

Step – Teaching listening skills in online lessons

Task 1

You're going to watch Lindsay and Marie Therese talking about online listening lessons. What do you think they might say about these things?

1. The main source of listening practice for online learners.
2. How a teacher can best exploit teacher talking time as listening practice.
3. The benefits of using recorded material.
4. What you need to check before a lesson.

Task 2

Now, watch Lindsay and Marie Therese and check your ideas.

Answers

Lindsay and Marie Therese talk about:

1. The main source of listening practice for online learners
Lindsay suggests that online learners spend most time listening to their teacher.
2. How a teacher can best exploit teacher talking time as listening practice
Marie Therese and Lindsay suggest the teacher set a task to give learners a purpose to listen and to check their understanding.
3. The benefits of using recorded material

Marie Therese says that it adds variety to the lesson so the learner isn't only listening to the teacher. It provides an opportunity for the teacher to bring other voices into the classroom and it gives learners a chance to hear different voices and accents.

4. What you need to check before a lesson

Lindsay says that it's important to check that recorded materials will work on your platform. She suggests you ask a family member to check it with you. Marie Therese says you need to check copyright issues.