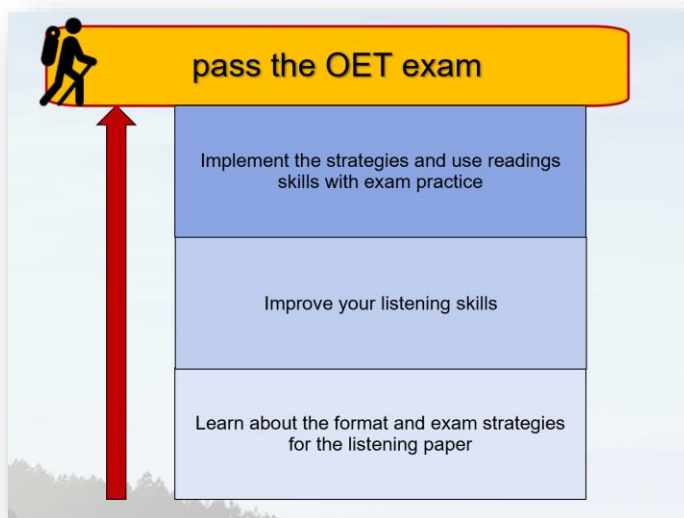


OET Listening Study skills for listening



- ✓ Practice little and often
- ✓ Listen only without visual cues
- ✓ Listen to a wide variety of accents

What do you need to do to improve your listening skills?



Challenges and considerations

- Not a long time to read the notes / questions
- Keeping your place
- Patient speak in listening A
- Interviews v presentations
- Paraphrasing
- Attitude & opinion in listening C
- Only listen once
- Distractors in answer options



How can you improve your listening skills?

CSA videos

Mathew Smith's YouTube channel

Good source of patient speak

Natural, fast speech

A variety of accents

Before listening

- Choose a topic/condition and research
- Predict vocabulary/phrases you expect to hear
- Predict the structure of the conversation: past history, current symptoms, treatment, next steps.

During listening

- Listen and notice the structure of the conversation
 - *Causes of Eczema*
 - *Effects of Eczema*
 - *Treatment*
 - *What to do if the skin is very inflamed*
 - *What to do if the skin is sore*
- Listen again and take notes under the headings.



After listening

- Make a note of any patient speak used
- Research the condition in more detail and check unknown or less familiar vocabulary.



Listening to longer talks



abc health report podcast



<https://www.tedmed.com/talks>
<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/healthreport>

Before listening

- Look at the topic and read the description
- Predict what the talk is going to be about
- Write down some words and phrases you expect to hear

During listening

- Pause the talk every so often and summarise what you have heard
- Predict what you are going to hear next
- Listen and make notes while listening – this will help you practice writing while listening
- Focus on names of conditions or treatments, numbers and statistics and the speaker's opinion

After listening

- Note down any unfamiliar words
- Try and guess the meaning from the context
- Look up the words and see if you were correct
- Write some example sentences using the new words

Noticing the structure of longer talks

- Listen to the talk and note down the main structure
e.g. Introduction / background info / causes of xx / current treatment / future research / conclusion
- Listen again and make notes under the headings
- Make a note of any expressions the speaker uses to organise their speech *e.g. First of all,... Moving on to....*

Today I'm going to talk about rosacea, in particular about a complication of the disease which affects the eyes called ocular rosacea. Rosacea is a commonly occurring skin disease with no known cause, although fair-skinned people are more likely to develop the disease between their 40s and 60s and it tends to run in families. Curiously, despite affecting twice as many females as males, the condition is often more severe in the male population.

Useful Websites

CSA Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/user/mattandhazelsmith/videos>

BBC Radio 4 Inside Health

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b019dl1b>

TEDMED

<https://www.tedmed.com/>

abc health matters

<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/healthreport>