

Activity Type

Listening and writing activity

Focus

Listening comprehension

Writing, grammar and spelling

Aim

To provide students with individual listening and writing practice.

Preparation

Prepare and distribute an audio or video file that is level appropriate.

Level

Any

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

This student-centered homework dictation activity provides students with the opportunity to practice their listening skills independently.

Procedure

Provide the students with an audio or video file. This can be an MP3 or YouTube video.

Preparing the listening can be approached in multiple ways. You can find a suitable short lecture, podcast, television or film dialogue online, or you can use an audio clip from a current course book. Alternatively, you can prepare and record your own listening text.

Whichever approach you decide, it is important that the listening text is suited to your students' level. For example, if your students are at an intermediate level, then the text should range from a CEFR B1 to a low B2. If you have a transcript of the listening text, it is fairly easy to determine its CEFR level by running it through one of many online text analysers.

Share the audio or video file with the students.

Ask the students to transcribe the speech into text for homework.

At home, students then work at their own pace to listen and transcribe the speech into text, replaying the file as often as needed.

In the next class, review the text with the class and follow up as required.