

listen

1. ['lɪs(ə)n] *n*
слушание; прослушивание
to have a listen - провести прослушивание
2. ['lɪs(ə)n] *v*
 1. слушать
to listen to a lecture [to music] - слушать лекцию [музыку]
to listen for smth. - стараться расслышать что-л
to listen for the moment when the music changes - стараться уследить за моментом, когда меняется мелодия
we listened but we heard nothing - мы слушали, но ничего не слышали
listen here! - послушай(те)!; послушай, что я говорю!
please listen for the telephone while I'm in the garden - пожалуйста, послушай телефон пока я буду в саду
 2. слушать, выслушивать с вниманием
they heard the teacher's voice but didn't listen to what was said - они слышали голос учителя, но не прислушивались внимательно к тому, что он говорил
 3. 1) слушаться; прислушаться (к совету); поддаваться (убеждению)
to listen to reason - прислушаться к голосу рассудка
he is fooling you, don't listen to him - он тебя дурачит, не обращай на него внимания
 - 2) уступать (просьбе; тж. искушению); соглашаться (на предложение)
listen to a plea - удовлетворить просьбу

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lis·ten [listen listens listened listening] *verb noun* BrE ['lɪsn] ^m NAmE ['lɪsn] ^m
verb

1. **intransitive** to pay attention to sb/sth that you can hear
 - Listen! What's that noise? Can you hear it?
 - Sorry, I wasn't really listening.
 - He had been listening at the door.
 - ~ **to sb/sth** to listen to music
 - I listened carefully to her story.
 - You haven't been listening to a word I've said! You cannot 'listen sth' (without 'to')
 - I'm fond of listening to classical music.
 - I'm fond of listening classical music.
2. **intransitive ~ (to sb/sth)** to take notice of what sb says to you so that you follow their advice or believe them
 - None of this would have happened if you'd listened to me.
 - Why won't you **listen to reason** ?
3. **intransitive (informal)** used to tell sb to take notice of what you are going to say
 - Listen, there's something I have to tell you.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	listen
	BrE / 'lɪsn/
	NAmE / 'lɪsn/
he / she / it	listens
	BrE / 'lɪsnz/
	NAmE / 'lɪsnz/
past simple, past participle	listened
	BrE / 'lɪsɪd/
	NAmE / 'lɪsɪd/
-ing form	listening
	BrE / 'lɪsnɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'lɪsnɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English hlýsnan 'pay attention to', of Germanic origin.

Thesaurus:

- listen** *verb* I
- She listened carefully to the instructions.
 - pay attention** • • **tune in** • • **hear** • • **catch** • |**formal heed** •
 - listen/pay attention to/tune in **to sb/sth**
 - listen to/tune in to/hear/catch a **radio programme**
 - listen to/pay attention to/hear/catch/heed **sb's words/what sb says**
 - listen to/hear/heed **advice/a warning**

Example Bank:

- He listened idly to the radio chatter.
- He refused to listen to her explanation.
- He was hardly listening, for he had too much on his mind.
- I didn't even bother to listen to his reply.
- I listened with half an ear to the conversation at the next table.

- I tried to warn her, but she wouldn't listen.
- I was listening to the radio.
- Lucy was only half listening to their conversation.
- Nobody will listen to me!
- Now, listen very carefully to what she says.
- Pym listened impassively until the woman had finished.
- The guests were listening with great interest.
- The others listened respectfully to her words.
- They listened to the announcement in silence.
- We listened anxiously for the sound of footsteps.
- We listened politely to his stories.
- You need to listen to me!
- 'What were you doing?' 'Just listening to the radio.'
- Don't decide until you've heard/listened to both sides of the argument.
- He plays golf and enjoys listening to music.
- I'm fond of listening to classical music.
- Listen! What's that noise?
- Listen, there's something I have to tell you.
- None of this would have happened if you'd listened to me.
- OK everyone, listen up!
- Sorry, I wasn't really listening.
- Why won't you listen to reason?
- You haven't been listening to a word I've said!

Derived ↑listen for something ▪ ↑listen in ▪ ↑listen up

noun usually singular

an act of listening

- Have a listen to this.

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1. **listen** ¹ **S1 W1** /'lɪsən/ *BrE* ² *AmE* ³ *verb* [intransitive]

[Language: Old English; Origin: hlýsnan]

1. to pay attention to what someone is saying or to a sound that you can hear:

" Listen! There's a strange noise in the engine.

listen to

" We sat around listening to music.

listen carefully/intently/hard etc

" The whole class was listening attentively.

" Liz stood still and listened hard (=very carefully).

► **Listen** is never followed directly by a noun. Use **to** and then a noun or a clause: *Listen to what I say (NOT Listen what I say).*

2. **spoken** used to tell someone to pay attention to what you are going to say:

" Listen, I want you to come with me.

3. to consider what someone says and accept their advice:

" I told him not to go, but he just wouldn't listen.

listen to

" I wish I'd listened to Dad.

" She refused to listen to reason (=accept sensible advice).

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THESAURUS

▪ **listen** to pay attention to what someone is saying or to a sound that you hear: I didn't hear the answer, because I wasn't listening when she read it out. | He listened carefully to every word I said.

▪ **pay attention** to listen carefully to what someone is saying: I nodded to show I was paying attention. | She was tired and wasn't paying attention to what he was saying.

▪ **eavesdrop** to secretly listen to someone else's conversation by standing near them, hiding behind a door etc: I caught him eavesdropping on our conversation. | They spoke in quiet voices which made it hard to eavesdrop.

▪ **overhear** to hear someone say something, especially accidentally: I overheard him say something about wanting to move house. | Excuse me! I couldn't help overhearing that you were planning a trip to Thailand.

▪ **tune in (to something)** to listen to a radio programme, or to someone using a radio ↑**transmitter**: Over a million people tune in to the programme each week. | Tune in at the same time next week for the next episode. | The equipment could be used by criminals to tune in to police broadcasts.

▪ **tap** to connect a piece of electronic recording equipment to a telephone system so that you can listen to people's telephone conversations: The police had tapped the phones of all three suspects. | The President had to resign over an illegal phone-tapping operation.

▪ **bug** to hide a small piece of electronic recording equipment in someone's room, car, office etc in order to listen secretly to what is said there: Security agents bugged their offices and managed to get some evidence against them. | Wells was convinced the

house was bugged and insisted on playing loud music while we talked.

listen for something *phrasal verb*

to listen carefully so that you will notice a particular sound:

" Listen for the moment when the music changes.

listen in *phrasal verb*

1. to listen to a broadcast on the radio

listen in to

" I must remember to listen in to the news. ⇨ **↑tune in(1)**

2. to listen to someone's conversation when they do not want you to

listen in on

" It sounded like someone was listening in on us.

listen out *phrasal verb British English informal*

to listen carefully so that you will notice a particular sound

listen out for

" Listen out for the baby in case she wakes up.

listen up *phrasal verb spoken especially American English*

used to get people's attention so they can hear what you are going to say:

" Hey everybody, listen up!

II. **listen**² *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *noun*

a listen *British English informal* an act of listening:

" Have a listen to this new album!

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