Hunniford: Chris loves the chauffeur business he spent the last 15 years building up. But, in 2009 all of that was threatened when he had to spend three months in hospital with internal bleeding, a blood clot on the lung and suspected cancer.
- **Chris:** This was the first time ever I'd not been able to work and to see my business financially damaged as well it was, erm, heart-breaking.

- Gloria Hunniford: But, Chris was relieved that he'd taken out income protection insurance, so that in a situation where he couldn't work he'd be covered for any financial losses. But, when he tried claiming on the policy, he was told by his insurer that it wasn't going to pay out. As far as they were concerned, despite being bed bound in hospital, Chris was able to work.
- Chris: Now, I've been wracking my brain for three years, and I still don't know a job I could've done from a hospital bed.
- Gloria Hunniford: On the basis that his doctors agreed that he was unable to work, Chris complained to the financial ombudsman service.
- **Chris:** The ombudsman finally ruled that they should pay out and with no right of appeal the insurer had no choice but to pay up.

# http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/video/en07unde-v-chris-story-income-protection-insurance

- Gloria Hunniford: Chris' claim was rejected because his policy didn't simply assess whether his ill health stopped him from doing his own work. It tested whether he was capable of doing any work, so his insurers wrote to say they'd considered whether he could do basic work tasks, such as: Walking could he walk 200 metres on a surface without stopping or severe discomfort?
- Lifting was he able to lift a kilogram from table height and carry it five metres?

- Using a pen, a pencil or indeed keyboard.
- Hearing could he understand someone speaking in a normal voice?
- Speech could he make himself understood in a quiet room?

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- And vision was he able to read 16 point print using spectacles or other aids?
- His insurer concluded that he was able to do two of these tasks while he was in hospital, so he could work.
- Chris: As one expert said to me, medical expert 'you'd have to be in a coma or dead to get a pay-out'. Which the likelihood of you being in a coma are very low