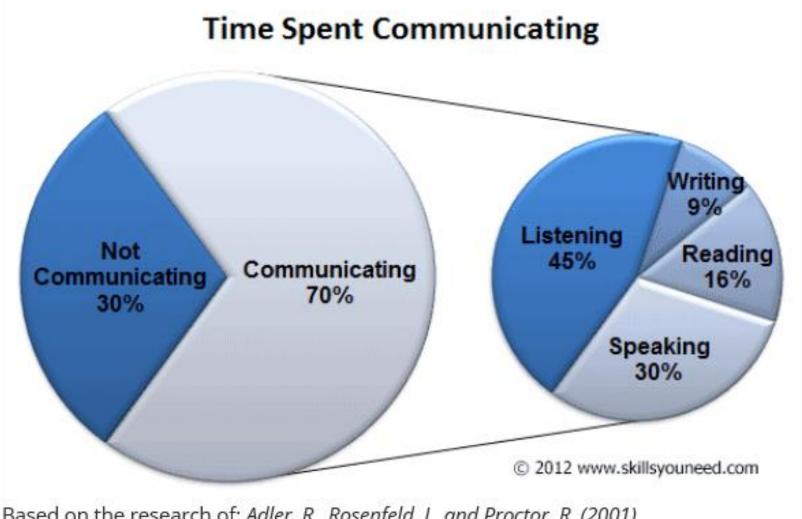
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Listen to Me

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Adults spend an average of 70% of their time engaged in some sort of communication, of this an average of 45% is spent listening compared to 30% speaking, 16% reading and 9% writing. (Adler, R. et al. 2001).



Based on the research of: Adler, R., Rosenfeld, L. and Proctor, R. (2001) Interplay: the process of interpersonal communicating (8th edn), Fort Worth, TX: Harcourt.

"Hearing is through your ears, but listening is through the mind"

Definition of hearing:

The natural ability or an inborn trait that allows us to recognize sound through ears by catching vibrations is called hearing

Definition of listening:

Listening is defined as the learned skill, in which we can receive sound through ears, and transform them into meaningful messages.

Type of listening:

Active vs. Passive Positive vs. Negative

To become a good listener:

1. Stop talking 2. Put the speaker at ease 3. Pay attention to the non-verbal language 4. Listen for what is not said To become a good listener (cont.): 5. Know exactly what the other person is saying 6. Be patient 7. Hold your temper 8. Empathize with the speaker But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil."

Proverbs 1: 33 (NKJV)

Now therefore, listen to me, my children; Pay attention to the words of my mouth:

Proverbs 7: 24 (NKJV)

"Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways.

Proverbs 8: 32 (NKJV)

Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.

Proverbs 8: 34 (NKJV)

He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Matthew 11: 15 (NKJV)

Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!

Matthew 11: 15 (NLT)

He who has ears, let him be listening and let him consider, and perceive and comprehend by hearing.

Matthew 11: 15 (AMPC)

So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

James 1:19 (NKJV)

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

James 1:22 (NKJV)

¹⁷ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. ¹⁸ But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed:

"Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."

Romans 10:17 -18 (NKJV)

He who can no longer listen to his brother will soon be no longer listening to God either; he will be doing nothing but prattle in the presence of God too. This is the beginning of the death of the spiritual life. . . . Anyone who thinks that his time is too valuable to spend keeping quiet will eventually have no time for God and his brother, but only for himself and for his own follies. Bonhoeffer