



Listening Three Times

Purpose: to develop students' close reading skills through multiple oral readings of a text

Material: one or two paragraphs of a text that is challenging for students to read

Procedure:

Tell students that they will hear a short text (or excerpt) read to them three times as a way of “reading” that text. Explain that they will have a specific purpose each time they listen.

1st read: Tell them to simply listen as the text is read to them.

2nd read: Tell them to listen for key words and phrases (just listen).

3rd read: Tell them to listen and take notes on what they hear.

Then, have the students work in pairs. Tell them to read their notes aloud to each other, and then to work together to reproduce the text they heard as best they can. Have the pairs of students share their texts with each other.

Finally, distribute a print copy of the original text and ask students compare the original text to theirs. Ask them to describe how the two texts are similar and different. Discuss what conclusions they might draw from that comparison.

